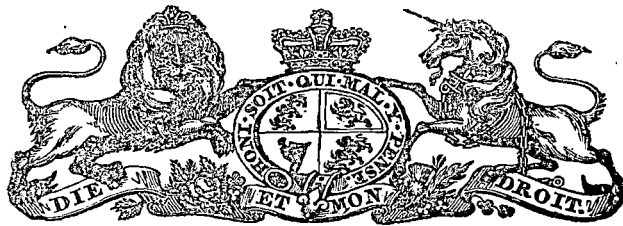


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MRS. DUGAN'S COMPENSATION :

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Dobson, October 16, 1883; and ordered by the House to be printed, October 18, 1883.



*To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, in
Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of Alicia Dugan, Widow of the late Thomas Dugan, of Springfield Farm, at
Breadalbane Railway Station,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner is managing the farm, Springfield, on behalf of her family.

That the Launceston and Western line of Railway passes through the homestead of the farm and divides the out-buildings,—part on one side, and the rest on the opposite side of the line.

That in consequence of the great damage done to the property by this division, the arbitrator on behalf of the ratepayers, Mr. Alex. Goldie, assessed the damages at £1400.

That Mr. T. B. Barclay, arbitrator for the Railway Company, considered the assessment of damages too high, and disputed it.

That the question at issue should have been referred to Mr. R. C. Gunn, the umpire appointed by the Government and the ratepayers.

That the executors of the late Mr. Dugan, Mr. W. G. Sams and Mr. Allan Mackinnon, neglected to refer the matter in dispute to Mr. Gunn, and in consequence Petitioner's family never received any compensation whatever either from the Railway Company or the Government.

That the lives of persons employed on the farm and crossing the railway line when at work are endangered in consequence of the sharp curve at the crossing there.

That what were formerly farm drains are, in consequence of the division, widening each year into small ravines, down which the alluvial soil falls and is washed away by heavy rains.

That the damage is increasing in extent annually, and means should be adopted to ensure safety at the crossing, and to prevent the constant increase of damage to the Springfield property.

That the construction of a railway bridge in the locality is urgently required, and would remedy the evils referred to.

That the Manager of the Railway, the Inspecting Surveyor, or the Engineer-in-Chief, can give full information on this matter.

That your Petitioner humbly requests that your Honorable House will be pleased to take such steps as may be deemed fit to have justice done.

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

ALICIA DUGAN.

Dated at Launceston this 8th day of October, 1883.