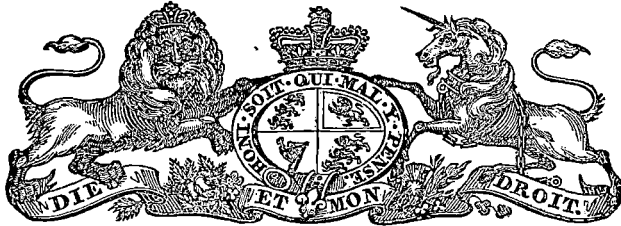


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GRANTS IN AID OF ROAD DISTRICTS.

PETITIONS AGAINST WITHDRAWAL FROM

1. Glamorgan and Cornwall. (*Mr. Innes.*)
 2. Longford. (*Mr. Archer.*)
 3. Westbury. (*Sir R. Dry.*)
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Presented, August 22; and ordered by the Council to be printed, August 23, 1865.



To the President and Members of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

GENTLEMEN.

THE Trustees of the Glamorgan and Cornwall Road District beg most respectfully to petition that you will not allow the Resolution of the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, having for its object the withholding of the Grants in Aid to Road Districts, to become law.

This District has been from the first establishment of Road-Districts always assessed at the highest rate allowed by the Road Act, has spared no pains to keep its roads and bridges in a creditable condition, and is now building an expensive bridge across an arm of the sea near Falmouth nearly 200 yards in length. The District has already suffered much by the carrying out of a similar measure in 1863, when extraordinary damage was sustained by the heavy floods of that year.

The Trustees therefore venture to hope that a measure so discouraging to the energies of the District, and so calculated to shake the public confidence in the promises and acts of the Government, will not be allowed to pass in your Honorable House.

We have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servants,

F. GROOM, *Chairman.*
ROBERT CLERK.
THOS. RANSOM.
JAMES GRANT, JUN. } *Trustees.*

21st August, 1865.

*The Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Trustees of the Longford Road District.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have been made aware of the intention to ask your Honorable House to assent to a measure which will have the effect of diverting from its purpose the Fund created under provisions of 86th Section of 27 Victoria, No: 22, to other uses.

That your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to withhold its assent from any measure having for its object the diversion of this Fund from its proper application as directed by the 87th Section of the same statute.

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

[*Here follow 6 Signatures.*]

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

The humble Petition of the Trustees and Ratepayers of the Road District of Westbury.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners view with alarm the projected withdrawal of the grant in aid of roads, as tending to retard the progress of the settled parts of the Colony, and to impose additional burdens upon the ratepayers to enable them to keep their roads in passable condition.

That with regard to this District the maximum rate has invariably been levied, and even with that most of our roads are next to impassable in winter.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will not sanction the withdrawal of the grant, but will take steps to preserve intact the provisions of the existing Waste Lands Act; and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 145 Signatures.*]