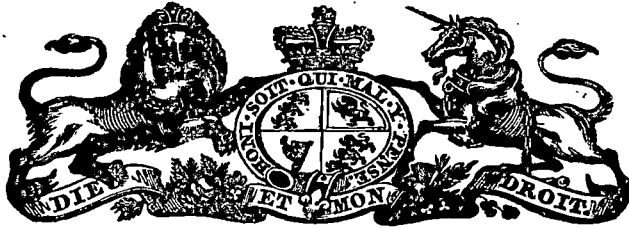


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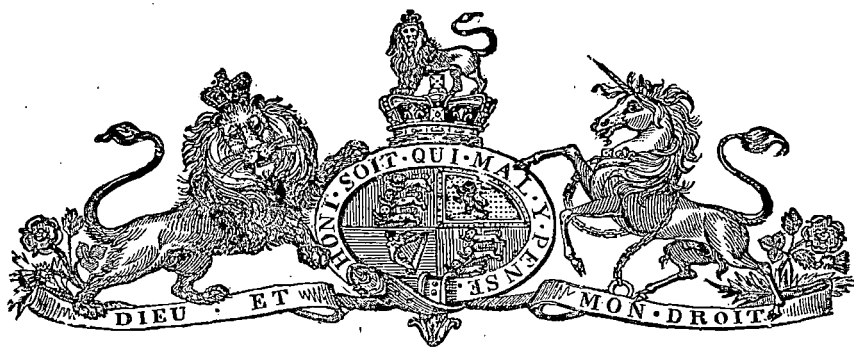
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Presented by Mr. Wilson, and ordered by the House to be printed, June 24, 1873.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents and Landholders of the Rural Municipality of
Oatlands, in Tasmania.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioners hailed with satisfaction the advent of a Line of Railway between Hobart Town and Launceston, as, from the terms of the Contract signed, they were led to believe that, as one of the largest centres of population on the line, the Town of Oatlands would receive the benefit of direct Railway communication with both termini.

2. That your Petitioners learn with extreme surprise and dissatisfaction that, according to the line pegged out by the Contractors, it is proposed to carry the line about four miles from the Town, thus cutting your Petitioners off from direct communication with the line, to the injury of their trade, and the depreciation of the value of their property, and causing to your Petitioners both loss of time and extra expense in travelling and forwarding their produce to Hobart Town and other places on the line.

3. That your Petitioners have caused a reliable engineering survey and a trial section to be made, and find that it will be quite practicable to bring the Main Line of Railway into the Town of Oatlands, and to carry it thence to join the present route in the direction of Antill Ponds; and that there exists no insuperable difficulty, either in steep gradients, heavy cuttings, sharp curves, or deep embankments on the line so surveyed, but that, on the contrary, such line will be not unfavourable, and will not lengthen the total line in any material degree, if indeed at all.

4. That your Petitioners therefore humbly ask your Honorable House to enforce that portion of the Contract with "The Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited," which provides that the Line shall be carried as near as practicable to the present centres of population.

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

[Here follow 139 Signatures.]