
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislature of British Columbia in Parliament assembled.

Whereas we the undersigned residents in the Electoral District of Comox humbly pray that your honourable House may take into your earliest consideration the advisability of withdrawing the reserve now existing upon the twenty-mile belt of land along the East Coast of Vancouver Island, more especially that portion of said twenty mile belt lying between Nanaimo and Seymour Narrows, inasmuch as the said reserve has very materially retarded the progress of settlement in our district and along the coast, and has also been a barrier to the development of our extensive coal fields, thereby depriving us of a near market for our agricultural products, and relieving us from the many disadvantages under which we suffer from our present isolated situation from a remunerative market.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

GEORGE F. DRABBLE,
GEORGE GRIEVE,
JAS. ROBB,

And sixty-three others.

Comox, January 12th, 1881.
