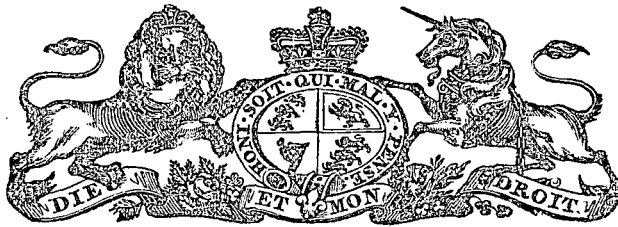


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PROSSER'S RIVER ROAD.

PETITION FROM BUCKLAND AND TRIABUNNA.

Presented by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed, August 11,
1865.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Tasmania.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Landholders and Inhabitants residing in the neighbourhood of Buckland and Triabunna.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have heard with alarm that it is proposed to expend Public Money in constructing a Bridge across the mouth of Prosser's River, with a view to open up a line of road along the south side of that river.

That your Petitioners desire to represent to your Honorable House that, from the situation of the proposed bridge, it must be of great span and very expensive in its construction; while any road on the south side of the river will have to pass through a marsh of the width of at least a quarter of a mile, which is inundated and impassable in time of flood. The proposed road will also (as it is believed) avoid the Township of Buckland, where many township allotments of Crown Land have recently been sold, to the great injury of the purchasers of such allotments.

That your Petitioners, while stating the above serious objections to the contemplated bridge and road, are in a position to give strong reasons in favour of the construction of a road along the north side of the river, of which reasons they desire respectfully to mention the following :—

1. Such a road would only cross three small tributary streams of the Prosser's River, the substantial bridging of which would not cost in all more than £150.

2. A road once cut along the rocks on the north side would be permanent; whereas a bridge across the mouth of the river, subject to the perpetual action of tide and flood, could not be regarded as a durable work.

3. The whole cost of making the road on the north side of the river would not (as your Petitioners believe) exceed half the expense of constructing the proposed bridge alone.

4. The line along the north side of the river is already well known to travellers, and is the one which is always used by the Post Messenger in time of flood.

That your Petitioners, in stating these reasons for their preference for a road on the north side of the river, believe that they are supported by the general opinion of the great majority of the inhabitants.

That your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honorable House not to approve of any action which may tend to divert the road from the north side of the Prosser's River.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 21 Signatures.]