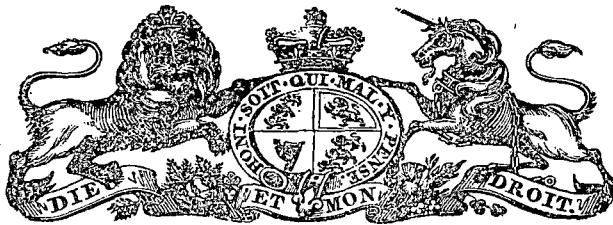


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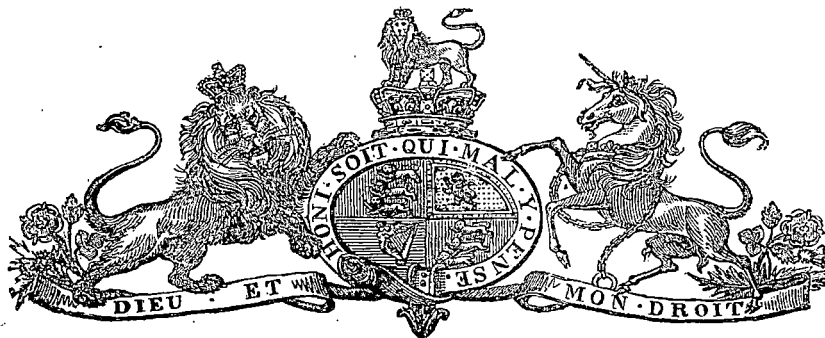
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P E T I T I O N.

ROAD TO THE RINGAROOMA RIVER.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed, 16 September,
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To the Honorable the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Owners of Land to the North-east of Launceston, in the vicinity of the Great Forester's River and Ringarooma River.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have purchased from the Crown, under the *Waste Lands Act*, upwards of thirty-four lots, of more than Five thousand Acres, situate in the vicinity of the Great Forester's River; that some have taken possession of their lots; that the present road from Launceston to the said Land is by way of the present Coast Road, which forms three-fourths of a circle and a distance of about sixty-six miles; but that the direct distance from Launceston to the said Land, by way of Pattersonia Rivulet, does not exceed thirty-four miles.

That for twenty miles of that distance there is at present a road passable for carts, but separated from the Land occupied or taken by your Petitioners by a range of hills densely covered with scrubs, almost impenetrable, for a distance of about twelve miles.

That if a Line of Road through that distance were surveyed and opened out, it would be the means of greatly enhancing and benefiting the whole of the yet unoccupied Crown Lands in that direction, consisting of many square miles of the richest soil, fit for agriculture, and only now remaining unoccupied by reason of no direct road leading to the same.

Your Petitioners respectfully pray your Honorable House will adopt measures for finding out and surveying the best line of road from Pattersonia Rivulet to the Great Forester's and Ringarooma Rivers.

That, so soon as that part of the Island is opened out by a practicable Road, it will be of equal importance as a settled district towards the benefit of the Revenue and the Town of Launceston as the western country towards Deloraine is now to Launceston, and is therefore most desirable to be opened out to the Settlers by the shortest road available.

That your Petitioners consider the first thing necessary is to form a correct survey of the various creeks and valleys dividing the Pattersonia Rivulet from the Great Forester's River, so as to ascertain the most available line of road through that part of the country.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

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J. Aikenhead.
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William Johnston.
Richard Rundle.
James Kennedy.

Harry Young.
Robert Young.
Edmund Lord.
Robert Jones.
John Johnston.
James Smith.
William Peter.
William Smith.
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Samuel Jones, ×
mark
John Youl.
For Richard Youl, John Youl.
his
Thomas Windsor, ×
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