

# PETITION.

*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:*

The petition of James Dunsmuir and others humbly sheweth:—

1. That whereas there is now a Bill before your Honourable Body entitled “An Act respecting the Official Map of the City of Victoria, and subdivisions of lands within the boundaries of the said City,” we, the undersigned residents, property holders, and electors of the District of Esquimalt, beg respectfully to draw the attention of your Honourable Body to the above mentioned Bill.

2. And whereas there are several trunk roads and highways leading to the City of Victoria through the lands described in section 16 of the “City of Victoria Act, 1892,” among them being the Craigflower and Esquimalt roads.

3. And whereas the Craigflower Road has existed as a public highway prior to the year 1864, and was and now is the shortest road to Metchosin and Sooke Districts, and the thoroughfare to the heart of the City for all the residents north of the southerly boundary of section 10, Esquimalt District.

4. And whereas a by-law has been before the Council of the City of Victoria to close a portion of the aforesaid Craigflower Road, the effect of which would be disastrous to the interests of your petitioners.

5. And whereas we are led to believe that sections 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, of the aforesaid Bill, empowers the City Council, through their engineer, to close the Craigflower or other roads.

6. We therefore humbly pray that the following or other similar clause be inserted as an amendment to the Bill aforesaid:—

“Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no power is herein given the City Council or their engineer to close or divert any trunk road or highway existing as such prior to the year 1890.”

And your petitioners will ever pray.

JAS. DUNSMUIR,  
 JAS. GAUDIN,  
 W. E. HOLMES,  
 ANDREW GRAY,  
 D. B. STEWART,  
 BEAUMONT BOGGS,  
 and 19 others.