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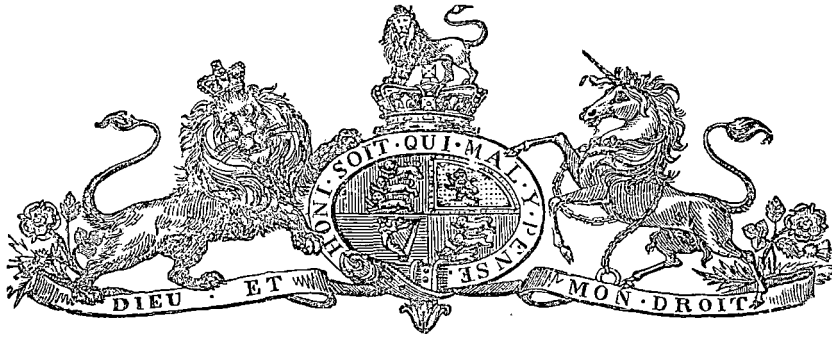
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TASMANIA.

UPPER DERWENT.

PETITION No. 4.

Presented by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the House to be printed,
9 August, 1860.



To the Honourable Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Landholders residing on the Right Bank of the Derwent.

SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioners for a series of years have had a large portion of the lands on this bank included in the Road Trust on the opposite bank ; the assessments from which, instead of being laid out for their benefit and improvement, have been spent on distant lands on the opposite bank, in which we have no local interest or control.

2. That a large quantity of rented as well as unoccupied Crown Land has been included in the Hamilton Road District, making an aggregate of upwards of 700,000 acres, including the private lands, 200,000 of which was unoccupied Crown Land, which was virtually so much money from the Revenue. That while the opposite bank was thus enjoying a broad expanse of Crown Land, and the assessments arising therefrom, they had also 90,000 acres of unoccupied Crown Land on this bank, besides private land and rented Crown Land. That the whole of the assessments levied on those lands were spent on the opposite bank instead of their own locality.

That, while so large a portion of the unoccupied Crown Lands on this bank were thus added to the opposite one, the Upper Derwent Road District was limited to the *actual* land in occupation only, from Jones' River to the Styx, below which they had only 25,000 acres, about one-fourth of the quantity of similar land granted to the opposite bank from this side.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will take the matter into consideration, so that equal justice may be done to *both* banks, by granting to *each* bank the whole of the lands on their respective banks ; so that the settlers on their respective banks may have the funds raised on them laid out in the opening up and improvement of their continuous lines of road, instead of, as heretofore, the *whole* spent on *one* bank, where those on the opposite bank have no interest or control whatever.

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

[*Here follow 53 Signatures.*]