

16. That your petitioners find that, owing to the uncertainties affecting agricultural pursuits, the occurrence of bad harvests, and occasionally exceptionally low prices of produce, the provisions of the present law, requiring fixed payments annually on pain of confiscation and forfeiture, work exceedingly to their disadvantage.

17. Your petitioners beg humbly to say that they are anxious and willing to pay for their land according to the true and fair price or value thereof, but, owing to the exceptional circumstances already referred to under which their licenses were acquired, they are at present bound to pay far beyond that value.

18. Your petitioners humbly submit that a revaluation of their lands by competent and impartial persons, and such a rearrangement of the terms of payment as will enable them to pay off the principal price at such times as they may be able so to do, would be equitable in itself and for the best interests of the agricultural settlement of the colony.

19. That your petitioners beg humbly and respectfully to direct the attention of your honorable House to a Bill prepared by John Aitken Connell to amend the Land Act, a copy of which, they have been informed, has been sent to each member of your honorable House, which provides, in the opinion of your petitioners, a fair and practical remedy for the grievances under which your petitioners suffer, and which, if passed into law, would, in the opinion of your petitioners, prevent the recurrence of complications alike hurtful to the settlers in the community.

20. That your petitioners approve of all the provisions of the said Bill in so far as the same relate to deferred-payment land, excepting that the words "at auction" should be struck out of clause 34, and that personal residence on pastoral deferred-payment land should, in the opinion of your petitioners, be retained, and that the words "less the amount of the sum of the instalments already paid" should be added to clause 41.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honorable House will take their heavy grievances into its favourable consideration, and devise such measures for the relief and otherwise, either by passing the said Bill into law or otherwise, as to your honorable House may seem meet.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

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