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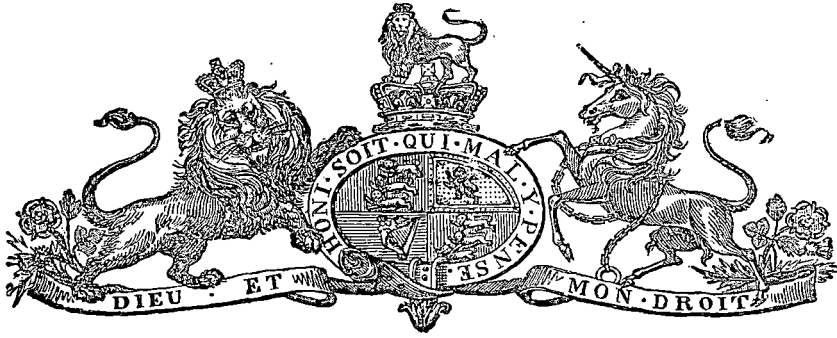
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P E T I T I O N.

DELORAINE RAILWAY.

Presented by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
5 August, 1862.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, now assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Landowners and Occupiers in the Northern part of Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have observed a Draft Bill is to be introduced to enable Commissioners to construct a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine.

That, by the said Draft Bill, it is proposed the Government should issue Debentures to the amount of £400,000, and guarantee the interest thereon, taking a re-guarantee for half the said amount from the Landowners of the Road Districts or Occupiers.

That the principle of the said Draft Bill is most dangerous to the best interests of the Colony, as we consider the Government should not undertake for one District what is not intended to be done in every other.

That no period is fixed when the guarantee of interest is to cease, which should not extend beyond Ten years, by which period the Railway ought to be self-supporting, if the calculations of the projectors are to be relied on.

That an unlimited guarantee of interest is an inducement to the most reckless and extravagant expenditure, both in the construction and management of the same.

That the Line of Railway proposed by Mr. Doyne does not include the advantages anticipated from the route originally proposed through the Agricultural Districts of Longford, Westbury, and Deloraine.

We therefore pray that the Bill, as proposed, may not pass into Law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

James Cox, landowner, 22,000 acres.
 Donald Cameron, ditto, 12,100 ditto.
 Henry Hopkins, ditto, 5774 ditto.
 M. Ralston, ditto, 5000 ditto.
 Alexander Rose, ditto, 3000 ditto.
 David Gibson, ditto, 2000 ditto.
 R. H. Bayles, ditto, 14,000 ditto.
 James Scott, ditto, 2000 ditto.
 John Williatt, ditto, 7800 ditto.
 A. Stewart, ditto, 4060 ditto.
 James Reid Scott, by his Attorney J. Scott,
 landowner, 7180 acres.
 George Taylor, landowner, 8000 ditto.
 John Whitehead, occupier, 1100 ditto.
 John Youl, landowner, 2700 ditto.
 Thomas Fall, ditto, 85 ditto.
 George Collins, ditto, 3100 ditto.
 William Marshman, ditto, 60 ditto.
 John Pearson, ditto, 1000 ditto.
 James Ross, owner and occupier, 3500 acres.

Robert Thirkell, landowner, 2300 acres.
 Alexander Hill, ditto, 1000 ditto.
 James Dunn, ditto, 160 ditto.
 Thomas Gee, ditto, 400 ditto.
 Joshua Peek ditto, 225 ditto.
 Richard Chugg, ditto, 430 ditto.
 Richard Saggars, ditto, 134 ditto.
 Charles Viney, his x mark, occupier of land,
 4000 acres.
 Charles Viney, junior, ditto, 60 ditto.
 John Littlejohn, his x mark, ditto, 100 ditto.
 Simon M'Gregor, ditto, 200 ditto.
 Charles Jacobs, ditto, 3700 ditto.
 Samuel North, his x mark, ditto, 637 ditto.
 Thomas Turner, ditto, 300 ditto.
 James Manning, junior, ditto, 120 ditto.
 James Manning, senior, ditto, 120 ditto.
 Henry Nichols, ditto, 36 ditto.
 James Thompson, ditto, 790 ditto.