PETITION.

To the Honourable Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:

Gentlemen,—The petition of the undersigned landowners of Lower Sumas, humbly sheweth:—

That whereas it is understood that interested persons are petitioning your Honourable Assembly for further aid to the Sumas dyking scheme. And whereas we are of the opinion that a dyke constructed under the provisions of the Acts governing the present dyking scheme, would be greatly to our detriment and not to our advantage.

And further, that we have had no voice in the appointment of the commissioners for Lower Sumas and feel that we cannot too strongly deprecate the manner in which these men have misrepresented our interests and wishes in the past with regard to this matter, and that the money they have expended in preliminary works was borrowed without our knowledge or consent. And we would most respectfully submit that it is the duty of the Government to protect us in our constitutional rights as British subjects, which in our opinion would best be conserved to us in this matter by the refusal of the Government to render further aid towards the present dyking scheme.

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

SIDNEY FORD
ALBERT NICHOLSON.
JOHN E. FORD
and 16 others.