

## PETITION.

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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 undersigned, Free Miners of British Columbia, sheweth :—

That your petitioners are Free Miners of British Columbia and are interested in the mines in Kootenay District.

That your petitioners respectfully submit that the waters of Wilson Creek, Carpenter Creek, Springer Creek, Four-Mile Creek, Ten-Mile Creek, Kaslo Creek, and nearly all the waters of all the creeks and streams in Kootenay District, are required for legitimate mining purposes ; and your petitioners respectfully submit that no company or companies should be incorporated by your Honourable House and given power to divert the waters of the creeks and streams of Kootenay District without proper provisions being inserted to thoroughly protect the mining industry ;

That the great bulk of the ore in Kootenay District is concentrating ore, and water is required in large quantities for concentrating purposes ; and your petitioners submit that if companies are given power to divert the waters as aforesaid, the mining community will be placed at the mercy of the power companies.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House will be pleased to withhold the incorporation of power companies seeking to divert the waters of creeks and streams in Kootenay, until such time as the quantity of water required to be taken from the various creeks and streams, for legitimate mining purposes, has been investigated and reported on by Engineers appointed by your Honourable House.

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

Dated this 27th day of February, 1897.

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THE VANCOUVER & BRITISH COLUMBIA  
GENERAL EXPLORATION Co., LT'D.,  
THE CORINTH GROUP OF MINES,

And 35 others.