

We beg leave further to suggest that no detriment can accrue to the revenue by giving the distillers license to sell one gallon, as in our opinion few retailers or inn keepers would have any objection to an alteration of said law.

The limits of this Petition will not give an opportunity to state all the reasons in support thereof, which will actually be in your possession.

We therefore most humbly pray that Your Honors would take this subject into your wise consideration, and repeal said law in such a manner that the distillers may sell one gallon; or otherwise order and direct so that the law touching the same may be, as all laws should be, for the general benefit of the public weal; and as in duty bound we shall ever pray.

Lanty Shannors,* Inn-keeper.

Ezekiel Woodruff.

Sam'l VanWick, Inn-keeper.

John Fralick.

John + Camp (his mark).

and fifty-six others.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council and House of Assembly for the Province of Upper Canada.

The Petition of the subscribers, Inhabitants of the District of Niagara.

Humbly prays,

That the Legislature may at their next meeting take into their serious consideration the laws respecting highways and Roads throughout this Province. and make such alterations or amendments to the same as to them in their wisdom may appear meet. Your Petitioners beg leave to intimate that under the existing law it is difficult to determine which are really and legally Highways, the Commissioners being frequently divided in opinion with respect to the construction to be put on said laws, and from the circumstance of the Justices of the Peace being all Commissioners of the Highways and Roads, and nothing mandatory or compulsory on them to act when required, and as it would be unfair that those gentlemen, who do sacrifice much of their time to their duty as Justices, should be forced to leave their homes for days in acting as Commissioners, without an adequate allowance being made them for their trouble and expense; and as many of these gentlemen would probably not wish to act in the line of Commissioners.

Your Petitioners are therefore of opinion that it would tend to the ease of the Inhabitants and the welfare of the District to have a certain number of disinterested persons to be overseers or Commissioners of the Highways in each and every District, and that an allowance should be made to them from the different District Treasurers to be raised by a tax for that immediate purpose, making it compulsory on them on all occasions when thereto required to lay out, alter, or amend any road or roads throughout their respective District or Division. However, all this is submitted to the Honorable the Legislature for their consideration, which Your Petitioners pray may meet with due and mature deliberation.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed)

{ John Pettit.

{ Levi Lewis.

{ Richard Griffin.

{ Wm. Kennedy.

{ and fifteen others.

On motion of Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson,
The House adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow noon.

*Shannon?