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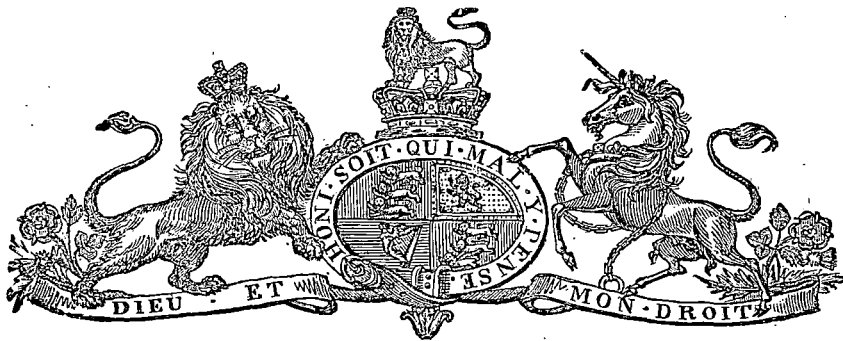
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GRANTS IN AID OF ROAD DISTRICTS.

PETITIONS AGAINST WITHDRAWAL.

Presented, August 23; and ordered by the Council to be printed, August 25, 1865.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council, Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Trustees of the Augusta Road District, New Town, near Hobart Town.

HUMBLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners find with concern that the withdrawal of Parliamentary Aid from Road Trusts (at least for a season) has been brought before Parliament.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that such necessary aid to Road Districts be continued, and not even temporarily withdrawn; and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

*Trustees Office, Stephen-street, New Town,
21st August, 1865.*

[Here follow 5 Signatures.]

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Road Trustees and Ratepayers of the Road District of Westwood, praying that the Money now granted to the Road Trusts from the Land Fund may not be diverted to other purposes.

THAT, if the intended proposition of the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer be carried into effect, it will be highly detrimental to the interests of Ratepayers in this District, and embarrass the Road Trustees in their arrangements for the repairs and maintenance of the Roads and Bridges throughout their District.

Trusting that your Honorable House will take the prayer of your Petitioners into your favourable consideration,

Your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 10 Signatures.]

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Road Trustees and Ratepayers of the Road District of Exton, praying that the Money now granted to the Road Trusts from the Land Fund may not be diverted to other purposes.

THAT, if the intended proposition of the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer be carried into effect, it will be highly detrimental to the interests of Ratepayers in this District, and embarrass the Road Trustees in their arrangements for the repairs and maintenance of the Roads and Bridges throughout their District.

Trusting that your Honorable House will take the prayer of your Petitioners into your favourable consideration,

Your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 23 Signatures.]

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council.

The humble Petition of the Trustees of the Great Lake Road District.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are Trustees of the Great Lake Road District, and represent a considerable section of the pastoral interests of the Colony.

That the District comprises a large area of leased and purchased lands which have been taken up in reliance of assistance from the same lands to make roads and bridges.

That, in addition to lands so purchased and leased, the District comprises a large area of unoccupied Crown Land, the selling or leasing of which in no small degree depends on the means of access to them.

That large sums have already been expended on roads and bridges by means of rates and contributions under the Waste Lands Act; and your Petitioners have undertaken other works on the faith of the continuance of such contributions which cannot be carried on by rates alone.

That your Petitioners consider the measure now before the Legislature for diverting one-fourth part of the proceeds of the Waste Lands to other purposes than those prescribed by the Act is a violation of public principle, is a breach of faith with the Landholders, and will be a dangerous precedent for any future Ministry under temporary difficulty or pressure.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will reject this proposal as unjust, impolitic, and destructive of public principle and confidence. And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 4 Signatures.]