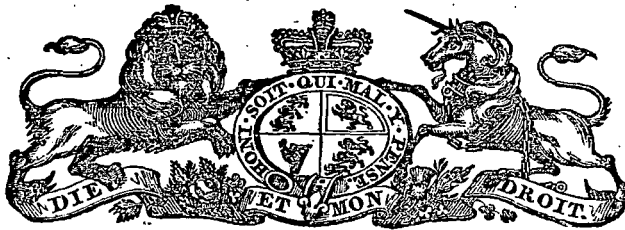


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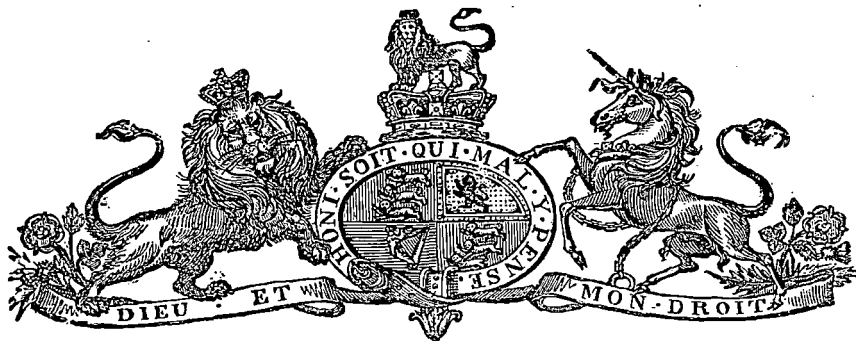
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

LAUNCESTON AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL GUARANTEE OF INTEREST.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Archer, September 21; and ordered by the Council
to be printed, September 22, 1869.



To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council.

The Petition of the undersigned Landed and House Proprietors in the Launceston and Western Railway District.

WHEREAS a Bill has been introduced into Parliament, at the instance of the Directors of the Launceston and Western Railway Company, to amend an Act authorising them to construct a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine under certain conditions: and whereas the said Directors are now applying to Parliament to grant a further sum to enable them to complete the said Railway, on the same conditions on which they obtained the loan of £300,000, the attainment of which will entail upon the Railway District an additional Rate for the Interest that will accrue upon the borrowed money:

Your Petitioners beg respectfully to represent that the money now applied for is for the sole benefit of a private company; and therefore to tax the public, or a portion of the public, to meet the Interest on the further sum applied for, is not only contrary to law but opposed to the principle and spirit of the British Constitution.

Your Petitioners, therefore, respectfully and confidently appeal to your Honorable House not to sanction the imposition of such an unjust impost upon a community struggling with adversity, and overburdened with taxation.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 27 Signatures.]