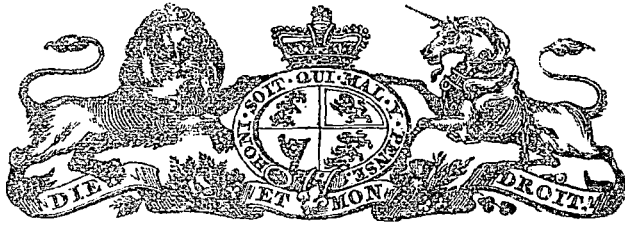


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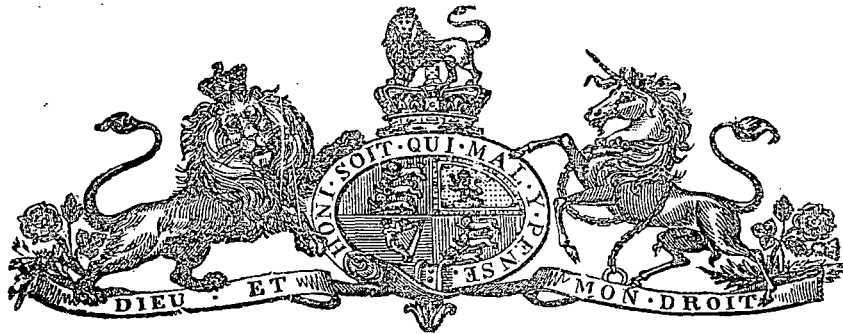
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P E T I T I O N F R O M G R E E N P O N D S R E S P E C T I N G T H E R O U T E .

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Presented by Mr. Butler, August 27, 1869, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of the Property-holders, Tradesmen, Ratepayers, and others residing in the Municipality of Green Ponds, in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THE injury that would be inflicted upon them by constructing a Main Line of Railway from Hobart Town to Launceston passing along the route now surveyed through Jerusalem, traversing, as it does, a comparatively barren and thinly populated country, and far away from the more populous and fertile Districts contiguous to the Main Line of Road, where large sums of money have been expended on properties which have been made valuable by private capital and enterprize, and now contribute largely to the local rates and General Revenue.

The benefit that would accrue to the Districts of Broadmarsh, Tea Tree, Hamilton, Hunting Grounds, Bothwell, and Green Ponds, by adopting a Line near the Main Road, whereby all these Districts would be brought within reach of the Railway, would partake of its benefits, and greatly increase its receipts by adding largely to the passenger and goods traffic, to the manifest advantage of the Government, and relief of those who will of necessity be taxed to provide for the cost of construction and maintenance of a Railway.

And your Petitioners are therefore led to express a hope that, in the event of a Main Line of Railway being constructed from Hobart Town to Launceston, no route will be adopted that does not pass very near to the present Main Road between those two places.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

*[Here follow 12 Signatures.]*