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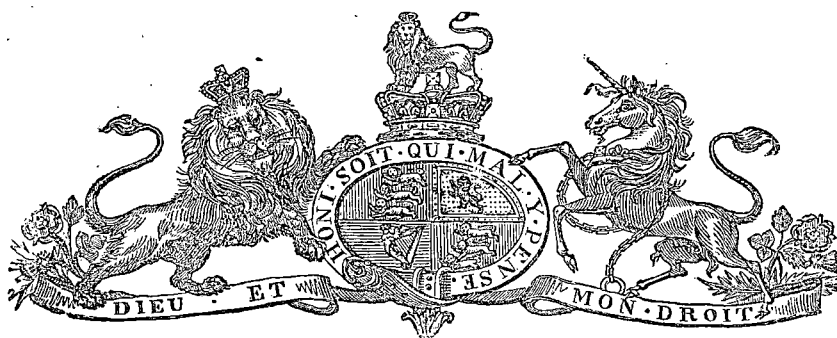
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PETITION TO HIS EXCELLENCY FOR A ROAD.

Presented by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed,
26 August, 1859.



To His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight, C. B.,
Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

The Petition of the undersigned Landowners, Landholders, and others resident in the District of Sorell and interested in its prosperity, as well as in the establishment of a direct communication between Hobart Town and the Eastern Settlement of the Colony.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the District of Sorell is situated some twelve miles in a direct line from Hobart Town, and comprises more than 60,000 acres of occupied land, of which nearly 13,000 are in cultivation (in crop or pasture), and has been generally allowed to be one of the most fertile agricultural districts in the Island.

That, notwithstanding its proximity to the City, its peculiar geographical position has hitherto prevented it from deriving the advantages of that proximity, and of its fertile lands and extensive cultivation,—there being interposed an estuary of extremely shallow water from three to four miles in width, entailing upon its inhabitants the necessity of adopting a circuitous route to Hobart Town by way of Richmond of upwards of twenty-five miles, nearly one-half of which is through a comparatively impracticable country for a road.

That if a Causeway were constructed across this Estuary, according to various surveys and estimates which have been made, the distance between Sorell and Hobart Town would be about thirteen and a quarter miles, over an almost level country, with every facility and material on such line for road-making.

That, in the opinion of Your Excellency's Petitioners, the establishment of such communication between Sorell and Hobart Town would render the former, in a public point of view, one of the most valuable districts in Tasmania; giving, as it would, an encouragement and impetus to enterprise in the clearing and cultivation of a large extent of the most fertile land at present lying waste in the hands of the Crown and of private individuals, besides being the means of opening the most direct line of communication between the Capital and Spring Bay, Swanport, &c. (the former of which is now a port of clearance) together with the vast extent of Crown land lying contiguous to the route, and embracing some of the most fertile in the Colony; and thus developing the resources of a tract of country eminently calculated to reward the attention bestowed upon it.

That, according to the surveys and estimates already made with a view to the construction of the work in question, Your Excellency's Petitioners are of opinion that such work can be accomplished for about £8000; and they are able to raise one-half of that sum by private contribution and otherwise, and would most respectfully appeal to Your Excellency for aid to the amount of the other moiety.

That such amount, if accorded to the District, might be made subject to such conditions as would cause it to be handed over to the work in such proportions only as to meet equivalent sums raised by Your Excellency's Petitioners, and only such amount thereof, eventually, as may be actually required for the work.

That Your Excellency's Petitioners humbly pray that similar assistance may be extended to the District of Sorell to that which has been so liberally and beneficially bestowed upon other localities; and that Your Excellency may be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the ensuing year in aid of the proposed work such sum, and under such conditions, as to Your Excellency may seem fit.

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