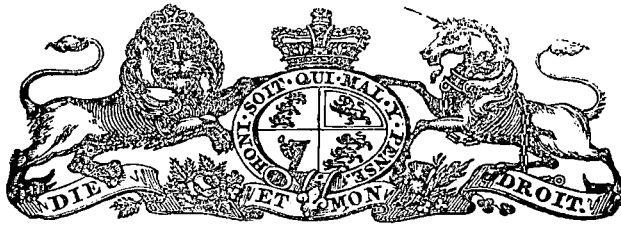


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SUMMERLEAS ROAD:

PETITION.

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Presented by Dr. Crowther, August 8, 1883, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 9, 1883.



*To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Residents of Summerleas, in Tasmania, and its vicinity.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioners reside at Summerleas, in the Electoral District of Kingborough, and in the adjoining District of Queenborough, and are engaged in fruit growing and agricultural pursuits.

That your Petitioners raised during the season which has just expired, in Summerleas proper and in the immediate vicinity thereof, between forty-four and forty-five tons of small fruit and about two thousand and fifty bushels of apples and pears, besides a considerable quantity of vegetables, root, and other crops, all of which have to be taken to market by the road *via* Kingston, which involves a journey varying from thirteen and a half to fifteen miles, whilst some of your Petitioners residing on the eastern side of Brown's River have only a rough bush track to the Huon Road, over which traffic is most difficult, and upon which a sum of twenty-two pounds or thereabouts has ever been expended.

That your Petitioners are in a position to indicate a line of road from Summerleas to Hobart of a perfectly practicable gradient, and over country presenting no necessity for expensive works, which will bring the residents of Summerleas within seven and a half miles of the centre of the City of Hobart, and furnish an additional and picturesque drive for visitors from the other Colonies.

That your Petitioners believe that for want of means of communication by the direct route the progress of settlement in that part of Kingborough in which your Petitioners reside is greatly retarded, and that, in the event of direct communication with the City by the shorter route being established, a very large increase in the production of fruit, especially small fruit and vegetables, to the extent of quite twice the amount now produced, would be the result; and inasmuch as fruit and vegetables can be grown at Summerleas at a later period in the year than other places in the vicinity of Hobart, a direct means of communication with the City by the shorter route would enable the residents of Hobart to obtain a better supply of fruit and vegetables later in the season than they can at present.

That the Honorable C. O'Reilly, in the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, then Minister of Lands and Works, visited the locality and indicated his opinion of the wants of the district by placing a sum of money on the scheme of Public Works for that year, which was submitted to and passed by your Honorable House, but was rejected by the Legislative Council.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly and respectfully pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to take the premises into your favourable consideration.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 46 signatures.]