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P E T I T I O N No. 1.

PETITION FOR ROADS FROM THE PARISH OF PEDDER.

Laid on the Table by Mr. Perkins, and ordered by the House to be printed,
27 July, 1865.



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

The Petition of the undersigned.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have been purchasers of Crown Lands, under 19th Section of Waste Lands Act, in the County of Buckingham, Parish of Pedder, Police District of the Huon.

That, when they became purchasers, their various Allotments were heavily timbered and densely scrubbed ; and, consequently, it was impossible for them, at the time of selecting their locations, to decide whether the Road to the Huon River delineated on the Map was practicable or not.

That, after clearing partially their different Sections, it was found that what is called the Government or Public Road was wholly impracticable ; and to this day a great portion of it has never been even cleared of timber or scrub.

That, to aggravate the difficulties of your Petitioners, when it was proposed to open a direct and practicable Road to the River Huon, it was found that Allotments lying immediately between those of your Petitioners and the River had been disposed of by the Government without any reserve being made of a Roadway for those who were the first purchasers,—a fact which has created the greatest hardships and sufferings to your Petitioners, and led to constant quarrellings and contentions among the Settlers.

That the Government Road has been condemned by Mr. Laffer, Inspector of Timber Licences, in his Report to the Surveyor-General, and by Mr. Combes, the District Surveyor, as impracticable and useless.

That, in consequence of the want of a practicable Road, the Land purchased by your Petitioners, instead of being a means for making a livelihood, has been the means of completely absorbing, without any return, all the capital and labour of your Petitioners, driving our grown up children from the Colony ; and, from the difficulties of cultivation, and the enormous cost of carriage to market of produce, must eventually compel your Petitioners to forfeit their Lands, after paying five, and in some instances six, years instalments, and expending six years of their lives in indescribable and profitless hardships.

That your Petitioners pray your Honorable House to take their premises into consideration, and, as in duty bound, they will ever pray.

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