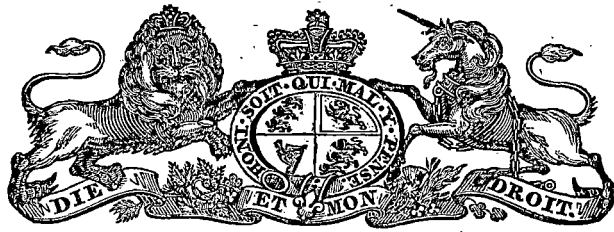


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Presented by Mr. Balfe; and ordered by the House to be printed, 18 September,  
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*To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Settlers and Residents in the vicinity of the River Cam, North West Coast.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT by Act of Parliament, entitled "Public Works Bill," a sum of £1200 was set apart for the construction of a Tramway through the Settlement at the Cam River.

That for reasons, which it is not necessary here to state, the work, beyond the survey, has not been proceeded with; and your Petitioners now learn, with regret, that many of the works included in the before-mentioned Public Works Bill are to be abandoned.

That your Petitioners respectfully request that the Cam Tramway may not be included in the list of public works which they are informed are about to be abandoned, inasmuch as many of your Petitioners have made improvements on their properties with a view to this work proceeding; and some, who before the passing of this Bill intended leaving the Colony, were induced to remain, trusting to the good faith of your Honorable House to see that this work would be carried out.

That the abandonment of this work would amount, in the cases of the before-mentioned persons, to damage and injury caused by your Honorable House in permitting such abandonment.

That your Petitioners are aware that a Bill, entitled "A Bill to facilitate the Construction of Public Works," is to be submitted to the consideration of your Honorable House.

That they beg to represent that the provisions of this Bill, as regards this Settlement, would be impracticable, inasmuch as it would be unjust to require the Settlers here to rate themselves, without contribution from the Government, to improve and enhance the value of Crown lands in the vicinity; and that the Settlers in the front being more numerous than those in the rear of the Settlement, it could not be expected that they would voluntarily rate themselves to increase the facilities and make more valuable the lands of those further back.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully protest against the abandonment of the Cam Tramway; and are of opinion that any further delay in the construction of this work is detrimental to the Settlers and Settlement, and will tend to depreciate and render unsaleable the Crown lands in the vicinity.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

*River Cam, Devon, 10th September, 1867.*

[Here follow 15 Signatures.]