

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York,
in Senate, and Assembly Convened.

The Remonstrance and Memorial of the Undersigned, Inhabitants of
the Town of Cortlandt, in the County of Westchester respectfully represent :

That a Law was passed the 18th day of May, 1836, entitled "an Act appointing Commissioners to lay out a Road from Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, to the Store of James Towner, in the Town of Patterson, in the County of Putnam."

That the said Road was afterwards laid out by Commissioners, under the said act, passing through the Shrub Oak Plains, (so called,) in York Town. That your remonstrants alledge that there are two Roads from the said Shrub Oak Plains, in Yorktown, to the Village of Peekskill, which are both good. The one is a Turnpike, but the other not. That this contemplated Road, is laid out from Schrub Oak Plains, to Peekskill, for a great length runs parrellel with the Turnpike Road, and much of the way only a few rods apart from it. It will not make the distance any shorter, but passes through high cultivated farms, arable and meadows. The expense to the Town of Cortlandt, to pay for the land, making the fence, and working the said contemplated Road, cannot be less than seven or eight thousand dollars, your remonstrants look upon it as a violation of their rights to be taxed for this unnecessary Road.

They further represent, that the Town of Cortlandt extends from the line of Putnam County several miles east and South of Croton River, a distance of twelve miles, and the inhabitants of the whole town will be compelled to pay the tax attending the opening of the said Road, without their consent, or in the least benefit or advantage to them or the public.

They therefore pray that the Honorable the Legislature will repeal the said law, so far as it extends, as laid out from the said Schrub Oak Plains in Yorktown to Peekskill, and thereby release them from the exorbitant tax if the act of the commissioners is carried into effect.

Cortlandt Town, January 23d, 1839.

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