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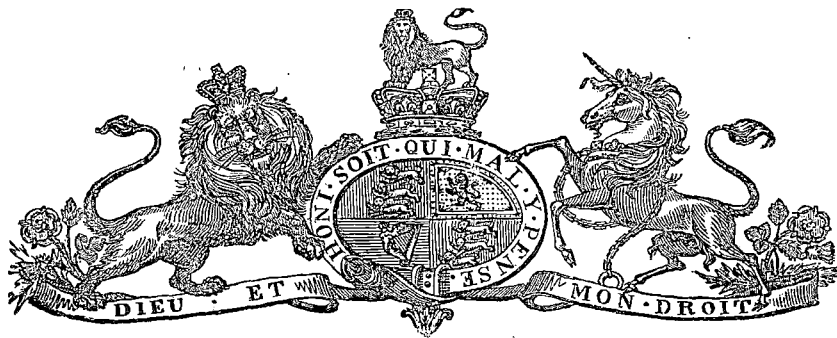
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P E T I T I O N No. 79.

M A I N R O A D.

Presented by Mr. Henry Butler, and ordered by the House to be printed,
October 15, 1862.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Petition of the undersigned Landholders and Occupiers of the Electoral District of Brighton.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have observed with regret that the Select Committee on Roads have recommended that the Districts through which the Main Road passes should be assessed for One Third of the whole expense of keeping the said Main Road in repair.

That your Petitioners believe such recommendation, if adopted by your Honourable House, would act most inequitably and unfairly upon those particular Districts.

That the Main Road from Launceston to Hobart Town may be termed a road *sui generis* ; it is the main artery of the whole Island ; it is, of necessity, used more or less by every person in the Island ; and it is in constant use and wear for the daily stream of traffic, and of travelling between the two Ports of Hobart Town and Launceston.

That the recommendation of the Select Committee on Roads, if confirmed by your Honourable House, would be, in point of fact, a species of class-taxation affecting the following Districts :— *Glenorchy, New Norfolk, Brighton, Oatlands, Campbell Town, Norfolk Plains, Morven, and Selby.*

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will take the premises into consideration.

And your Petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 100 Signatures.*]