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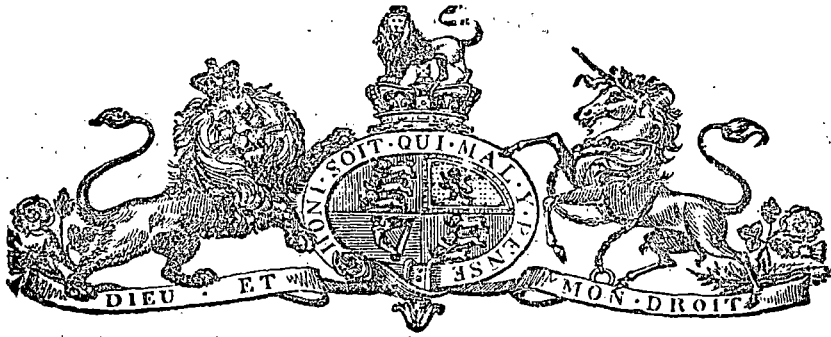
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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 20, 1870.



Latrobe, 29th August, 1870.

SIR,

In accordance with a Resolution passed at a Public Meeting held at Latrobe on the 25th instant, I have signed the enclosed Petition on behalf of the Meeting, and now have the honor to forward the same, and beg that you will lay it before His Excellency in Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HENRY ROCKLIFF,

Chairman of the Meeting.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Hobart Town.

To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esq., Governor of Tasmania, &c.

The humble Petition of the Undersigned.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners suffer great loss and inconvenience for the want of a passable road to Deloraine.

That your Petitioners hailed with pleasure the vote of £1000 for the purpose of opening up the road from Elizabeth Town to Latrobe.

That your Petitioners were glad to see that the contract had been entered into for clearing the said line of road.

That it is a fact of which your Petitioners are aware, that when this contract is completed and the whole of the £1000 expended the line of road will still remain impassable for traffic during the greater portion of the year.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that Your Excellency will, by and with the consent and advice of your Executive Council, be pleased to place such sum on the Estimates as will suffice to form and metal the road from Elizabeth Town to the Mersey Bridge at Latrobe.

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

HENRY ROCKLIFF, *Chairman of the Meeting held at Latrobe, 25th August, 1870.*

To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esq., Governor of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies, &c.

This humble Petition.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT Your Excellency's Petitioners beg to state that the adoption of the new line of road from Elizabeth Town to Latrobe is the most serious injury and severe loss to the Settlers residing on and near the old line of road that possibly could have been inflicted upon them, insomuch that the old line of road is now, owing to the determined opposition of the East Mersey Trustees, become impassible for any team to pass along in safety. Our Road Rates are being expended in the erection of new fences on the private properties of the said Trustees along the said new line of road, and the old main line of road is entirely abandoned by them, to our most serious detriment and injury.

It is now clearly discovered that it is almost impossible to make a road along the new line, except at a cost that would be at least four times as much as the cost would be to put the old line of road in a good state of repair. The money, £1000, was granted by the Government some time since for the repairs of the old main road. Of that sum £189 has been frittered away in useless surveys, and the remainder is nearly exhausted upon the new line in a most extravagant manner, without any benefit having been made or any good effected according to that purpose for which the Government first intended it.

Your Petitioners are now led to understand that the projectors of the new line of road have petitioned the Government for a second grant of public money to be expended on this line. We, your Petitioners, can assure Your Excellency that it will cause no public benefit if granted.

Your Petitioners most humbly pray that Your Excellency will not sanction the granting of a second sum of public money for this useless and unnecessary purpose, as it would only tend to benefit the few and injure the many.

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

[Here follow 19 Signatures.]