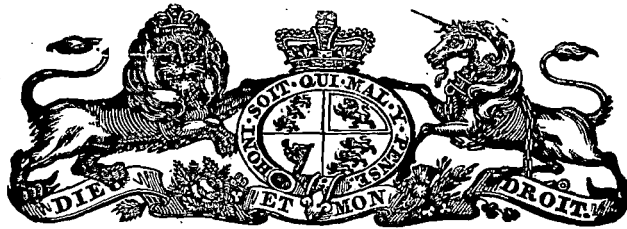


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

EMU BAY:

PETITION FOR ROADS.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 23, 1880.



*To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS SMITH, Knight, Administrator of the
Government of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Emu Bay and vicinity.

SHOWETH :

THAT, because there is no public road available for traffic between Emu Bay and Mount Bischoff, all passengers and goods are carried by the Van Diemen's Land Company.

That the goods traffic from Emu Bay to Mount Bischoff on the tramway is about 1500 tons per annum, and the passenger traffic is considerable; the down carriage to Emu Bay being 3000 tons.

That a road was cleared from Emu Bay to Mount Bischoff, and used for traffic; but since the opening of the tramway in July, 1877, it has, by reason of there being no Trustees to look after it, and no funds available for clearing it, become impassable.

That for want of a road the public are entirely dependent on the Van Diemen's Land Company for the carriage of goods between Emu Bay and Mount Bischoff, and great delay is experienced in the transit.

That the inhabitants of Emu Bay and vicinity, and also the inhabitants of Mount Bischoff, suffer great loss and inconvenience owing to the extreme rates of carriage charged by the Van Diemen's Land Company.

That the opening of the road from Emu Bay to Mount Bischoff, and fitting it for light traffic, would not necessitate a large expenditure.

That a considerable amount of money has already been expended on the road by the several Mining Companies.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum of money for clearing and fitting for light traffic a road from Emu Bay to Mount Bischoff, and relieve your Petitioners from the disabilities they are under by reason of the monopoly the Van Diemen's Land Company possess of the carriage of goods and passengers between those places.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 82 Signatures.]

Emu Bay, 20th July, 1880.