

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia.

The petition of the undersigned residents of Nanaimo City and Districts humbly sheweth:

1. That in the month of March, in the year 1880, one of your petitioners, John Biggs, of the City of Nanaimo, was in possession of certain cattle by virtue of the powers contained in a chattel mortgage dated the 26th day of June, 1879, and given by one John Lewis to the said John Biggs to secure payment of \$789.96.

2. That on the 16th day of February, 1880, one Ah Sing recovered a judgment against the said John Lewis for \$317.83, debt and costs.

3. That on the 16th day of March, 1880, the cattle afore-mentioned were seized by one E. G. Prior, Sheriff in and for the District of Nanaimo, and sold for the sum of \$410.10.

4. That the said John Biggs protested against the said seizure and sale and an interpleader issue was tried thereon in the County Court of Nanaimo and judgment given against the said John Biggs in the month of April, 1880.

5. That the said John Biggs thereupon appealed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia against the judgment last named, and on the hearing of the said appeal before the Honourable Justice Gray, on the 5th day of October, 1880, the said judgment was reversed, and the said John Biggs was declared to be entitled to said cattle, and the appeal was allowed with costs.

6. That the said judgment, on appeal, was compromised by the Solicitor for the said John Biggs, without consulting and contrary to the instructions of the said John Biggs, for the sum of \$374.50.

7. That the said Solicitor was, at the time of the said compromise, also acting on behalf of the said E. G. Prior.

8. That through the unlawful seizure of the said cattle the said John Biggs has sustained loss and damage to the amount of upwards of \$400.00.

9. That the said John Biggs has repeatedly sought redress but could not succeed in getting a Solicitor to undertake his case or have it brought to the notice of the Courts.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to cause enquiry to be made in the premises, and to grant such redress to the said John Biggs as to Your Honourable House may seem meet.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

Dated the twenty-first day of December, 1894.

JOHN BIGGS,
M. WOLFE,
WM. K. LEIGHTON,
A. R. JOHNSTON,
and 301 others.