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**MOUNT BISCHOFF, COMMUNICATION WITH  
TABLE CAPE :**

**PETITIONS.**

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Presented by Mr. Douglas ; and ordered by the House to be printed, September 7,  
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*To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Table Cape and its vicinity.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. That your Petitioners deem it a matter of great public interest that communication be established between Table Cape and Mount Bischoff by means of a public road.

2. That the opening up of the Crown Lands of the Colony and the development of its mineral resources, latent and otherwise, must be a matter of paramount importance to your Honorable House. Your Petitioners therefore desire to point out that the opening of a road between the points named would not only give access to a large area of Crown Lands fit for settlement, but also to the known mineral deposits on the Inglis, Mount Hicks Road, the Calder and Hellyer Rivers, and Mount Bischoff, besides affording facilities for prospecting a stretch of country extending over thirty miles of which but little is at present known.

3. That, all things considered, Table Cape is the best outlet from the places named in the preceding paragraph, in proof of which your Petitioners desire to adduce the following reasons :—

- a.* Wynyard, Table Cape, offers the best facilities for shipping of any port on the North West Coast between the Leven and Circular Head.
- b.* It requires no large outlay on Harbour Works.
- c.* It is nearer to Bischoff by four or five miles than Emu Bay.
- d.* At the present time the rates of freight coastwise are about one-third lower than those from Emu Bay.

4. That the proposed road from Emu Bay to Mount Bischoff passes for a distance of over forty miles through the Van Diemen's Land Company's property, and that if constructed by the Government it will not give access to one acre of Crown Land, or enhance the value of the public estate in the slightest degree.

5. Your Petitioners do therefore respectfully pray that the careful consideration of your Honorable House may be given to this matter, humbly trusting that in your decision on a subject of so much importance, not only to your Petitioners but also to the Colony at large, this expression of public opinion may not fail to have its due weight.

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

[*Here follow 157 Signatures.*]