PETITION.

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MINERS' AND MINE LABOURERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled :

The humble petition of the above Association, sheweth :---

That whereas, in the opinion of your petitioners, the Bill now before Your Honourable House intituled "An Act to provide a fund for Educational purposes by sale of Public Lands," is one which it would not be in the public interests to pass. Your petitioners respectfully submit that the public lands should be reserved for actual settlers.

That in any case the proposed mode of dealing with these lands by the issue of Land Warrants would be detrimental to the interests of the Province, and that your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the above-named Bill do not pass.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

[L.S.]

THOMAS KEITH, President, RALPH SMITH, Secretary, WILLIAM JONES, Vice-President.

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