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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAIN LINE RAILWAY ROUTE:

**PETITION FROM INHABITANTS OF OATLANDS, GREEN PONDS,
AND HAMILTON.**

Presented by Mr. Maclanachan, October 14; and ordered by the Council to be
printed, October 15, 1873.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council, Tasmania.

WE, the inhabitants of the Districts of Oatlands, Green Ponds, Bothwell, and Hamilton, respectfully urge upon your Honorable House a change in the proposed route of the Main Line Railroad, 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 estimated at from £12,000 to £15,000 per annum, a sum equal to 2½ 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 £4000, as well as the necessary additional cost of bringing to market the surplus produce of the Agricultural land, and the supply of stock for the market.

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.

We therefore beg the concurrence of your Honorable House, and will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 81 Signatures.]