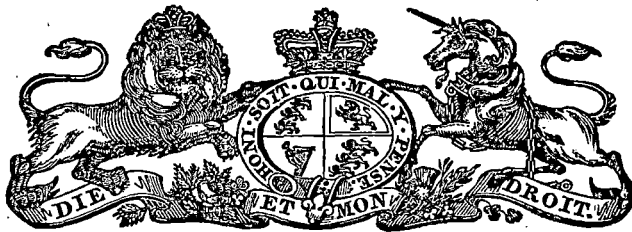


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1878.

TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MERSEY AND DELORAINÉ TRAMWAY:

PETITION.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 12, 1878.



*To His Excellency the Governor, Commander-in-Chief and
Vice-Admiral of Tasmania, C.M.G.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE Petition of the undersigned Landowners and Inhabitants of the Parishes of Kentishbury and Dulverton, in the County of Devon.

HUMBLY SHOWETH—

That Petitioners are principally of that class generally known as settlers, who have, by their perseverance and industry, surmounted most of the difficulties incidental to such, but are totally unable to provide suitable road accommodation.

That hitherto all our efforts have been directed in obtaining access from our different locations to the Mersey and Deloraine Tramway Company's Station at Redwater Creek or Railton, and from thence along the Company's line to Latrobe, our seaport and market town.

That the Tramway Company's line, through neglect or want of repairs, is no longer able to sustain the heavy traffic.

Petitioners believe that they are equitably entitled to a much larger expenditure of public money for road purposes than they have hitherto received.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will, by and with the advice and consent of your Executive Council, cause to be placed on the Estimates such a sum as will be sufficient to construct a macadamised road from Sheffield to Railton.

At a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Kentishbury and the surrounding districts, held at the *Sheffield Inn* on Thursday the 1st August, 1878, it was proposed by Mr. W. R. Jones—

“That a Petition be forwarded to the Governor in Council praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates sufficient to purchase the Mersey and Deloraine Railway, and complete the same for traffic.”

Seconded by Mr. R. Pease: carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. W. Jackson—

“That a further request be made for having placed on the Estimates a sum sufficient to construct a macadamised road from Sheffield to Railton, as the district is totally unable to provide road accommodation, certain parts of the main road being impassable.”

Seconded by Mr. J. Hope: carried unanimously

[Here follow 71 Signatures.]

Lands and Works Office, 13th August, 1878.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and by him referred to Ministers to be dealt with, praying that His Excellency would, with the advice of the Executive Council, cause to be placed on the Estimates such a sum as would be sufficient to construct a macadamised road from Sheffield to Railton.

In reply I have to acquaint you that the matter shall receive the consideration of the Government.

I have, &c.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN,
Minister of Lands and Works.

*Messrs. ROBERT MANLEY, ALEX. TURNBULL,
JNO. ROBERTSON, B. S. OPPENHEIM, and others, Kentishbury.*

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