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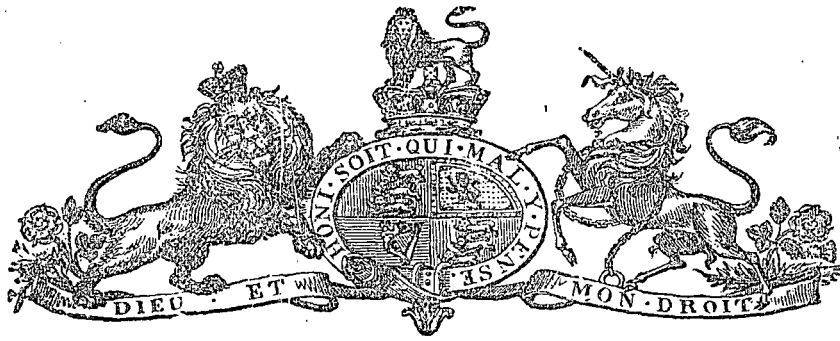
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**CONTROL OF STREETS IN TOWNSHIPS.**

**PETITION FROM DELORAINE.**

Presented by Mr. Henry Douglas, September 14, 1869, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Deloraine, in the said Island.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have learnt with regret that a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House, under the title of "The Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1870," in which it is proposed to remove the Streets of Towns in Rural Municipalities from the jurisdiction of the Trustees of the different Road Districts and to place them under that of the Municipal Councils.

That your Petitioners object to such change ; 1st. On the ground that there is no need for any change, as the existing system has worked advantageously to the interests of the Ratepayers.

2nd. Because the Trustees of any given Road District are, with rare exceptions, elected from among the residents of such District ; and that, consequently, a greater interest is taken in keeping in good repair the Streets of Townships within their jurisdiction than would be the case with a body like a Municipal Council, a large majority of whom are frequently non-resident.

3rd. Because, in consequence of the non-residence of such Municipal Councillors as above stated, it is impossible for them to watch the progress of works undertaken by their authority in such a way as to ensure their being carefully and well executed.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House not to pass any Clause in the proposed "Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1870," which shall have the effect of taking the Streets of Townships from under the jurisdiction of the Trustees of the several Road Districts.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

*[Here follow 30 Signatures.]*