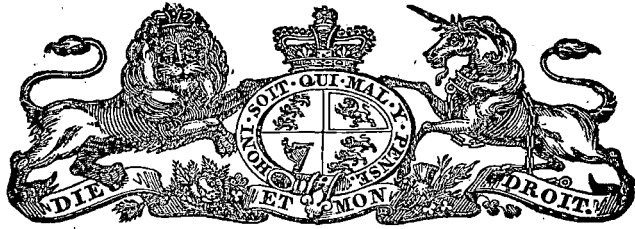


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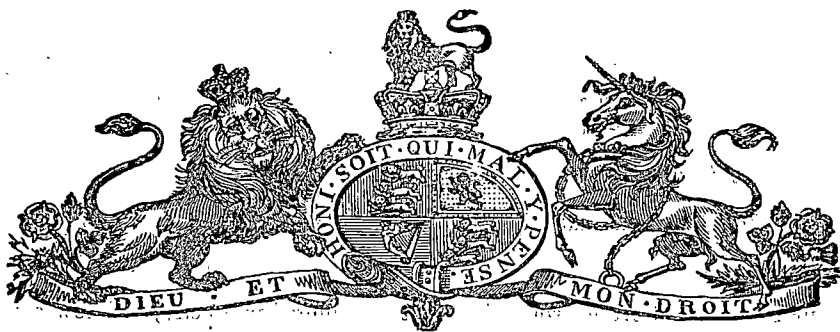
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

RAILWAY SURVEY:

**PETITIONS FROM NEW NORFOLK, HAMILTON, BOTHWELL,
AND OATLANDS.**

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, September 9, 1880; and ordered
by the House to be printed.



To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS SMITH, Knight, Administrator of the Government of Tasmania.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Districts of New Norfolk, Hamilton, Bothwell, and Oatlands.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT in consideration of the large and increasing traffic requirements of the settled parts of these Districts, together with the impetus which would be given to the settlement of large tracts of Crown Land in various parts of the Districts, suitable for agriculture, which are at present practically cut off from a market, and consequently from settlement, we pray that an Engineering Survey, with estimate of cost, may be ordered, with a view of ascertaining the best and most economical route for constructing a Railway to connect the above-mentioned Districts with the Main Line Railway at South Bridgewater; and we believe that such Line would be reproductive.

And we herewith append for Your Excellency's information Estimate of Probable Traffic, founded on the statistics relative to these Districts.

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

[Here follow 550 Signatures.]

ESTIMATE of probable Traffic on "Derwent Valley Railway."

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

	Average No. per day throughout year (313 working days).	Fares.				
		s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Between Hobart Town and Hamilton	Sixteen (16)	8	0	2003	4	0
Ditto and Macquarie Plains and Glenora.....	Thirty (30)	5	0	2347	10	0
Ditto New Norfolk, Plenty, and Falls	Sixty (60)	2	6	2347	10	0
Intermediate between Stations	Forty (40).....	3	0	1878	0	0
				£8576	4	0

GOODS TRAFFIC PER ANNUM.

	Tons.	Average Distance to be carried by Rail.	
Grain	1250	40 miles at 3d. per ton per mile	625 0 0
Potatoes	700	30 miles ditto	262 10 0
Fruit	1000	30 miles ditto	375 0 0
Back Carriage, Manures, &c.	2000	35 miles at 2d. per ton per mile	666 13 4
Hay	1000	30 miles at 4d. per ton per mile	500 0 0
Hops	360	30 miles ditto	180 0 0
Wool	420	40 miles ditto	280 0 0
Bark and Timber	1500	30 miles ditto	750 0 0
Coal.....	4000	At 5s. per ton	1000 0 0
Other Goods, Parcels, and Conveyance of Mails	750 0 0

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—800 at 5s. per head	200	0	0
Sheep (fat)—12,000 at 3d.	150	0	0
Sheep (store)—4000 at 2d.	33	6	8
Horses—100 at 5s.	25	0	0
Pigs, Poultry, &c.	150	0	0
			£14,523 14 0

*To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS SMITH, Acting Governor, Commander-in-Chief,
and Vice-Admiral of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Petition of the undersigned Landholders in the District of Hamilton.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. THAT your Petitioners have for some time past contributed indirectly, and now contribute directly, to the cost of providing railway communication for landholders in other parts of the Colony.
2. That a survey recently made by the Engineer-in-Chief proves that a line of railway connecting the town and district of Hamilton with the Main Line Railway at Bridgewater can be constructed at a reasonable cost upon a route practically level throughout, and consequently involving very moderate annual working expenses.
3. That such line of railway, when completed, would undoubtedly promote settlement upon extensive areas of fertile Crown lands, both in the New Norfolk and Hamilton districts, and would enable the occupiers of already alienated lands to extend their agricultural operations, and, by affording cheap and rapid communication with a market, materially increase their prosperity, and thus enable them to bear cheerfully their share of the taxation necessary to provide for the construction of public works throughout the Colony.
4. That such line of railway, as estimated by the Engineer-in-Chief, would cost, with rolling stock, the sum of £200,000; and, according to estimates carefully prepared by persons well acquainted with the resources of the district through which it would pass, it would immediately upon its completion secure traffic amounting, at the rates now charged upon the Launceston and Western Railway, to upwards of £12,600 per annum; and therefore the interest upon the cost of construction, together with any reasonable charge that might be made for the use of the portion of the Main Line Railway between Bridgewater and Hobart Town, would be amply provided for, and leave a considerable balance for working expenses.
5. That the proposed railway, while it would be nearly equal in length to the Launceston and Western line, would not cost half the amount expended in the construction of that line; would be more cheaply worked; would open up country equally fertile; and, in the opinion of your Petitioners, would, with the extension of settlement and cultivation, and the development of the known mineral resources of the south-western part of the Colony, produce in a few years a revenue quite equal to that now derived from the Launceston and Western line.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Excellency, and with the advice of the Executive Council, will take such measures as may be necessary to cause the early construction of the said railway from Bridgewater to Hamilton.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 99 Signatures.]