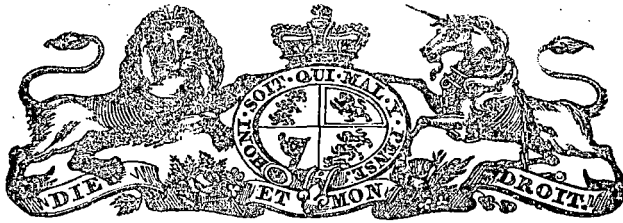


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Presented by Mr. Dooley, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 4, 1873.



To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Colonists respectfully represents,

1. THAT, with the view of making a provision for and establishing their families permanently in Tasmania, they have devoted their labour and their capital in redeeming the primeval forests by the erection of homesteads, clearing the lands of timber and brushwood, and other works incidental to their being brought into a productive state, whether for grazing or agricultural purposes.

2. That your Petitioners, when embarking in this laborious and expensive enterprise, did so in the full confidence that the advantages of the Rules and Regulations for the disposal of the Crown Lands of the Colony that might be made from time to time would be for the benefit and alike open to all classes, and that no undue preference would be given to any.

3. Your Petitioners therefore beg to bring under the consideration of Honorable Members the Rules and Regulations made in favour of Immigrants who may arrive from India or elsewhere, from the advantages of which the grown up Sons of your Petitioners, many of them born in the Colony, are, they think, unfairly excluded; and also to point out its prejudicial effects to the Colony by causing many of them to leave their homes, to the severance and breaking up of family ties, thus precluding them from parental advice and supervision when seeking employment in other lands.

4. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said Rules and Regulations may be revised and amended as your Honorable House may deem fit, so that their Sons may not be excluded from their operation, and thus tend to prevent, at least in a degree, a continuance of their exodus from their homes and their relatives.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 405 Signatures.]