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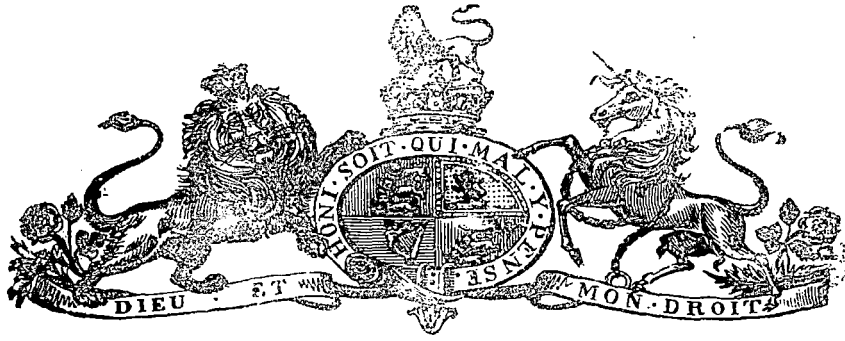
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H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

HAMILTON RAILWAY LINE:

PETITION FOR A SURVEY.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 3, 1881.



To His Excellency SIR JOHN HENRY LEPROY, *K.C.M.G., C.B.*, Acting Governor,
and Commander-in-Chief, &c.

The Petition of the undersigned,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are Landholders in the District of Hamilton, and many of them are purchasers of selections of from 50 to 320 acres under the 24th Section of "The Waste Lands Act."

That your Petitioners have good grounds for believing that a Railway from Bridgewater to Hamilton, securing the traffic of the rich agricultural district of Macquarie Plains, together with that of the yearly extending settlements on the western side of the Derwent and north of the Ouse, if constructed at a cost approximating to that estimated by the Engineer-in-Chief,—namely, £200,000, including rolling stock,—would probably in a few years after its completion pay both interest on cost of construction and working expenses. That such a Line of Railway would certainly benefit the Land Revenue of the Colony, by enhancing the value of a large area of Crown Lands and promoting settlement thereon, and would also be on the direct line of route to the known mineral deposits in the western portion of the Island.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Excellency, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1882 a sum sufficient to provide for an Engineering Survey of such Line of Railway.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 130 Signatures.]

Lands and Works Office, Hobart, 2nd August, 1881.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, and referred to Ministers to be dealt with, praying "that His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1882 a sum sufficient to defray the cost of an Engineering Survey of a Line of Railway from Bridgewater to Hamilton."

In reply, I have to inform you that the matter will receive due consideration at the hands of the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

C. O'REILLY, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

*Messrs. T. C. H. MARZETTI, HENRIC NICHOLAS,
WILLIAM EYLES, GEO. NICHOLAS, and others,
Landholders of the District of Hamilton,
signing the Petition.*

SIMILAR Petition from New Norfolk, with 52 Signatures, and reply.

SIMILAR Petition from Macquarie Plains, with 27 Signatures, and reply.