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## PETITION.

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*To the Honourable the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly in Parliament Assembled :*

The humble petition of William Cartwright, sheweth as follows :—

I, a lawful subject of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and a resident of this Province, pray your attention to the consideration of my grievance, and cause investigation into the land transactions of W. H. Curran, of Thetis Island, B. C., by which I have suffered great wrong and damage. On the 2nd day of January, 1878, I purchased a pre-emption claim and improvements from James E. V. Kindred and William Hicks, recorded as No. 1461, situated at Clam Bay, Thetis Island. The purchase took place in the Office of the Land Department, Victoria, B. C., and the transfer was entered into the Official Records. The parcel of land consisted of 160 (one hundred and sixty) acres and improvements to the extent of \$2.50 per acre on said 160 acres of land, consisting of a house and a barn, also an orchard, with five acres cleared land, two acres under fence and under cultivation. The Certificate of Improvement is No. 217, under "Land Ordinance, 1870," it is dated, 16th day of June, 1874. The claim was occupied by Kindred and Hicks over seven years, and was also by myself and father for two years after the purchase ; also, all the facts pertaining to this case of the original pre-emption and subsequent occupations and transfers to William Cartwright was fully known to W. H. Curran, who, during my absence obtained, by purchase, a Crown Grant on the aforementioned claim, No. 1461, Clam Bay, Thetis Island, under cover of which he invaded said land, destroyed and removed the house and barn, orchard and fences, and all other evidences of previous occupation, and also logged lumbering timber therefrom, and took possession of and held to his own use said land, to the exclusion of my agent ; also has contracted mortgages thereon, and also advertised and offered for sale the above named lands. The existence of the afore-mentioned Crown Grant to W. H. Curran, and the mortgages thereon, is a continual menace to the peaceable occupation of my claim.

I humbly beg your attention to my plaint, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT.

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VICTORIA, B.C.:

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