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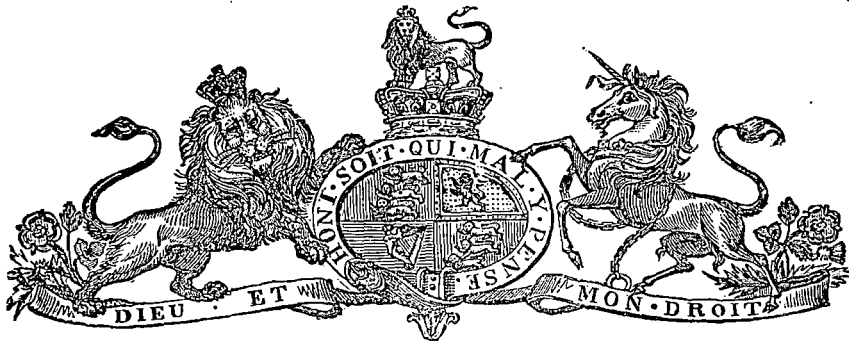
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**NORTH MACQUARIE ROAD DISTRICT.**

**PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF CROSS AND BYE ROADS ACT.**

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Presented by Mr. Meredith, 30 October, 1872, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly  
of the Parliament of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Landholders, Ratepayers, and others of the Northern  
Macquarie River Road District.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT in consequence of the unequal powers conferred on a comparatively small number of large proprietors of property resident in the said District, they the said proprietors are enabled to agree and combine, and thus, by virtue of the plurality of votes conferred on them by the law as it at present exists, to effect a complete monopoly of the powers vested in the Trustees of Road Districts to the total exclusion from just participation in any such powers or privileges of all those of the general public who are beyond the pale of a very limited and narrow circle.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will in your wisdom deem it fitting to cause such amendment in the Act of Parliament known as "The Cross and Bye Roads Act" as will afford a remedy for the evil of which they now complain.

They humbly suggest that the granting of so great a number as ten votes to any one individual is in excess of what justice requires, and that should the scale of voting as provided in the Act referred to be remodelled, any unfair or interested coalition between a limited number of persons would be rendered unlikely or impracticable; and that in consequence of such alteration or amendment your Petitioners and others similarly situated in other Districts of the Colony would be empowered to participate in and to exercise without impediment those rights which the law evidently intended to confer upon them.

The passing of any such remedial measure will therefore be hailed by your Petitioners with feelings of gratitude and satisfaction.

And as in duty bound they will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 81 Signatures.]