

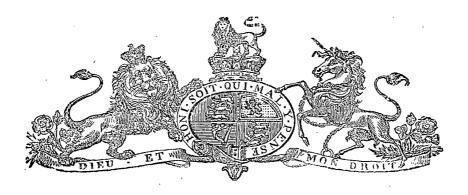
1863.

## TASMANIA. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## LAUNCESTON AND DELORAINE RAILWAY.

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the Council to be printed on July 14, 1863.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Landowners in the vicinity of Launceston.

## RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

First. That your Petitioners have learned with alarm that a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House to construct a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine; and, for that purpose, proposing that all private lands within certain Districts shall be pledged as a re-guarantee to the Government or Company for payment of interest on the amount spent, and as a rest fund.

Second. That the estimates and traffic returns upon which the Railway calculations are based are most questionable, and require careful examination before being adopted and acted upon; as it has been shown by some evidence, and careful calculations, that an annual loss of at least from £12,000 to £18,000 might probably arise.

Third. That the Promoters of the scheme, if they are so certain of the work being reproductive as to pay interest and working expenses, are not justified in calling upon private property to re-guarantee their losses,—the work, we consider, being for the benefit of a certain locality, and affecting the value of lands very differently according to situation.

Fourth. That no other Railway has ever yet been constructed upon a re-guarantee from the District for the interest or capital expended in its construction; and we hold such re-guarantee to be only an inducement to a lavish, reckless, and extravagant expenditure and management: and your Petitioners most emphatically deny the right of a private Company thus to take their lands in pledge for such a purpose. The traffic returns and tolls of the line of Railway should be its only safety and guarantee for its economical and proper construction and management, especially as the Promoters are so satisfied and assured of its success.

Fifth. We hold that a work of this nature can be carried out properly and economically with satisfaction only when the Promoters and Directors of such are largely interested in the economical construction and working of the same; and large land-holders of the District and others, under this scheme, are the exception.

Sixth. That a uniform rate on all lands of the several Districts would be most unjust, as some lands will not be in the least benefitted, others increased in value, and others depreciated; therefore a uniform, or any rate guaranteed, is not the correct principle to proceed upon.

Seventh. That, when the Railway was first projected, it was supposed that many of the land-holders would have subscribed largely in shares; and, until a recent period, a guarantee or a re-guarantee of interest on the private property of the District was never mentioned by its projectors: and this circumstance your l'etitioners deem a most material departure from just and sound principles to construct and afterwards maintain such works.

Eighth. That many of us have no confidence in some of the Promoters of the Railway; and, if it is carried out, it should be entirely at their own risk and on the security of the Railway itself, or at the risk and under the sole control of the Colonial Government, and all officers responsible to the same.

Ninth. That when the Railway fares are levied, at the discretion of the Promoters, upon those using the line, we hold that the property in the District should not be called upon to re-guarantee any deficiency: and we object to this Bill, as it is not in accordance with the Report of the Regulations of the Committee of the Two Houses of Parliament; and we pray that the said Bill may not pass into law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

	Amount of Land. Area in Acres.	Town Pro- perty and Houses in Value.		Amount of Land. Area in Acres.	Town Pro- perty and Houses in Value.
	ACRES.	£		ACRES.	£
James Cox, Clarendon	22,000		W. Bull	:	4000
Edward Dumaresq	3300		Charles Young, his x mark		303
George Stancombe	2000 .		John Heed	}	800
Richard Saggers	131	٠	Joseph Cartwright		400
D. Cameron	12,200	7000	A. M'Donald	• • •	100
Thos W. Field		8000	T. Nightingale, his x mark	1	2000
James Scott	690	1000	James Hely		200
William Lawrence, by J.	050		John Wilson		1000
Scott, his Attorney, by			George Pickford		300
special authority	10,800		Frederick Slater		300
Daniel Rundle	10,000	1200	W. King	l !	1000
James Keane	6810		Jonathan Ives		7000
Jesse Duckett	10	700	James Matthews		1500
Frederick Bushby	P	400	George Glenwright	i I	1000
A. Stewart	4060	13,500	Thomas Dryden	1000	
John Carter		10,000	John Gatenby	6000	
Joshua Joseph, by J. Carter	•• :	6000	John Pearson	1000	1500
Donald Macqueen		4000	R. Cameron	6400	
Charles Richards		300	George Cellsy	3000	
	••	3000	John Williatt	8000	
Elizabeth Young	• • •	100	Elizabeth Brumby	150	
Robert Callow	••	200	William Brumby	150	
Tames Kannedy		1000	Fr. Kawarzik		3000
James Kennedy	•••	2000	Charles Chilcott	1400	
		200	Josiah Pitcher	1130	1000
W. M. Dean		3000	Robert Thrower		2000
Abrohom Pornett	•••	2000	George Griffiths	130	5000
Abraham Barrett		2000			1500
Joseph Clayton	50	500	H. Welman	14	4000
Thomas Webb, his × mark	}	5000	Joseph Briant John Lawrey		2000
W. Bryant	・・	500			300
George Charlton	950	1000	James Mayo		4000
Thomas Peck	350	1260	Joseph Clayton	250	2000
James Goodger	2700	400	John Dryden	170	600
Henry Hickson		2000	William Barnett	1.0	4000
Joshua Peck	225		Wm. Sidebottom	73	9000
Samuel Hurd	16	300 #000	Thomas Fall	55	200
Thomas Moore	150	5000		1	12
James Ross	370	7000	G. T. Matthews	•••	$2\overline{50}$
George Clear	••	1000	William Holmes Abraham Banks		600
Walter Deers	••	200		••	500
Charles Kerslake	••	.550	Joseph Bruff	150	200
W. Marriott	••	50 700	Ann Hortle		~00
Thomas Butcher	.: 40	500	Peter A. Brumby	150) 150	
F. J. Houghton	140	3800	Samuel Brumby		
Ephraim Digby		600	Mansfield Brumby	150	1000
E. P. Tregurtha	425		Robert Thirkell	2500	1000
W. H. Richards	i i	400	George Thirkell	6500	•
William Johnson		800	Henry Stevenson	11,000	1000
John Shields	• • • • •	500	George Thomas Scott, by	30	1000
Alexander Hill	1044		J. Scott, his Attorney	·	