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[SECOND SESSION.]

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MAIN ROAD RATE.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

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Brought up by Mr. Adye Douglas, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
2 September, 1863.



*REPORT of the SELECT COMMITTEE to which the Main Road Rate Bill was referred.*

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FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1863.

THE "Main Road Rate Bill" was read a first time and ordered to be printed, and referred to a Select Committee.

Then the following Members were nominated to be of the said Select Committee :—

Mr. Chapman.  
Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Balfe.  
Mr. Meredith.  
Mr. Horne.  
Mr. Douglas (*Mover.*)

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

No. 1.—1st September, 1863. *Present*—Mr. Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Knight, Mr. Balfe, Mr. Horne, and Mr. Chapman.  
No. 2.—2nd September, 1863. *Present*—Mr. Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Knight, Mr. Horne, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Walker.

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The Director of Public Works, William Knight, Esq., *J.P.*, Isaac Wright, Esq., *J.P.*, were in attendance.

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THE Committee to which the "Bill for levying a Rate in aid of the expense of maintaining the Main Road from the City of Hobart Town to the Town of Launceston" was referred by your Honourable House, beg to return the Bill without amendments, but accompanied by three Resolutions which they have adopted :—

1. That the Main Line of Road between Hobart Town and Launceston is a National work, to be kept up and maintained by the Government.

2. That, after carefully examining into the question of raising a certain portion of Revenue from the several Districts through which the Main Line of Road passes, by means of assessment, your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that no equitable mode of assessment can be devised.

3. That the system of raising a portion of the Revenue by Tolls appears to your Committee as the only means by which the General Revenue can be assisted; your Committee would, therefore, recommend that additional Toll-gates be erected on the Main Line of Road, so that those who use the Road may contribute a larger proportion than at present for its maintenance.

ADYE DOUGLAS, *Chairman.*

*Committee Room, 2 September, 1863.*