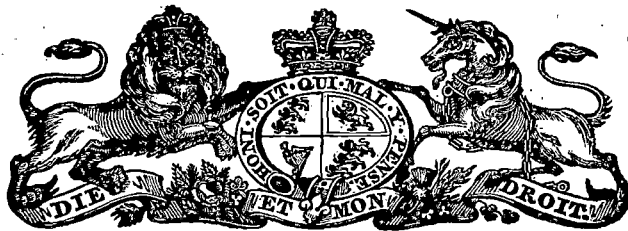


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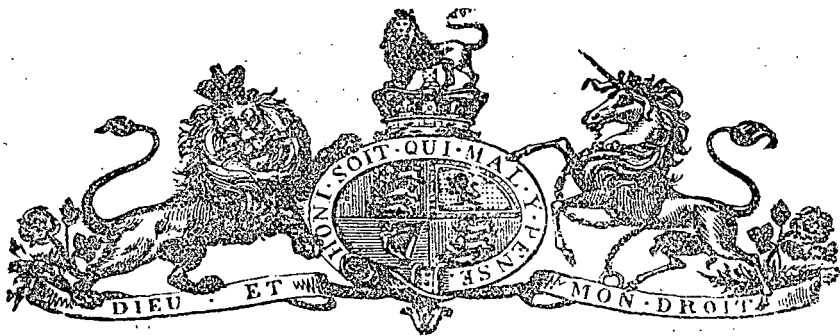
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H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

THOMAS WOOTTON.

PETITION TO BE ALLOWED TO CLAIM LAND UNDER
38 VICT. No. 16.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, October 24, 1876, and ordered by
the House to be printed.



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause Mr. Thomas Wootton's Petition to the Governor in Council on the subject of his emigration to Tasmania to be laid on the Table of this House.

R. OFFICER, *Speaker.*

Passed by the House of Assembly this 17th October, 1876.

HUGH M. HULL, *Clerk of the House.*

Kentishbury, 31st January, 1876.

To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, Governor of Tasmania, &c.

The humble Petition of Thomas Wootton,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioner emigrated from England to Port Natal, Africa; after residing there some years, and finding the climate unsuitable, was induced to come to Tasmania, as, from the only work he could procure relating to this Colony, it stated free grants of land would be issued to persons paying their own passage; and that your Petitioner paid his own passage in the cabin of the *Polar Star*, and that of his wife, mother, three children, and one man, to obtain land, being the sole inducement to your Petitioner coming to Tasmania. Was inspected by Immigration Officer on arrival in Launceston, and informed by him that only persons coming from England or India direct would receive Land Orders. Since your Petitioner's arrival Parliament has altered the Act in favour of any Colony, by Act 38 Vict. No. 16. Your Petitioner arrived in Launceston in January, 1871; and prays that your Excellency will be pleased to consider your Petitioner's case with a view of allowing him to take advantage of the amended Act, and select as much land as he would be entitled to had he arrived after the amended Act came into operation. And, as in duty bound, your Petitioner will ever pray.

THOMAS WOOTTON.

Immigration Office, 15th February, 1876.

MEMO.

MR. Thomas Wootton is informed in reply to his Petition to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may be granted a Land Certificate under the provisions of the Act of Parliament, 38 Vict. No. 16, that, inasmuch as he arrived in the Colony more than three years and a half before the Act was passed, it is impossible that he can be allowed the benefit of the provisions of the said Act, which extended the privileges granted to immigrants paying their own cabin or intermediate passages under the Act 31 Vict. No. 26, to those who arrive from places other than Europe or India.

(Signed) B. TRAVERS SOLLY,
Secretary to the Board of Immigration.

Mr. THOS. WOOTTON, Kentishbury, Port Sorell.

MEMO.

MR. Thomas Wootton, of the Nooke, Parish of Dulverton, County of Devon, immigrated to this Colony from the Colony of Port Natal, in January, 1871, believing that he was entitled to a grant of land under the Immigration Act of 1867. Within a short time after he made application accordingly. Mr. Smith, the Immigration Agent, inspected himself and family, &c., but ultimately discovered that he was not entitled under the Act of 1867. He subsequently applied through Mr. Belstead with a like result. He now believes he is entitled under the Immigration Act of 1874, and requests you will be pleased to furnish him with such documents as are prescribed by the Regulations, that he may conform thereto, &c.

The family consists of—

The father—Thomas Wootton, aged about 37 years.

The mother—Mary Ann Wootton, aged 36 years.

The son—Arthur Wootton, aged 8 years.

The daughter—Mary Wootton, aged 10 years.

The daughter—Catherine Wootton, aged 6 years.

Mother—Eliza Wootton, aged 74 years.

A friend—Francis Boyles, aged 27 years.

These are the parties Mr. Wootton has brought with him from Port Natal, all of whose passages he paid for; and they are now all living and in this Colony, as testified by the signature of Mr. Wootton in my presence.

JAMES M. DOOLEY, *M.H.A.*
THOMAS WOOTTON.

The Immigration Agent, Hobart Town, 7th Nov. 1874.

Immigration Office, Hobart Town, 17th December, 1874.

THE Immigration Agent has to inform Mr. Thomas Wootton, with reference to his application for land under the Immigration Act of last Session (38 Vict. No. 16), that the operation of the Act is not retrospective, and that therefore he is not entitled to a Land Certificate under its provisions.

(Signed) B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Immigration Agent.*

Mr. THOS. WOOTTON, The Nooke, Parish of Dulverton, Devon.

THIS is to certify that I the undersigned, master of the barque *Polar Star*, have received from Mr. Thomas Wootton the sum of Forty-five Pounds (£45 sterling), passage money from Port Louis, island of Mauritius, to Port Phillip Heads, Australia.

(Signed) JOHN BARBER, *Master Polar Star.*

Port Louis, 12th December, 1870.

Evandale, Tasmania, 6th October, 1876.

SIR,

I HEREBY certify that Mr. Thomas Wootton, his wife, mother, and three children, were passengers by s.s. *Tamar*, on 24th or 25th of January, 1871, from Port Phillip Heads to Launceston.

I am, &c.

(Signed) H. E. DARBY, *Station Master L. & W. Railway, Evandale.*

J. M. DOOLEY, *Esq., M.H.A.*

Woodside, 6th October, 1876.

I HEREBY certify that Mrs. Wootton, her son, his wife, with three children and servant, came as passengers from Melbourne with considerable means, as settlers in Tasmania, in the steam-ship *Tamar*, on the 24th or 25th January, 1871. They lived on my farm a considerable time before they went to Kentishbury, and had every opportunity of knowing them, and can favourably recommend them to the Government for their request.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEO. SCOTT, *SEN.*

J. M. DOOLEY, *Esq., M.H.A., Hobart Town.*

To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esquire, C.M.G., Governor,
Commander-in-Chief, and Vice-Admiral of Tasmania.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The humble Petition of the undersigned, humbly sheweth—

THAT Petitioner paid his own passage money, likewise that of his mother, wife, and three children, from Port Natal, South Africa, *viâ* Mauritius, in the cabin of the barque *Polar Star*, to Port Phillip, where I arrived on January 25, 1871, and immediately embarked per steamer *Tamar* to Launceston, where I arrived on the following day—being induced to do so by an account in a general Gazetteer, the only work containing information in reference to emigration in Port Natal, and from whence I read that free grants of Land would be issued to persons paying their own passage to Tasmania.

That your Petitioner did pay his own passage, and likewise that of his mother, wife, and three children, in the hope of obtaining such grants.

That on arrival in Launceston I presented myself and family to the Immigration Agent there for inspection, &c., and to obtain a Certificate so as to be enabled to claim such grants, &c.

That the Immigration Agent told me “that only persons coming from England or India direct could receive Land Orders.”

That your Petitioner has paid upwards of One hundred Pounds in passage money, and has likewise introduced a small capital of his own to enable him to settle on the land.

That since the Parliament of Tasmania have passed an Act, 38 Vict. No. 16, 1874, entitling persons arriving in Tasmania, &c. from anywhere, except the Australian Colonies, to select, &c.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Excellency will, by and with the advice and consent of your Executive Council, be pleased to consider my case, and permit me to select under the amended Act as much Land as I would have been entitled to had I arrived in Tasmania after the amended Act came into operation.

And Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

THOMAS WOOTTON.

Kentishbury, 12th September, 1876.

DEAR SIR,

I ADDRESS these few lines to you to solicit your influence and interest in favour of my Petition which I have forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, to be presented to the House of Assembly, being under the impression that Money Bills, &c. must be presented by Ministers of the Crown. I beg to state, for your information, that I arrived in this Colony on January 26th, 1871, from South Africa *viâ* Mauritius. Seeing an account in a general Gazetteer that persons paying their own passages to Tasmania were entitled to a grant of Land, the said grant was the sole inducement of my coming here. I made application for said grant on arrival; also several times since. The Immigration Agent, after inspecting myself and family, informed me that only persons arriving from England or India could obtain Land Grants. I was greatly disappointed, after paying over One hundred Pounds for passage money; but, since my arrival, the Legislature has altered “The Immigration Act,”—giving the said grants to persons arriving from any Colony, by 38 Vict. No. 16, 1874. Shall be very glad of your support to said Petition.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. WOOTTON.

J. M. DOOLEY, Esq., M.H.A.

P.S.—The said general Gazetteer was the only work procurable relating to Tasmania, in Africa. I have also introduced a small capital, which was to have helped me on said grant, but which has been expended otherwise in this Colony, in consequence of not obtaining the said grant. Now having resided the prescribed number of years, viz. 5, required by the Act, I have presented this Petition.—T.W.

For the information of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

J. M. DOOLEY, M.H.A.,
15 Sept., 1876.

Kentishbury, 2nd October.

SIR,

IN thinking over the letter I sent to you I was not explicit enough in my statements. I beg now to say that I shipped from Port Natal, per s.s. *Marsden*, to Mauritius, *en route* to Tasmania, on 2nd December, 1870. I paid for the above passage the sum of £45; arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius, 12th December, 1870. Have mislaid said shipping paper, but will forward same as soon as found, but you will see that I have sent you the shipping paper from Mauritius, which perhaps will do as well. Paid passages per *Polar Star* on 12th December, sailed on the 13th for Port Phillip,

arrived at Port Phillip on 24th or 25th January, 1871. Did not land. Put off in a boat to steamer *Tamar* on same day as the *Polar Star* arrived at Port Phillip Heads, (as the said steamer was passing the vessel); arrived in Launceston on 25th or 26th January, 1871. Made application for Grant of Land within a day or two after my arrival, when the family was inspected by the Immigration Officer. In consequence of putting on board the steamer as it was passing the Heads, have not got any papers, but can produce two respectable witnesses that I sailed with them from Port Phillip Heads at date mentioned, viz. Mr. George Scott, senr., of Woodside, near Hagley, also Mr. Darby, Station Master at Longford. Might I trouble you to look over a file of newspapers of 24th January, 1871, for the arrival at Port Phillip Heads of passengers?

I remain,

Your humble Servant,

THOMAS WOOTTON.

J. M. DOOLEY, *Esq.*, *M.H.A.*

Sorry for troubling you so much, but did not think this information would have been required so soon.

T. W.

For the Colonial Treasurer's information.

J. M. DOOLEY.
Oct. 6, 1876.