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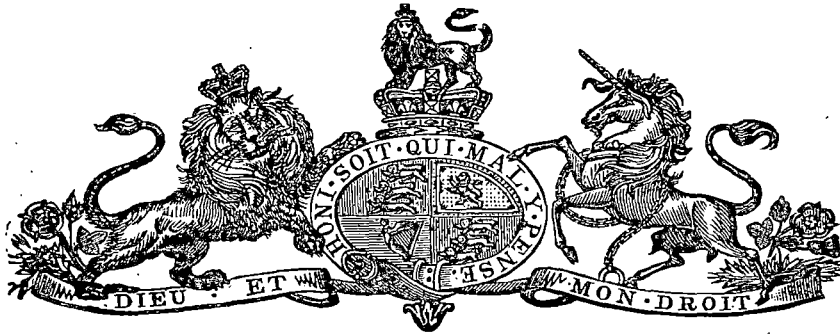
1891.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

EXTENSION DERWENT VALLEY RAILWAY
viâ ELLENDALE :

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Lewis, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed,
August 5, 1891.



To the Hon. the Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly of
Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Residents of Ellendale and Fentonbury, giving effect to the opinions expressed at
a Public Meeting held at Ellendale, July 18th, 1891,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

- I. THAT of the various routes proposed for the extension of the Derwent Valley Railway to the Ouse, that "*viâ* Ellendale" is best calculated to serve *all* the inhabitants of the Upper Derwent Valley, and, consequently, to be the most remunerative.

Because—

- A. It is best suited to give transit facilities to the newly discovered silver-fields at Mt. Field, and to the lately formed district known as Tyenna.
- B. It is also the route nearest to the large areas of Crown land in these districts, and also to the "Florentine Valley," in which alone thousands of acres of rich agricultural land are *available for selection*, all of which districts would be left untouched by the Parliamentary route.
- II. That, whereas the residents of Macquarie Plains are already served by a station on the present Derwent Valley Railway, and the residents of the Ouse would be equally well served by either the Parliamentary or Ellendale routes, the objections to the latter are narrowed down to only those from Hamilton.
- III. That, whereas Hamilton would only be a little more than one mile further from a station by the Ellendale than by the Parliamentary route, Ellendale residents, with those of Fentonbury and Tyenna, would, on the other hand, be distant twelve miles from a station,—that is, they would have to travel to the present terminus at Glenora.
- IV. That, whereas the Ellendale district has for years past been rapidly progressing, and has, by reason of the available Crown land still further room for progress, Hamilton has, on the other hand, unmistakably shown signs of decay.

We, your Petitioners, therefore pray that, when having under consideration the question of Railway extension to the Ouse, you will also consider the above reasons in favour of the Ellendale route.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of residents of above districts,

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