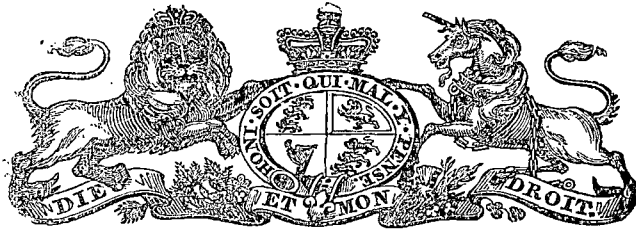


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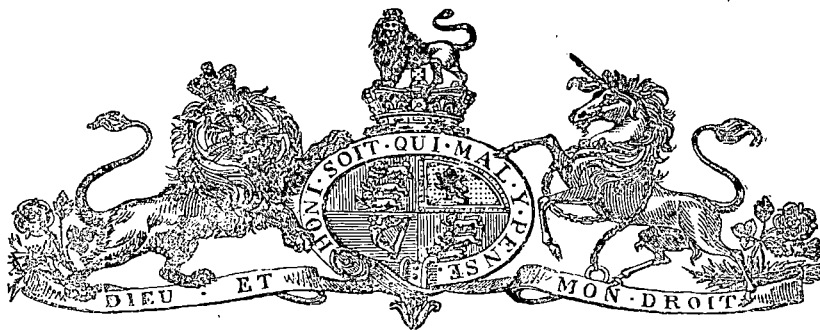
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

RICHMOND RAILWAY:

PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Lewis.)

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, July 30, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, July 31, 1889.



Hobart, 15th June, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor in Council. It is signed by 127 ratepayers of the Richmond District, and prays that a sum of money may be placed on the Estimates to provide for the construction of a branch line from Richmond to connect with the Sorell-Bellerive Railway at Cambridge, a distance of about seven miles. The route has been already surveyed, and the line presents no difficulties whatsoever, as it will pass over practically level country all the way.

I beg that you will lay this Petition before His Excellency the Governor, and at your convenience will signify to me the course he will be advised to take on the matter, so that I may communicate the same to my constituents, who are awaiting the decision with very deep interest.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Premier, Hobart.

N. E. LEWIS.

*To His Excellency SIR ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON,
K.C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony
of Tasmania, in Council.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Richmond District,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. That in the year 1884 a sum of money was voted for and expended upon a contract survey of a line of railway from Richmond to join the Sorell-Bellerive line at Cambridge.

2. That it was originally proposed that this should form a branch line to the Sorell-Bellerive Railway, and the plans were prepared with this object in view, but the vote for the Sorell-Bellerive Railway was submitted to and passed through Parliament without the inclusion of this branch line.

3. That the line of country through which the proposed branch line will pass is a good agricultural country, and is quite free from any engineering difficulties.

4. That the cost of constructing the branch line will be very materially lessened if provision be made for proceeding with it at the same time as, or immediately upon the completion of, the Sorell-Bellerive Railway.

5. That Richmond is the centre of a large and rich agricultural district, and the produce which will be sent by the branch line will add very considerably to the receipts of the Sorell line.

6. That the welfare of your Petitioners will be greatly enhanced by the construction of this branch line.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that a sum sufficient to defray the cost of constructing this line will be submitted to the consideration of Parliament during the ensuing Session.

[Here follow 127 Signatures.]

FORWARDED to Hon. Minister of Lands and Works.

For the Premier, absent,

JAS. ANDREW, *Secretary.*
17 June, 1889.

Lands and Works Office, Hobart, 21st June, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Petition forwarded with your letter of 15th instant, praying that a sum of money may be placed on the Estimates to provide for the construction of a branch line of railway from Richmond to Cambridge, has been referred by His Excellency to Ministers, and will receive the consideration of the Cabinet in connection with the list of Public Works Proposals to be placed before Parliament at the approaching Session.

I have, &c.

ALFRED T. PILLINGER, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

N. E. LEWIS, *Esq., M.H.A., Hobart.*

