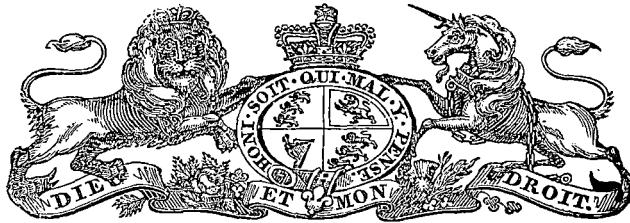


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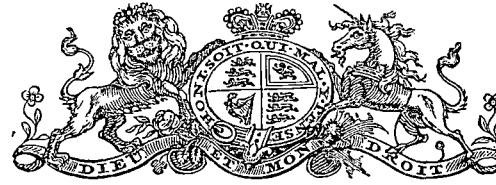


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COST OF RAILWAYS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS
COMPARED ON BASIS OF POPULATION AND
PROPERTY.

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TABULAR COMPARISON, on the basis of Population and Property, showing the Miles of Railway and the Amount for Construction which each of the Four Principal Divisions are equitably entitled.

DISTRICTS.*	Population, 31st Dec. 1889.	Property, Capital Value, 1889.	Railways Working, in course of construction, or Proposed.	Railway Construction. Amount entitled to on the basis of			Miles of Railway entitled to on basis of Population and Property.	Railways Working or already authorised.		Districts now over or under Standard.			
				Population.	Property.	Mean.		Miles.	Cost.	Miles.		Amount.	
										Over.	Under.	Over.	Under.
	No.	£	£	£	£	£			£			£	£
North-Western Districts	39,617	5,756,246	894,346	1,011,211	1,012,459	1,011,835	138	107	894,346		31	..	117,489
North-Eastern Districts*	21,440	2,791,810	907,308	547,248	491,103	519,175	71	93	592,308	22	..	73,133	..
<i>Total Northern Districts*...</i>	61,057	8,548,056	1,801,654	1,558,459	1,503,562	1,531,010	209	200	1,486,654	..	9	..	44,356
South-Western Districts	12,245	1,823,819	474,306	312,549	320,835	316,692	43·3	41·5	331,306	..	1·8	14,614	..
South-Eastern Districts*	33,836	5,175,334	458,700	863,652	910,263	886,958	121·2	15	58,700	..	106·2	..	828,258
<i>Total Southern Districts*...</i>	46,081	6,999,153	933,006	1,176,201	1,231,098	1,203,650	164·5	56·5	390,006	..	108	..	813,644
TOTAL OF FOUR DIVISIONS*	107,138	15,547,209	2,734,660	2,734,660	2,734,660	2,734,660	373·5	256·5	1,876,660	..	117	..	858,000

* To make the comparison as fair as possible, the Main Line and Parattah Branch are excluded. The Cities of Launceston and Hobart are also excluded as regards Property and Population.

The broad conclusions to be drawn from the above analysis are :—

- 1st. That the Northern Districts have already received 200 miles of the 209 to which they have a claim on the basis of Population and Property; and that similarly they have received the sanction of Parliament to £1,486,654 of the £1,531,010 to which they have a claim.
- 2nd. That the Southern Districts, although they have on similar grounds a claim for 164·5 miles of railway, and an amount of £1,203,650, there have only been granted as yet 56·5 miles (or little more than a third) and only £390,006 out of £1,203,650, being 108 miles and £813,644 less than these Districts are entitled to on the basis already named.

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9th September, 1890.

TABULAR STATEMENT showing the Cost of existing and proposed Railways in the Scottsdale, Derwent, and Huon Districts, together with estimated Cost if all the Districts received the same proportion as the Scottsdale on the basis of Population and Property.

DISTRICTS.	Population, 1889.	Property Value, 1889.	Estimated Cost of Existing and Proposed Lines.			Total Cost on Scottsdale Line.		Proportional amount for each System if based upon the rate per 1000 persons and per £1000 property as upon Scottsdale Line, on the basis of—		
			Existing.	Proposed.	Total.	Per 1000 persons.	Per £1000 property.	Population.	Property.	Mean Population and Property.
Scottsdale System	No. 7450*	£ 1,333,914	£ 389,497	£ 315,000	£ 704,497	£ 94,551	£ 528·1	£ 704,497	£ 704,497	£ 704,497
Huon Railway	9944†	1,054,530	Nil.	400,000	400,000	...	...	940,217	556,861	748,539
Derwent Valley Railway	7206	840,298	218,251	143,000	361,251	...	...	600,705	443,746	522,225
	24,600	3,228,742	607,748	858,000.	1,465,748	...	...	2,245,419	1,705,104	1,975,261

* Suburban population of Launceston excluded—viz., Trevallyn and Invermay.

† Suburban population of Hobart excluded—viz., Queenborough.

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