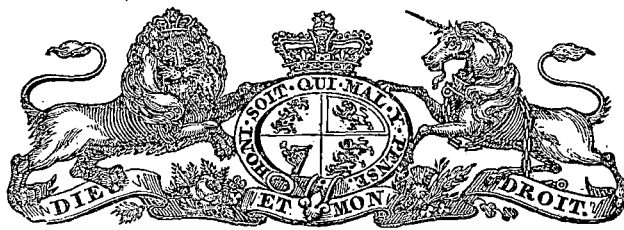


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NATIONAL RAILWAY POLICY

PETITION FROM CITIZENS OF HOBART TOWN AND COLONISTS
OF TASMANIA.

Presented by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed,
August 4, 1868.



To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Governor in Council.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Citizens of Hobart Town and Colonists of Tasmania.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners feel assured that the time has arrived for the introduction of a judicious scheme of Railways in Tasmania, and that further delay on the part of the Legislature in adopting a National Railway Policy must very seriously retard the best interests of this Colony, by withholding from it the only practical and universally recognised means of stimulating progress and encouraging enterprise.

That your Petitioners believe that the introduction of a National Railway Policy should have for its primary object the construction of a Line of Railway which shall connect Hobart Town and Launceston.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary steps for initiating a National Railway Policy, by which the Northern and Southern Capitals may be more closely connected, and the material interests of the Colony advanced by increasing the facilities for developing its natural resources.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[*Here follow 3943 Signatures.*]