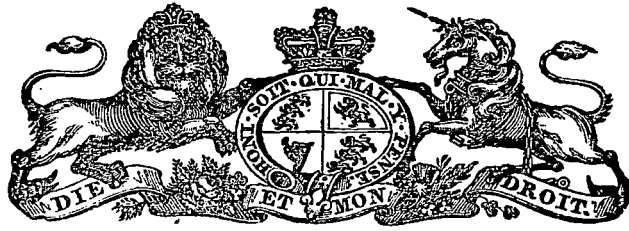


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To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, the undersigned residents of Circular Head, respectfully beg leave to address Your Excellency with reference to the following subject.

The growing importance of this District, and the increased facilities of communication brought about by the extensive works carried out by the Government in forming roads and bridging the rivers intervening from Crayfish Creek to the Mersey, coupled with the late improvements effected by the various Boards of Works of a substantial kind, has been already felt by the amount of Exports and Imports, and the marked accession of the Customs Duties during the last six months; the latter amounting to the aggregate sum of upwards of £720 to this date. The exports are also in a corresponding ratio, and were shown in a former Petition to Your Excellency (relative to the extension of Telegraphic communication) to have exceeded £60,000 in three years at the port of Circular Head alone.

Reviewing the above-named figures, it cannot be doubted that the indications of increasing business transactions at this remote section of the district have been indirectly brought about by the facility of communication arising from better roads, and the bridging so many dangerous rivers.

We therefore beg leave to inform Your Excellency that during the last 20 years three bridges have been erected across the Black River near Circular Head (the eastern boundary of the lands of the Van Diemen's Land Company) jointly by private enterprise, labor given, and the assistance of the Local Road Board; but for want of an adequate sum, neither works were considered of a permanent character. The first two were washed away by floods, and the one now used, having stood ten years with constant expenditure on repairs, will soon require to be renewed. The bridges over all the other rivers along the coast were constructed at the expense of the Government, and are of a permanent class. We therefore respectfully indulge the hope that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend that a sufficient sum of money may be set aside by the Executive Government for the purpose of erecting a new structure across the river in question, similar to that very recently completed by the Public Works Department over the Detention near Rocky Cape.

And Your Excellency's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 92 Signatures.]