

(No. 84.)



1864.

---

T A S M A N I A .

---

REPRODUCTIVE WORKS.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT.

---

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 19 August, 1864.



*ADDENDUM to Report on REPRODUCTIVE WORKS.*

---

*Southport, 25th July, 1864.*

SIR,

I BELIEVE the scheme of Reproductive Works will be most useful to the Colony. The proposed Works in this neighbourhood will pay well and quickly; and I think the Colony highly indebted to the present Ministry for bringing forward so good a measure.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN KENNEDY.

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*

---

*Southport, 25th July, 1864.*

SIR,

I THINK the scheme of Reproductive Works set forth will, if carried out, be more beneficial to the Colony than any measure hitherto promulgated by the Tasmanian Legislature.

In reference to Section 9, I should recommend that one line (Mr. Innes's) only be carried out at present; and when the land contiguous to that is partially occupied, that the other line (Mr. Hall's) be commenced, so as to avoid outlay until it is absolutely necessary.

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH GRAVES.

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*

---

*Port Esperance, 30th July, 1864.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Parliamentary Paper, No. 33, on Reproductive Works.

I beg to say that I most fully concur with the scheme for the construction of Tramways in the heavily timbered Districts; and with respect to this District in particular, I am of opinion that the proposed line from Dover to Walpole would be most advantageous,—opening up, as it would, a considerable portion of Crown Land of good quality, and containing large quantities of fine timber, as will be perceived on reference to the Report of Mr. John Watson, who spoke most favourably of that particular District.

With respect to the proposed lines between Port Esperance and Southport, I should certainly recommend the line known as "*Innes's Line*;" as it would open up a large area of splendid agricultural land, covered with an inexhaustible supply of the finest timber.

I have no doubt that the construction of such roads would conduce in a great degree to the settlement of a great class of working men. I allude more particularly to splitters and sawyers, who are at present suffering great inconvenience for want of such facilities of transport for their timber, the present roads being, during a great part of the year, practically impassable.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY STUBBS.

*To the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*

---

*Port Esperance, 26th July, 1864.*

SIR,

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of Parliamentary Paper on Reproductive Works. I think the measure will be productive of more good to the whole Colony than any which has been proposed since the introduction of Responsible Government.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JNO. WHOLAGAN.

*The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.*

---

*Strathblane, 22nd July, 1864.*

SIR,

I RECEIVED, per favour of Mr. Daldy, a copy of the Parliamentary Paper No. 33, for any remarks that I might forward thereon for your information.

That the work proposed for this District will be reproductive I have not the least doubt of, and also a great benefit to the community. Good roads is a want that has been long felt.

That a Tramroad would also further the agricultural interests the following fact will show:—Some years ago a few persons settled at Lightwood Bottom, now known as Honeywood; about two years afterwards I met one of them, he told me he thought they would have to give up,—for such was the state of the roads, it was nearly as much as the produce was worth to cart it to the place of shipment. As a last resource, a Company was formed, and a Tramway ran to it: since then it has become quite a flourishing little place, of which the Hon. Member for Franklin will be able to inform you.

Having been engaged in the timber trade upwards of fourteen years, I can with confidence say that the great drawback to the production of a good article has been the means of conveyance to the beach.

There are many places here that I have no doubt would go a-head quite as well, provided the same facilities were offered.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. N. ANDREWARTHA.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

---

*Honeywood, Huon, 19th July, 1864.*

MY DEAR SIR,

IN answer to your letter of the 14th instant, requesting me to let you know the views and opinions of the District on the Road Scheme, a copy of which came to hand with your letter, I beg to say that the general opinion in this District is, that previous to passing a Road Scheme the 42nd Clause of the Waste Lands Act should be altered, so that the Municipalities, Road Trusts, and Companies could lease timbered lands for a term of years, for the purpose of making new roads and extending existing ones, which would open up beds of timber to keep the splitters employed. Nos. 8 and 9 in the proposed Road Scheme, if carried out, will attract the timber producers from the

settled Districts, unless some general measure is adopted that will induce the opening up of the Road Districts that are not included in the Road Scheme; a severe loss will accrue not only to the District, but to those who at considerable expense have opened up beds of timber by means of Tramroads.

Yours truly,  
R. HILL.

J. D. BALFE, *Esq.*, *M.H.A.*

*Birch's Bay, 27th July, 1864.*

DEAR SIR,

I PERCEIVE by the newspapers that the Government are about to ask for £80,000 for Roads, &c. I also observe by Mr. Calder's letter to the Treasurer, and published in the *Mercury*, that the principal portion of this money is to be expended in the north. I think the present is the time to endeavour to obtain a grant for the road from Port Cygnet to the Sandfly Road. Mr. Calder, I see, mentions in the above letter incidentally, that when the Huon Road is continued to Franklin a branch ought to be extended to Port Cygnet.

Practically the Huon Road is now extended to Franklin, the Sandfly Road having its terminus on the bank of the River Huon immediately opposite that Town. I think that if the matter is properly brought under the notice of the Executive, and sufficiently pressed, there is but little doubt that we will obtain the grant.

In the Petition presented by yourself and Messrs. Cleburne, Perkins, and Tonkin to the Governor, two years ago, I went fully into the claim our locality has for consideration in this matter. I have no doubt but that Mr. Perkins has that Petition by him yet; and if so, I am sure he will look the matter up.

It is hardly necessary for me to bespeak your attention to this subject. You know as well as I do the great advantage to be derived by the public of Port Cygnet if direct communication with the Capital is established; and this road will be a boon not only to every person residing in the District, but will open up some good land, sufficient, I feel assured, to reimburse its cost.

I think the Treasurer's promptness regarding the jetties in the Channel, moved for by Mr. Perkins, is a good omen. I hope you will not fail to strike the iron while it is hot.

I shall be glad to hear from you if you have anything to communicate relating to our District; for although I am about to cease residing at Port Cygnet, I still retain my interest there, and shall be very glad indeed if I can be instrumental, even in the smallest way, in obtaining a recognition of the claims of that long and utterly neglected locality.

Yours truly,  
D. MACMILLAN.  
*Post Office Peppermint Bay.*

J. D. BALFE, *Esq.*, *M.H.A.*

P.S.—Since writing the above, I thought it as well to address a letter on the subject to Mr. Meredith. Perhaps you or Mr. Perkins might ask a question, whether the Treasurer had received a communication from Port Cygnet on the subject, and whether the Government intend to take any steps in the matter? I dated my letter to the Treasurer from Port Cygnet,

And in haste yours,  
D. MACMILLAN.

*Dover, 29th July, 1864.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I AM much obliged to you for forwarding the Paper on "Reproductive Works." I have put myself in communication with the several persons in this neighbourhood whose opinions may be considered of any value, and they all coincide with me in thinking that the Scheme is one which cannot fail to prove beneficial to the Colony.

Yours faithfully,  
HENRY J. DALDY.

J. D. BALFE, *Esq.*, *M.H.A.*

*Port Esperance, 29th July, 1864.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of ten copies of Parliamentary Paper No. 33, for distribution.

I have handed them to the several persons in this locality best qualified to judge of the subject to which they relate. I append a list of their names; and beg to say that the opinion unanimously entertained amongst them is, that the proposed Scheme, if carried out, would be the salvation of the Colony. I may add, that several of them agree with me in thinking that the commencement of the second line from Esperance to Southport (*i. e.* the Western Line), *prior to the partial settlement of the land in the vicinity of the line marked by Mr. Innes*, would not be required, and that the outlay of a considerable sum might thus be deferred and interest saved.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HENRY J. DALDY.

*The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.*

List of persons to whom papers were handed—

Mr. J. B. Boothman, Port Esperance.	Mr. J. C. Judd, Port Esperance.
Mr. J. Wholagan, ditto.	Mr. D. Chapman, ditto.
Mr. H. Stubbs, ditto.	Mr. Davis, ditto.
Mr. H. J. Daldy, ditto.	Mr. Kennedy, Southport.
Mr. J. Hoskins, ditto.	Mr. J. Graves, ditto.

*Musgrove, River Cam, 18th July, 1864.*

DEAR SIR,

I DULY received yours of 30th ultimo, since which Mr. Dooly, accompanied by Mr. Simmons our District Surveyor, and myself, proceeded to inspect the Government lands to be affected by proposed Tramway. I have every reason to believe that Mr. Dooly's Report will be favourable to our project; and I beg to express, on behalf of the settlers and myself, our grateful appreciation and thanks for your help in this matter.

I am glad to learn that it is in contemplation to amend the extension of Credit Clause in the Land Act, (35th Section). I find that many persons interested, especially those unaccustomed to construe Acts of Parliament, are under the impression that credit is allowed for three years to come after the 31st March, 1864, provided their instalment becomes due before that period, instead of three years in arrear. This idea, so favourable to their wishes, it is difficult to disabuse their minds of, and will cause trouble if not amended.

From my observation of the working of the Land Act, I am of opinion that the 30th Section (forfeiture) works badly for Settlement,—many persons being deterred and discouraged from settling on the land by the risk of losing, after two or three years' occupation, all the labour and capital expended, from their not being in a position, through bad crops or some other misfortune, to find cash for one year's instalment. I believe that the Agricultural Area System would work well, provided personal settlement were enforced; and that parties wishing to settle could select and occupy their lots at once, without delay in waiting for Land Sales, with the risk of some one bidding over them and getting the lots they had selected, which would give them their work and trouble over again,—thus expending time and capital which would be more advantageously expended on the land, and would perhaps, in many cases, prevent them settling at all.

Yours faithfully.

G. B. B. ELLIOTT.

R. B. MILLER, *Esquire, Attorney-General.*