PETITION.

To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:

The humble petition of the undersigned, agents for property owners in the Province of British Columbia and otherwise interested in real estate, sheweth :----

That the 50th section of the "Land Registry Act" in the Revised Statutes has been altered in the law relating to the registration of deeds, requiring that agents must be authorised "in writing" to make application to register, no such provision having been contained in the old "Land Registry Act."

That the Registrars do so interpret the Revised Statutes and do require in all cases the production of an authority "in writing."

That so far as your petitioners are aware, or can learn, no inconvenience has resulted from the former practice, and that this requirement will cause such delay, inconvenience and expense to property owners and the public, that the business of land agents and others will be seriously interfered with.

That owing to the absence of purchasers, vendors, mortgagees and others at the time of the completion of sales, mortgages, etc., it will frequently happen that the procurement of such an authority will be impossible.

Your petitioners feel that in the Revised Statutes no such important alteration ought to have been made.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that the 50th section of the "Land Registry Act," as revised, be altered by striking out the words "in writing," and that the practice heretofore followed by the Registrar be adhered to, and your petitioners will ever pray.

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