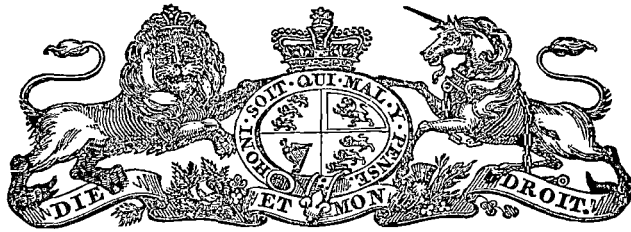


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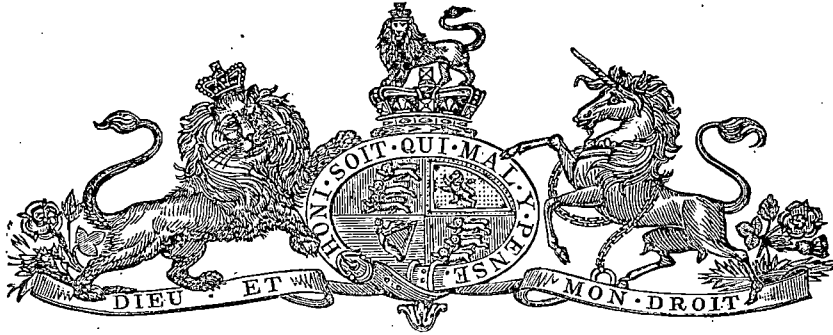
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

HOBART TRAMWAY COMPANY :

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

Return to an Order of the Legislative Council. (Mr. Watchorn.)

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



Attorney-General's Office, Hobart, 25th March, 1884.

SIR,

I AM instructed by Messrs. Chapman and Syme, who waited upon you yesterday as a deputation from the Hobart Tramway Company, to write you, in terms of their conversation with you, to ask you for your support and that of the Ministry to the passage through Parliament of the Tramways Bill referred to by them.

Trusting to receive an early and favourable reply,

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

CHAS. A. GUESDON, *Secretary Hobart
Tramway Company.*

The Hon. W. R. GIBLIN, Esq., Premier.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 26th March, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, asking that the Government would support the passage through Parliament of the Tramways Bill referred to in your letter, and in reply I have to state that I will lay your letter before the Cabinet for their consideration, and will forward you an early reply.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

CHARLES A. GUESDON, *Esq., Secretary
Hobart Tramways Company.*

Premier's Office, Hobart, 17th April, 1884.

GENTLEMEN,

WITH reference to your letter and our subsequent interview with Mr. C. W. Chapman and your Mr. Guesdon as to the proposed Hobart Tramways Company, I have now the honor to inform you that the Government will not offer any opposition to the passing through Parliament of a Private Bill to authorise the construction of the proposed Tramways, provided the assent of the Hobart Municipal Council is first obtained, and the Bill contains all necessary and suitable provisions for the safety of the public and the efficient carrying out of the project.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

Messrs. GUESDON & WESTWOOD, Collins-street.

3rd May, 1884.

SIR,

I now have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th April, and am instructed by the Committee of the Hobart Tramways Association to thank you and the other Members of the Ministry for your promised support and co-operation in the passage of the proposed Tramways Bill through Parliament.

I have, &c.

CHAS. A. GUESDON, *Secretary.**The Hon. the Attorney-General.*

Hobart, 12th May, 1884.

SIR,

In conformity with your request that the objects of the Tramway Deputation, which waited upon you on Thursday last, should be placed before you in the form of a letter, I am instructed by the Tramways Committee to lay before you *seriatim* the following alternative proposals for the consideration of the Government:—

- 1st. That the Government should make the permanent ways and lease the same to the proposed Company for a term of years at a rental which would recoup to the Government the interest on the money laid out, the Company to find all the working plant and keep the permanent way in good order. It is estimated that the cost of the permanent ways would be as follows:—

On the wire-rope system, £9000 per mile.

„ steam-motor „ £3000 „

„ horse-tram „ £4500 „

Say, for the eight miles we propose to lay down, £72,000, £24,000, and £36,000, respectively.

- 2nd. That the Government should facilitate the passing through Parliament of the Bill to be submitted by our solicitors, leaving the formation of the Company until after the concession has been obtained. The Committee feel convinced that they will be in a much better position to float the Company successfully after the Bill has passed the Legislature. Already the objection has been taken by intending shareholders that they ought to know before subscribing the capital both the privileges and obligations under which the undertaking will have to be carried out. If the Government should adopt this suggestion, then the Committee propose that the Government should pass a General Enabling Bill, to apply to the whole Island, as it is more than probable that the citizens of Launceston will at once desire to acquire the same powers of constructing and making Tramways as those now asked for by the Hobart Tramways Company; and it would be well that the Members of Parliament who represent the North should see that the northern capital has not been lost sight of in the Bill which is about to be laid before the Legislature.

Trusting to receive an early reply,

I have, &c.

CHAS. A. GUESDON, *Secretary to the Association.*

*The Hon. W. R. GIBLIN, Esq.,
Premier of the Parliament of Tasmania.*

Premier's Office, Hobart, 14th May, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, submitting, on behalf of the Tramways Association, certain proposals for the construction of lines of tramway, and have to inform you that your letter shall be placed before Ministers for immediate consideration.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

C. A. GUESDON, *Esq., Secretary Tramways Association.*

Premier's Office, Hobart, 16th May, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 14th instant of your letter of the 12th instant, which has been fully considered by Ministers.

Although the Government have no desire to place any unnecessary obstacle in the way of the proposed Tramway Company, they are unable to adopt either of the three proposals made in your letter, and must adhere to the decision conveyed in my letter of the 17th ultimo addressed to your firm.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

C. A. GUESDON, *Esq.*, *Secretary Tramway Association.*

EXECUTIVE Council Minute, 7. 2. 89., and letter from Dobson, Mitchell, and Allport, cannot be traced in Lands Department to which referred, 24. 2. 87.

J. A.
7. 5. 89.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 23rd February, 1887.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo,* with reference to an extension of the time for the construction of the works of the Hobart Tramway Company in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of "The Hobart Tramway Company's Act, 1884."

In reply, I have to inform you that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council has been pleased to grant an extension of the time for the completion of the works for two years from the 24th of November next.

I have, &c.

J. W. AGNEW.

Messrs. DOBSON, MITCHELL, & ALLPORT,
Macquarie-street, Hobart.

* See Memo. above, 7. 5. 89.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 1st May, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Government have fully considered the amendments proposed to be made in "The Hobart Tramway Company's Act," which were recently brought under the notice of the Cabinet by yourself, Mr. R. S. Walpole, and Messrs. Dobson, Mitchell, and Allport, and are more particularly referred to in an enclosure to this letter.

The Government feel assured that the introduction of a system of cable tramways would be of immense service to Hobart, and they will therefore undertake to bring in a Bill as early as possible in the ensuing Session to carry out the amendments suggested, and will do all in their power to have this carried into law.

I have also to inform you that the Agent-General will be duly informed that the Government intend to bring in the necessary measure.

I have, &c.

P. O. FYSH.

J. W. SYME, *Esquire, c/o Messrs. DOBSON, MITCHELL,
and ALLPORT, Hobart.*

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 7.—After the word "hereto" in the third line the words "or any part or parts of such Tramways respectively" to be inserted, with a view to allowing the construction of the work in portions or otherwise as the Company may think fit.

The words from "prejudice" in the 12th line to the word "or" in the 15th line, both inclusive, to be repealed,—the intention being merely to give the Government the right to cross the Company's lines where necessary, but not to in any way enter into competition with them by building another parallel Tramway or otherwise.

Section 10.—The words "single line" in the first line to be repealed and the words "single or double line at the option of the Company" substituted. A proviso to be added to this Section to the effect that the Company may at any time substitute a double line for a single one; and that, for that purpose, all the powers contained in the existing Act with reference to the construction of Tramways shall be read and construed so as to include the substitution of a double line for a single one.

Section 12.—The word “three” in the second, third, and fourth lines to be repealed, and the word “eight” substituted.

Section 14.—The words “substituting doubling” to be inserted in the second line after the word “down.”

Section 27.—To be repealed, and a clause substituted empowering the Company to charge the tolls specified as per Schedule for the period of 30 years after the lines are opened for traffic, at the expiration of which period the fares are to be arranged by the Governor in Council with the Company.

Section 33.—Sub-section 4 to be repealed.

Sections 51 to 76.—Both inclusive to be repealed, and a section to be inserted in place of Section 51 giving the Company power to borrow on mortgages, bonds, or debentures, such sums of money as the Shareholders in the Company may from time to time authorise.

A section to be inserted authorising the Company, with the consent of the Hobart Corporation or Council of the Municipality through which the Tramways may pass, to extend the lines allowed by the existing Act, or to lay down such other lines as they may from time to time deem necessary.

The Schedule regulating the tolls to be charged to be as follows:—

On the New Town Line.

For every passenger from the City Terminus to the junction of Elizabeth-street with Augusta Road, or *vice versa*, or for any portion of such distance, Threepence.

On the Macquarie-street Line.

For every passenger from the City Terminus to the junction of Macquarie-street with Congress-street, or *vice versa*, or for any portion of such distance, Threepence.

On the Sandy Bay Line.

For every passenger from the City Terminus to a point a short distance beyond the junction of the Sandy Bay Road with Lord-street, and which point is marked on the plan submitted to the Government as the proposed terminus, or *vice versa*, or for any portion of such distance, Threepence.

The Company to be at liberty to charge the further sum of Threepence for every passenger carried on any extension of the Company's lines beyond the above-mentioned Suburban Termini.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 7th May, 1889.

SIR,

THE time for the construction of Tramways in this City under the provisions of Section 12 of “The Hobart Tramway Company's Act, 1884, extended by the Governor in Council to the 24th November next, having nearly expired, Mr. J. W. Syme, who is now the sole representative of the Company for whom the Act was passed, is negotiating with Mr. R. S. Walpole, who is acting on behalf of an English syndicate, to undertake the work in question. The syndicate also propose to construct a tramway at Williamstown, in Victoria, and to extend those already existing in Melbourne and elsewhere in the Colonies.

Local gentlemen have authorised the use of their names as a Board of Advice in Tasmania—temporary or otherwise; and there appears to be every indication that this useful venture will be commenced and carried through with advantage to the community.

Under such circumstances Ministers have undertaken to recommend a further extension for the time of construction for a period of three years, and they have promised to submit certain Amendments to the existing Act for the approval of Parliament during the ensuing Session.

I enclose a copy of these suggested Amendments, and I am forwarding by Book Post twelve copies of the Act, so that you may be in a position to answer any enquiries which may be made at your Office in connection with this matter.

I have, &c.

P. O. FYSH

E. BRADDON, *Esq.*, *Agent-General for Tasmania, London.*

101, *Macquarie-street, Hobart, 1st May, 1889.*

SIR,

WE have the honor to request that you will be pleased to recommend the Governor in Council, in accordance with Section 12 of "The Hobart Tramway Company's Act," to extend the time for the construction of the Tramways for the period of three years from the 24th November next.

The time as originally granted by the Act expired on the 24th November, 1887, but this was extended by the Governor in Council till 24th November next, as notified in a letter addressed to us by the Hon. J. W. Agnew on 23rd February, 1887. As you are aware, there is now every prospect of a system of Cable Tramways being introduced into Hobart at a comparatively early date.

We have, &c.

DOBSON, MITCHELL, & ALLPORT.

The Hon. P. O. FYSH, Premier.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 6th May, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, requesting that the necessary steps may be taken to secure a further extension of time for the construction of Tramways in this City, under the provisions of Section 12 of "The Hobart Tramways Act, 1884."

I am advised by my colleague the Attorney-General that, as additional time under the Section named has already been granted by the Governor in Council, that power has been exhausted.

Minister's are, however, desirous of giving every possible assistance to the gentlemen who propose to undertake the work now under reference, and, as the time acquired under the authority of the Governor in Council in February, 1887, does not expire until the 24th November next, I anticipate no difficulty in obtaining Legislative sanction for the extension of time asked for, and I shall be glad to support this point in connection with the other proposed amendments to the existing Act.

I have, &c.

P. O. FYSH.

Messrs. DOBSON, MITCHELL, & ALLPORT, Macquarie-street.

Urgent.

Hobart, 17th July, 1889.

SIR,

Re Hobart Tramways.

I HAVE the honor to refer to our conversation of this morning, which I now beg to confirm.

I shall be pleased to hear that the Government will now carry out their promise, and cable to the Agent General "to-day" telling him the Tramway Bill has passed the Legislature, thus confirming the cablegrams that have already been despatched to the representative of the syndicate in London "this morning."

If I may be allowed to suggest, I think the following would be sufficient, "Tramway Bill passed Legislature, inform Walpole: "without the Government would like to give further assistance to this very important undertaking by adding—"Give him all assistance you can." And then we shall all be very pleased.

I have, &c.

AUDLEY COOTE.

The Hon. the Treasurer, Hobart.

The Hon. the Premier.

This is the original letter *re* cablegram to Agent General as to passing of Tramway Bill. I believe you have sent the message.

B. S. BIRD.
19. 7. 89.

TELEGRAM.

THE PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Hobart, 17th July, 1889.

Translation.

INFORM Walpole Tramway Bill passed. Render every assistance.

TELEGRAM.

THE AGENT-GENERAL to the PREMIER.

*London, 16th September, 1889.**Translation.*

WANT confirmation Tramway Bill.

TELEGRAM.

THE PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

*Hobart, 17th September, 1889.**Translation.*

BILL assented to 19th August. Amended by striking out Wharf Extension.

HOBART TRAMWAYS.

ALL correspondence in this Office is attached (from July to December, 1890).

THE correspondence prior to 1890, as referred to in Order of the House of Assembly attached, did not take place with this Office.

W. SMITH,
Secretary Public Works.
 23. 9. 91.

The Hon. the Minister.

FORWARDED to the Under Secretary.

H. E. PACKER,
Ministerial Secretary.
 23. 9. 91.

97, Collins-street, Hobart, 4th July, 1890.

SIR,

I am instructed by the Directors of the Hobart Tramway Company, Limited, to inform you that it is their intention to forthwith construct tramways under the powers conferred upon the Company by the Hobart Tramway Company's Acts, 48 Vict., 1884, and 53 Vict., 1889.

As the tramway which they desire to commence will run for a short distance over a street of which you have control between Macquarie-street and the City boundary and the Main Line Railway (with which it forms a very convenient junction in the station yard), I have the honor to request your approval of the Company's projected operations.

The permanent way it is proposed to lay down will be of an unusually substantial character, and is fully shown on the drawing sent herewith; the iron rails used being those purchased from the Main Line Railway Company.

I have, &c.

J. WEMYSS SYME,
Chairman, Hobart Tramway Company, Limited.

The Hon. A. T. PILLINGER, Esq.,
Minister Lands and Works, Hobart.

Recommended that approval be given for construction, in accordance with plans submitted.

J. FINCHAM.
 7. 7. 90.

Honorable the Minister.

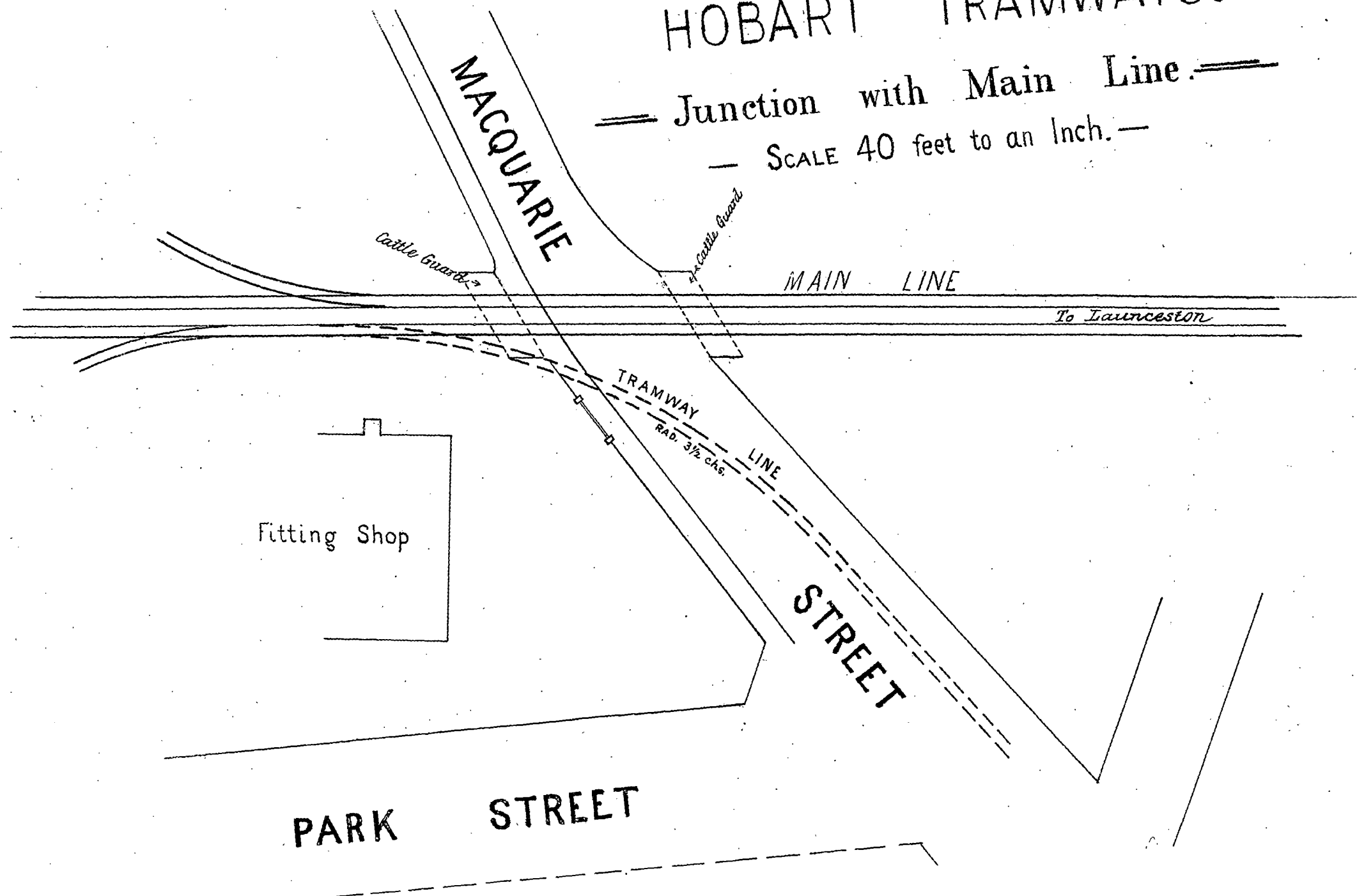
Approved.

ALFRED T. PILLINGER.
 8. 7. 90.

HOBART TRAMWAYS.

== Junction with Main Line. ==

— SCALE 40 feet to an Inch. —



MACQUARIE STREET

MAIN LINE

To Launceston

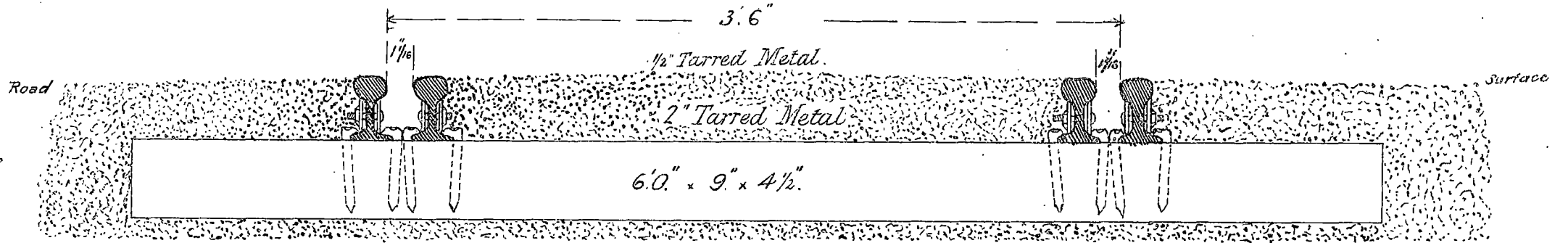
TRAMWAY LINE
RAD. 3 1/2 CHS.

PARK STREET

Fitting Shop

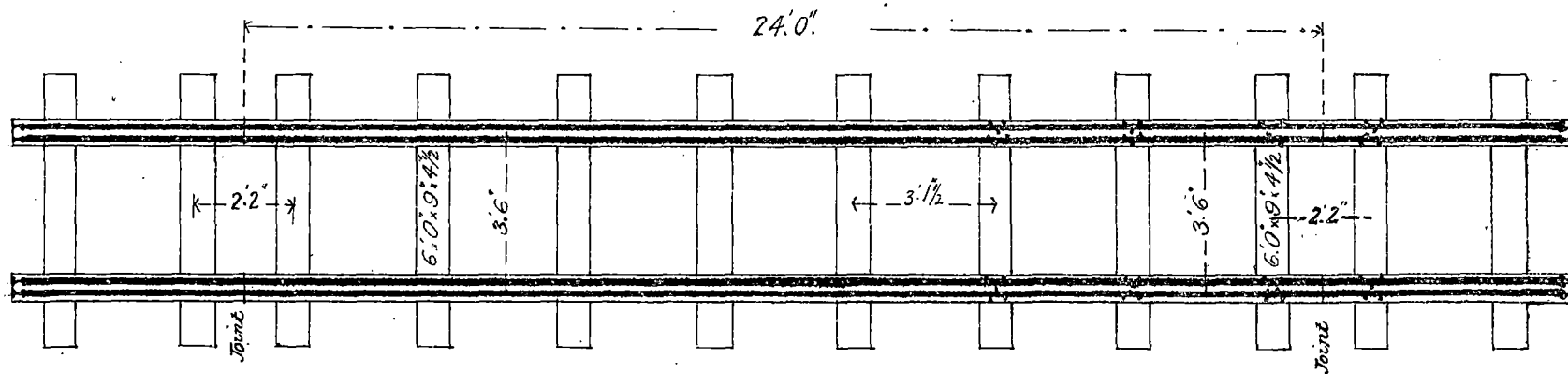
PARK STREET

— HOBART TRAMWAYS —
 — Details of Permanent Way. —



— CROSS SECTION. —

SCALE $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches to a Foot.



— . PLAN. —

SCALE 4 inches to a Foot.

7th July, 1890.

SIR,

With reference to your application dated 4th inst., for approval of the construction of part of the proposed Hobart Tramways in so far as it affects the street under my control leading from Macquarie-street to the Domain, I have the honor to inform you that I consent to such construction as indicated upon the two plans accompanying such application, it being understood that the two inches (2") of tarred metal shown thereon between the rails is to extend as far as the ends of the sleepers.

I have, &c.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND WORKS.

J. W. SYME, *Esq.*,*Chairman, Hobart Tramway Co., Ltd.*

P.S.—The space between the rails to be filled in with asphalt to the level of the bottom of the wheel flanges.

97, Collins-street, Hobart, 9th July, 1890.

SIR,

REFERRING to my letter of the 5th instant, and to the interview Mr. Westwood, the Honorary Secretary of the Hobart Tramway Company, Limited, had with you this morning, I have the honor to inform you that the Company's projected lines will extend beyond the City boundaries to the third (3rd) milestone on the New Town Road; to the Cascade Brewery on the Cascade Road; and to Lipscombe's, at Sandy Bay, on the Sandy Bay Road.

Since it is necessary that the Company give the Local Authorities notice of their intention to lay down Tramways, I have to request that you will accept this notification, and that you will also arrange with any Local Authorities that the necessary consent be given to the Company's operations.

I have, &c.

J. WEMYSS SYME,

*Chairman Hobart Tramway Company, Limited**The Hon. A. T. PILLINGER, Esq.,**Minister of Lands and Works, Hobart.*

Public Works Office, Hobart, 14th July, 1890.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a letter from the Chairman of the Hobart Tramway Company, Limited, in which he requests me to give you notice that it is intended, under the powers given by "The Hobart Tramway Company's Act, 1884," to lay down Tramways forthwith, and to extend the same beyond the City boundary to Lipscombe's on the Sandy Bay Road; and I therefore give you this notice accordingly.

I have, &c.

ALFRED T. PILLINGER,

*Minister of Lands and Works.**The Chairman Sandy Bay Road Board.*

Public Works Office, Hobart, 14th July, 1890.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a letter from the Chairman of the Hobart Tramway Company, Limited, in which he requests me to give you notice that it is intended, under the powers given by "The Hobart Tramway Company's Act, 1884," to lay down Tramways forthwith, and to extend the same beyond the City boundary as far as the Cascade Brewery on the Cascade Road; and I therefore give you this notice accordingly.

I have, &c.

ALFRED T. PILLINGER,

*Minister of Lands and Works.**The Chairman Wellesley Road Trust.*

Cascade Road, 21st July, 1890.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours, July 14, and shall lay the same before the Trust at its next meeting.

I have, &c.

HENRY MARTIN,
Chairman of the Wellesley Road Trust.

The Hon. A. T. PILLINGER,
Minister of Lands and Works.

Mutual Provident Chambers, Hobart, Tasmania,
15th November, 1890.

SIR,

Re Hobart Tramway Company and the Corporation of Hobart.

By virtue of the provisions of the 5th Section of "The Hobart Tramway Company's Act Amendment Act," 53 Vict. the Corporation of Hobart have called upon the Tramway Company to provide and lay down additional main pipes in parts of the City where, by reason of the Company's works, such mains are in their opinion required in order to preserve and continue the supply or passage of water as effectually and conveniently as the same was supplied or maintained before the interference caused by the Company's work, and so that the Corporation or the persons supplied with water shall suffer no detriment.

By the Section referred to, if it appear to the person or persons having the control of any such mains—in this case the Corporation—that such additional main pipes have been rendered necessary by the work of the Tramway Company, it is enacted that the Tramway Company shall not lay down any Tramway in any street until such additional mains have been provided and laid down at the expense of the Company ready for use. Under these circumstances, and nothing having been done by the Company in the way of laying down such additional pipes as required by the Corporation, we are instructed by the Corporation to make application to you, under the provisions of the 22nd Section of "The Hobart Tramway Act," 48 Vict., to nominate an engineer or other fit person as referee to settle the matter in difference between the Corporation and the Tramway Company.

We have, &c.

YOUNG & WALKER.

The Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works.

Hobart, 18th November, 1890.

SIR,

I have been informed by Messrs. Young and Walker, the Solicitors for the Hobart Corporation, that they have written to you, requesting that an Engineer be appointed by you in terms of Section 5 of the Hobart Tramway Company's Act Amendment Act; and by wish of my Directors I send herewith copy of a letter written to the Corporation bearing thereon, and I am desired to request that you will be pleased to stay any action under the letter from the Corporation until the return of the Chairman of Directors, and Mr. C. H. Grant, the Consulting Engineer of the Company, both of whom I expect to be here next week, and who will do themselves the honor to wait upon you immediately they arrive.

I have, &c.

C. H. WESTWOOD, *Secretary.*

The Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works.

Hobart, 15th November, 1890.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE to express the regret of the Directors of the Hobart Tramway Company that they should have been thought by you to be guilty of an act of discourtesy towards the Council in not having written to you as suggested by Mr. Grant after the conference which they had with the Council on the 22nd October.

The delay in writing has been caused partly by the continued absence of the Chairman of the Board from the Colony, and partly from the fact that so many shareholders had to be consulted before Mr. Grant could definitely offer to surrender to you various rights of the Company vested in the shareholders by Act of Parliament. Mr. Grant has the whole matter at his fingers' ends, but now he is unfortunately in Melbourne. As, however, both he and Mr. Syme are coming back in a few days, I have to ask you to be good enough to let the matter stand over till they return, and to delay taking any hostile action for the present, as the Directors feel quite sure that the points in dispute can very easily be amicably and satisfactorily settled. I am requested to inform you that about one and a half miles of tramway have now been laid down, and during that distance only one small branch water-pipe has been met with; and the Board think it is clear beyond doubt that nothing they have yet done can make it appear to any one that the laying down of the proposed Tramway will prevent or impede, or in any way interfere with, the supply or passage of water so as to render necessary the provision of laying down of about eight miles of additional main pipes in accordance with the requirements contained in your solicitors' letter. If this is so,—and the fact must be patent to your officer having control of the main pipes,—and even if the Council have the power (which, of course, the Company do not admit), then it is for the Council to consider whether they will not abandon the attempt to enforce against the Company the powers given to their officer by the 5th Section of the Hobart Tramway Company Amendment Act, when nothing which the Company has done or intend doing justifies the exercise of such powers.

I have, &c.

THOMAS LEWIS, (*for the Chairman, absent.*)

*His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Hobart.*

Mutual Provident Chambers, Hobart, Tasmania, 24th November, 1890.

SIR,

Re Tramway Company and the Corporation.

WE have the honor to request that the appointment of the referee mentioned in our letter of the 15th instant herein be delayed until you hear further from us.

Yours obediently,

YOUNG & WALKER.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

Hobart, 26th November, 1890.

MY DEAR SIR,

I AM extremely obliged for your kind loan of three cases of dog-spikes, which were most urgently required through a delay in the execution of my order.

Directly my stock is received I shall have much pleasure in returning the loan, or will at any time pay for those borrowed.

Yours truly,

C. H. GRANT

JAS. FINCHAM, *Esq., M.I.C.E.*

27th November, 1890.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt your letter of the 26th instant in reference to the dog-spikes, and to inform you that I shall be quite satisfied if you will return them from your stock to arrive. Kindly return me these.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES FINCHAM, *Engineer-in-Chief.*

C. H. GRANT, *Esq., M.I.C.E., Hobart.*

Cascade Road, Hobart, 31st November, 1890.

SIR,

Re Hobart Tramway Company.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that Mr. C. V. Fisher has been appointed to superintend the operations of the above Company in the Wellesley District.

I have, &c.

HENRY MARTIN, *Chairman Wellesley Road District.*

Hon. A. T. PILLINGER, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

Hobart, 2nd December, 1890.

MY DEAR SIR,

WHEN visiting the head of the Tramway this day I was much disconcerted to find that the three boxes of spikes you very kindly lent us had been used up already. By the last Melbourne mail I heard that the makers were not able to send us any by this trip of the *Flora*, but would do so on her next trip.

It is too bad to trouble you about such trifles, but, really, if you could loan us five more boxes to keep us going until our Melbourne importation arrives it would exceedingly oblige.

I shall be happy to return the loan immediately on the arrival of our stock from England, which is expected in about six weeks.

I am, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

JAS. FINCHAM, *Esq., M.I.C.E., Engineer-in-Chief.*
