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Legislative Assembly.

MAIL BETWEEN CLERMONT, BOWEN, AND THE THOMSON.

(PETITION.)

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Unto the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Colony of Queensland.

The Memorial of the undersigned residents and others, on Mistake Creek,

SHEWETH,—

1st. That for the last eighteen (18) months they have supported a private mail, connecting Clermont with the Government mail running between Bowen and the Thomson.

2nd. That this mail has been made considerable use of by the general public; the number of letters carried by it frequently exceeding fifty (50).

3rd. That the route followed by this mail, is the main road between the Peak Downs and the River Cape Diggings.

4th. That the support of this mail presses very heavily upon the five settlers who have alone supported it.

5th. That the five stations actually on the line, are situated at distances varying from thirty (30) to eighty (80) miles from any Government mail route.

6th. That your memorialists would recommend the following line for the establishment of a Government mail:—

Clermont to Hurley's rush	...	...	...	...	16 miles.
Hurley's Rush to Gregory's Creek Diggings	...	...	...	...	12 "
Thence to Gregory's Creek Station	...	...	...	...	12 "
Thence to Dalhousie Station	...	...	...	...	25 "
Thence to Frankfield	...	...	...	...	12 "
Thence to Lanark	...	...	...	...	15 "
Thence to Elgin Downs	...	...	...	...	12 "
Thence to Balgourie	...	...	...	...	18 "
Thence to Earl's public-house, on the Thomson Mail	...	...	...	...	25 "
Route	...	...	...	...	147 "

7th. That the advantages of the above mail route would be: The connection between Peak Downs and the River Cape Diggings, North and South Kennedy Districts, and the Thomson. The carrying of mails to Hurley's, and several other rushes in that neighborhood, also to the stations on and near Mistake Creek.

Your memorialists pray that your honorable House will take it into their consideration, and be pleased to place on the Estimates such a sum of money to establish a Government mail on the line above suggested, or on such other as may seem fit to you, which will bring the lower Belyando country into communication with the rest of the Colony.

Your memorialists believe that persons will be found to contract for the running of such mail at a very moderate rate.

The private mail, now running, will cease at the end of the present year, and your memorialists be seriously inconvenienced.

Your memorialists pray that your honorable House will take this matter into their favorable consideration.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

[Here follow 114 signatures.]

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