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MAIN LINE RAILWAY.

PETITION FROM OATLANDS.

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Presented by Mr. James Lord, September 9, 1869, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly and the Members of  
the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Municipal District of Oatlands.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners observe with alarm that the Report of the Railway Engineers favours a Main Line of Railway approaching not nearer to Oatlands than a distance of four miles.

That many of your Petitioners have purchased properties at the Town of Oatlands from the Crown, with the impression that such town would remain and be the centre of population in this Municipal District.

That your Petitioners feel sure that these properties, with other properties, and all the improvements thereon, will be materially reduced in value in consequence of a Railway passing so near to Oatlands as at four miles distance without such line goes through the Town of Oatlands.

That your Petitioners believe that the increased amount of traffic gained to the Railway provided the line runs through the town will pay the interest of any extra cost (should there be any) consequent upon such diversion of the at present favoured line.

That your Petitioners draw your attention to the fact that some of the worst country in Tasmania lies near the favoured route between Strathallan Creek and the shores of Lake Tiberias; whereas a line passing near the Main Line of Road, and touching in its route the country parts of Bagdad, Spring Hill, and Jericho, and the Towns of Green Ponds and Oatlands, would improve some of the oldest and most valuable properties in Tasmania.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable House will enact (if a Main Line of Railway through Tasmania be determined on) that such line shall include the Town of Oatlands and the southern settled parts of Tasmania near the Main Line of Road between Hobart Town and Launceston in its route.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 45 Signatures.]