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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

QUARTZ REEFS AT LEFROY:

PETITIONS TO THE GOVERNOR FROM MINERS AT LEFROY
AND RESIDENTS OF LAUNCESTON.

Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Coote.)

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, September 26, 1884, and ordered by
the House to be printed, October 8, 1884.



*To His Excellency SIR GEORGE C. STRAHAN, Knight, Governor of
the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Lefroy and others,

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are interested in the Gold Fields at Lefroy, and many of us are dependent thereon for support, and have invested money in buildings and otherwise.

That many of the mines at Lefroy have been tested to a certain depth and the gold exhausted, but experts in mining are of opinion that gold exists at a considerable depth.

That private parties and companies will not expend capital for such purpose.

Your Petitioners pray that you will be pleased to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to test the ground at Lefroy to the depth of one thousand feet.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 195 signatures.]

*To His Excellency SIR GEORGE C. STRAHAN, Knight, Governor of
the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents of Launceston,

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are interested in the development of the Gold Fields at Lefroy, and many of us have invested large sums of money in working the various claims, and in purchase of land and the erection of buildings there and otherwise.

That many of the mines at Lefroy have been tested to a certain depth and the gold exhausted, but experts in mining are of the opinion that gold exists at a considerable depth, the reefs being well defined, and gold is found on them at the lowest depth reached.

That private parties and companies cannot be found to expend further capital for such purpose.

Your Petitioners pray that you will be pleased to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to test the ground at Lefroy to the depth of one thousand feet.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 290 signatures.]