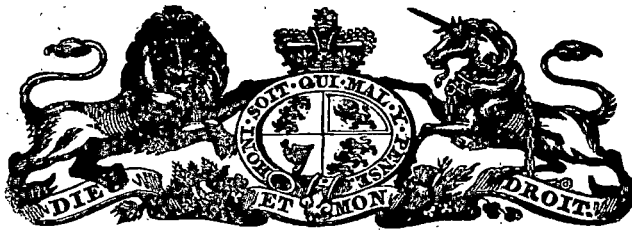


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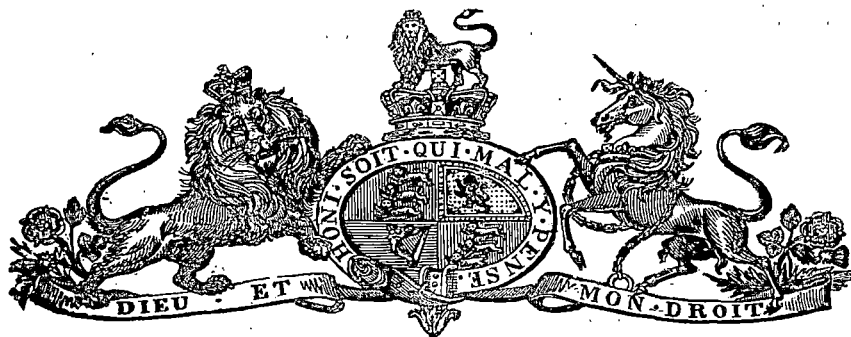
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**LAUNCESTON AND SCOTTSDALE RAILWAY:**

**PETITION IN REGARD TO ROUTE.**

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Presented to the Legislative Council by Mr. Dodery, July 3; ordered to be printed, July 16.



*To the Honorable the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Owners and Occupiers of Land in the Districts of Upper and Lower Piper's River and Turner's Marsh, and of others interested in the construction of a Railway between Launceston and Scottsdale.

**RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :**

THAT those of your Petitioners whose names are hereunto attached are the owners or occupiers of land stated and situated in the several Districts mentioned in the columns opposite their respective names.

That your Petitioners are strongly of opinion that the adoption of a route for the intended Railway to start from some convenient point on the line surveyed by Mr. Hales near Piper's River, and to follow down the valley of that river until it joined the line surveyed by Mr. Climie near Slaty Ford, and then following that line to Scottsdale, would prove more advantageous to the Districts of Upper Piper's River and Turner's Marsh than the line now proposed to be constructed, and, in addition, would accommodate the large, important, and long-settled Districts of the Lower Piper and Little Piper, and be within easy reach of the Lefroy and Back Creek Goldfields.

That the adoption of the route suggested by your Petitioners would open up and afford facilities for the settlement of considerable areas of good agricultural Crown land.

That the suggested route, although of greater length than that surveyed by Mr. Hales, would be much cheaper to construct, would possess lighter grades and easier curves, and could be worked with greater economy and less danger than the proposed line over the mountainous and broken country between Piper's River and the point of junction with Mr. Climie's line north of Bare Point.

That although the suggested line would be longer than the route at present proposed, it could probably, owing to its much greater engineering advantages, be worked as expeditiously, if not more so, between the termini than a line over the mountainous and broken country before referred to; and that (while the interests of persons residing near the Scottsdale end of the line would not be injuriously affected) railway accommodation would be afforded to a large number of ratepayers in the Districts of Upper, Lower, and Little Piper and Turner's Marsh, from which they will be almost, if not entirely, excluded if the line at present contemplated by the Government is constructed.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will cause the intended line of Railway between Launceston and Scottsdale to be constructed on the Piper's River Valley route as suggested by your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

*[Here follow 250 signatures.]*