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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, 24 November, 1871.



*To the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works.*

SIR,  
WE, the undersigned Residents in the District of Port Cygnet, take the liberty of laying before you the very great disadvantages and inconveniences under which we labour arising from the impassable state of the Roads between Port Cygnet and the terminus of the New Huon Road at Victoria, which is our only available outlet to either Franklin or Hobart Town.

In the first place we desire to inform you that our Postal arrangements, considering the short distance we are from Hobart Town (33 miles), is at present most inconvenient, and might, under certain circumstances, prove of serious consequence, arising from the delay in the conveyance of our letters,—a delay from which the Inhabitants of other parts of the District residing at a greater distance from the Capital do not suffer.

In cases also of serious illness we have no means of obtaining Medical assistance, as it is impossible for a conveyance of any description to travel with safety on the road in its present state.

We respectfully beg to inform you that for years past we have rated ourselves, although a very indigent people, at the highest sum allowed by law; but, from the great extent of the District, with a sparse population, the amount collected, together with that expended by the Local Board of Works, has proved quite inadequate for a large expenditure upon any one road.

It having been intimated to us that the sum of money voted by Parliament for the local slab road has not all been expended, we earnestly pray that you will be pleased to take this matter into your favourable consideration, and cause whatever amount may remain to be laid out in the formation and repair of the aforesaid road to Victoria,—reserving however, should it meet your concurrence, a small sum for the erection of a Bridge across the Agnes Rivulet at the terminus of the local slab road; and by so doing we assure you that you will be conferring a very great boon upon every inhabitant in the District.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,  
Sir,

Your obedient humble Servants.

*[Here follow 73 Signatures.]*