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MAIN LINE RAILWAY:

PETITION FROM BOTHWELL AS TO ROUTE.

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Presented by Mr. Gellibrand, October 10; and ordered by the Council to be printed, October 15, 1873.



*To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

WE, the Inhabitants of the District of Bothwell, respectfully urge upon your Honorable House a change in the proposed Route of the Main Line Railway, upon the various grounds set forth in this our Petition.

1st. Not being the contracted Route; leaving the existing centres of population—Stock and Agricultural Districts, thereby losing a traffic return of from twelve to fifteen thousand pounds per annum, a sum equal to two and a half per cent. upon the stipulated cost; in addition to which the large additional annual cost of working the proposed Line by way of Jerusalem.

Besides the large additional cost upon all Goods necessary for supplying the various Districts which are left out of reach of the present Line, amounting to at least two thousand tons from the tradespeople of Hobart Town alone,—thereby increasing an additional cost upon the Goods so supplied of four thousand pounds,—as well as the necessary additional cost of bringing to market the surplus produce of the agricultural land, and the supply of live stock.

We would therefore respectfully urge upon your Honorable House, that when the Report of the Committee upon the Main Line Railway is laid before you, you will find, in addition to all we have here set forth, sufficient grounds for your Honorable House being justified in giving the Executive full power to enter into any arrangement with the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company which would prove beneficial to the Colony.

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

*[Here follow 33 Signatures.]*