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LITTLE SWANPORT.

PETITION FOR A BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, October 4, 1870.



To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Captain-General, Governor-in-Chief, and Vice-Admiral of Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Rural Municipality of Glamorgan.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT on the Main Line of Road from Glamorgan to Hobart Town, *viâ* the East Coast, there exists a dangerous ford at the Little Swanport River.

That this ford is near the sea and is affected by the tides, which when high cause great difficulty in crossing, and any attempt to do so is attended with peril.

That from the proximity of ranges of hills a more suitable crossing cannot be found.

That the above road is much used for driving stock, as well as by travellers, and is also a mail line.

That stock is frequently drowned in large numbers when driven into the said river for the purpose of crossing.

That the Bridge over Prosser's River is upon this line.

That a Bridge over the Little Swanport River would encourage traffic, and be of great benefit to the inhabitants of Glamorgan and the public generally.

That the Local Bodies in Glamorgan have done all in their power to make this line of road passable, and have gone to the extent of their means in erecting numerous bridges and otherwise improving the road.

That the expense of procuring a plan and specification has been incurred.

That in the year 1865 a petition from the inhabitants of Glamorgan praying for a sum of money to erect the said desired Bridge was forwarded to His Excellency the Governor in Council, which sum was included in the Public Works Bill, 1866, and passed by the House of Assembly through its first and second readings and ordered into Committee, where it lapsed with many others in consequence of the House being prorogued prior to a dissolution.

Your Petitioners, therefore, earnestly pray that the sum of £500 (five hundred pounds) to erect a Bridge over the Little Swanport River may be included in the Estimates for 1871.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

JOHN MEREDITH, *Warden.*

HENRY COTTON,

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} *Municipal Councillors.*

Council Chambers, Swansea, 19th September, 1870.

Tasmania,
Office of Lands and Works, 26th September, 1870.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works, to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Rural Municipality of Glamorgan, praying that the sum of £500, to erect a Bridge over the Little Swanport River, may be included in the Estimates for 1870; and in reply to inform you that the Government regret that they cannot accede to the prayer of the Petition, but will be happy to co-operate in the carrying out of the work in question under the provisions of the Bill to amend "The Local Public Works Act, 1869," now before Parliament.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. W. BOOTHMAN..

JOHN MEREDITH, *Esq.*, *Warden, Swansea.*