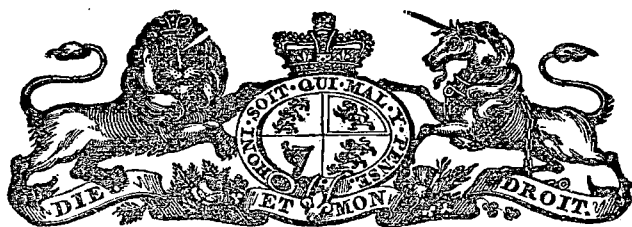


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PETITIONS FOR ROAD TO THE WATERHOUSE DIGGINGS;
ALSO TO PATERSONIA, SCOTTSDALE, AND RINGAROOMA.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, September 28, 1869; and ordered
by the House to be printed.



To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies, &c.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Launceston and its vicinity.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the rapid development of the Gold Field near Scottsdale, known as the "Waterhouse Reefs," and the great progress made in the settlement of Scottsdale and Ringarooma, make it more than ever desirable that a good means of communication should be established as early as possible between Launceston and these places by the shortest and most direct route.

That the Government has already expended considerable sums on the road by Patersonia and Springfield as being the best and most direct route, but has left said road unfinished and only available for horse traffic.

That said road passes principally through Crown land, and the funds available to be expended by the North Esk Road Trust are utterly inadequate to complete it.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that steps may be taken to complete, during the ensuing summer, the two unfinished sections of the said road; viz.—that between Tucker's Corner and Upper Patersonia, and that between Patersonia Township and the Paterson's Plains Road, so as to render them available for carts.

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

[Here follow 288 Signatures.]

To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.

Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants of Patersonia, Scottsdale, and Ringarooma.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Road leading from Scottsdale to Patersonia, forming one of the Works under "The Public Works Act, 1865," is still in an unfinished state, and unfit for cart traffic.

That about eight miles of sideling hill have been cut from four to six feet in width only, and part of the level ground is full of stump holes and impassable for a cart. That the traffic being thus confined to horses and foot passengers only, the cleared roadway is fast growing up, and in its present incomplete state is of very little benefit to the Districts.

That your Memorialists have had an estimate made of the cost of completing the line, and find that it can be done for the sum of £3500.

That your Memorialists believe that the completion of the road would lead to the occupation of a large area of Crown Lands.

That your Memorialists have taken and improved much land in these Districts in anticipation of these roads being completed as intended by "The Public Works Act, 1865," but that, at present, being cut off from direct traffic with Launceston, they do not derive the advantages promised.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that Your Excellency in Council will be pleased to include the completion of this road in any scheme for completing other Public Works.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

[Here follow 97 Signatures.]

Scottsdale, 1st June, 1869.

ESTIMATE of the Cost of completing the Patersonia and Scottsdale Road, from the 17th half mile to Tucher's Corner,—a distance of about 16 miles.

I hereby declare that I have carefully examined this Road, and estimate that the sum of £3500 will complete the Road for cart traffic, the work being done in the same manner as the Road from Scottsdale to Ringarooma.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

To His Excellency the Honorable CHARLES DU CANE, Governor of Tasmania and its Dependencies, and the Honorable the Executive Council.

The humble Petition of Residents on the Upper Piper's River and its vicinity, County Dorset.

HEARING that Your Excellency's Government intend making a road to Waterhouse from Launceston, beg respectfully to point out that the Piper's River Road would not only have the advantage of being considerably shorter but offer less engineering difficulties for road-making than any other line, that it was surveyed by Mr. Hall, and scrubbed as far as Bridport.

Tenders being advertised to repair that part of the road which leads off the George Town Road distant about 2½ miles from Launceston: when repaired this will make about 10 or 12 miles of finished road crossing the Piper's River, and is in the right line for Waterhouse Diggings.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully recommend the Piper's River route for your favourable consideration.

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

[Here follow 217 Signatures.]

To His Excellency the Honorable CHARLES DU CANE, Governor of Tasmania and its Dependencies, and the Honorable the Executive Council.

The humble Petition of Miners and Residents in the District of George Town.

HEARING that Your Excellency's Government intend making a Road to Waterhouse from Launceston through the Patersonia District, we, the undersigned, would humbly advise that the said road be made through that part known as "Hall's Track," it being much shorter and easier of access. At present it is only passable for foot travellers and those on horseback. It has been surveyed and cut fifteen feet wide all the way.

Trusting the above will receive your kind consideration, your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 59 Signatures.]

To His Excellency the Honorable CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania, in Council assembled.

WE, the undersigned Landholders and Residents in the District of Ringarooma, humbly petition your Honorable House to grant and cause to be set apart a sum of money not exceeding Four hundred Pounds for the purpose of erecting a bridge over the Ringarooma River which leads to the largest portion of the District; and being the greater part of the year impassable to vehicles of any kind, and dangerous to ford on horseback a great portion of the winter; therefore, if sickness or accident should occur to any member of our families we should be deprived of any medical assistance, as no medical man would risk his life in crossing in the winter season. Moreover, we most respectfully submit that all the minor rivers and creeks are bridged over, and that the Ringarooma would also have been included but from statements by persons unacquainted with the nature of the river at all seasons of the year.

Therefore your Petitioners most humbly pray that your most Honorable House will grant the Petition prayed for.

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

[Here follow 7 Signatures.]

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GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.