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**BRIDGE OVER BROWN'S RIVER, (KINGSTON).**

PETITION.

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, October 13, 1869; and ordered  
by the House to be printed.



To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania.

The humble Petition of the Residents in the Road Districts of North West Bay and Queenborough, praying for the erection by the Government of a substantial Bridge over Brown's River at Kingston, to connect the two Road Districts, and at an expense of not exceeding Five hundred Pounds, on condition of one moiety of the cost of the erection of such Bridge being defrayed conjointly from the Trust funds of the aforesaid Road Districts.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the river over which the Bridge is required is at present crossed by means of a Ford, dangerous in flood time, and at such times frequently impassable.

That this Ford is situate upon the Main Line of Road between Hobart Town and Kingston, Margate, Oyster Cove, Peppermint Bay, and Gordon,—it having also to be crossed by travellers from Hobart Town to Bruni Island *via* the Ferry at Tinder Box Bay.

That your Petitioners most deeply interested in the carrying out of this work—viz., the Ratepayers of the Road District of North West Bay—have long been sensible of its importance, and they would long ago have executed it from their own resources had it been within their means; but unfortunately the state of their roads has been hitherto such as to absorb all their funds to keep them passable, and they can even now but very ill afford to assist pecuniarily in the undertaking.

That your said Petitioners (the Ratepayers of the North West Bay Road District) have, with but one exception, for the period of thirteen years past invariably assessed themselves for road purposes at the highest rate of assessment fixed by law, although they are principally poor persons; that they are not in circumstances to bear the imposition of a special rate upon their properties; and that having assisted themselves to the utmost of their ability, they feel that they are entitled to solicit the special aid of the Legislature in a work of magnitude in which so many of the public are interested.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray Your Excellency to be pleased to place the matter in the hands of the Public Works Department, and to adopt such measures as Your Excellency in Council may deem expedient for causing the speedy erection of such a Bridge as your Petitioners suggest, upon the terms hereinbefore set forth; viz., one moiety at the general cost of the Colony, and the other moiety at the united cost of the Road Trusts of North West Bay and Queenborough.

And Your Excellency's Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 105 Signatures.]