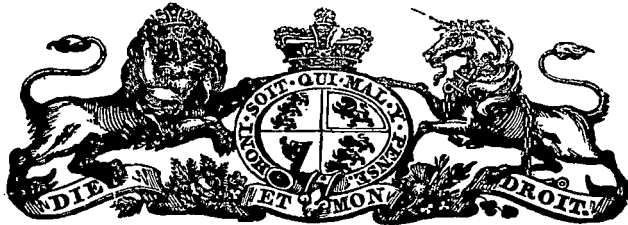


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H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

HUON SAW-MILL OWNERS,

PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF LAND LAWS.

Presented by Mr. Young, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 27, 1875,



To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly.

The Petition of the undersigned.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are largely interested in the Timber trade of the Huon District, the productions of which contribute very materially to augment the public income through the large expenditure which the conduct of their business necessitates.

That they practically experience great discouragement in the carrying on their various operations from the very unsatisfactory working of the Land Acts of the Colony, and which, practically operating in such an exceptional District as the Huon, interfere most injuriously with the interests of Mill-owners and others engaged in the Timber trade, and do not tend to encourage *bonâ fide* settlement.

That in order to remove obstructions in the way of encouraging and promoting the extension of Mill-owners and others in the District, and at the same time to prepare the land for settlement by a permanent population, your Petitioners respectfully pray that the laws should be so amended as to provide,—

That whenever it is proposed to erect a saw-mill, or construct a road, a reserve for Timber of sufficient extent as may be agreed upon should be made, "but open to the public by paying the usual licence fee," on the condition that tram or other roadways should be constructed of a permanent and substantial character through such reserve, according as the timber should be required."

That at the expiration of two years an allotment on each side of the roadway, having a frontage of half a mile on the said roadway, would be then open for sale and settlement by the Government; and that at the termination of every year after the first two years similar allotments to be open for sale and settlement, the Companies or Proprietors continuing to extend the roadway into the interior from the place of shipping.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c. &c.

W. H. Andrewartha, Mill proprietor.
David Chapman, Mill proprietor.
Samuel Langford, Tramway owner.
George Kenney, Tramway owner.
Elijah Brown, Tramway owner.
Richard Hill, Mill proprietor.
Walter Drysdale, Mill proprietor.

John Hay, Mill proprietor.
H. B. Evans, Mill proprietor.
Chas. Dearden, Mill proprietor.
H. Chesterman, Mill proprietor.
J. R. Risby, Mill proprietor.
Facey, Hay, & Co., Mill proprietors.
John C. Judd, Mill-holder.