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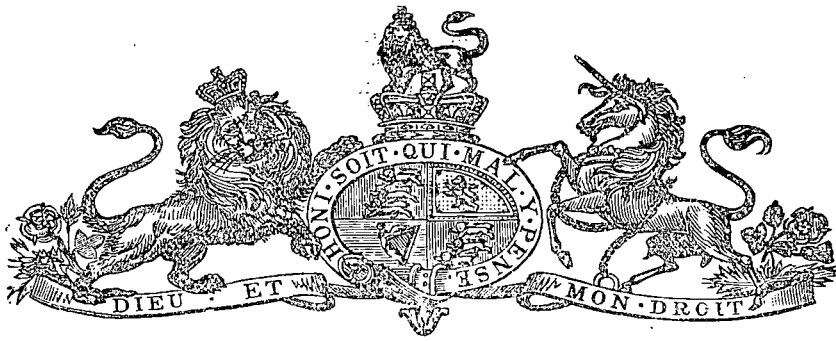
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

BELLERIVE-SORELL RAILWAY :

PETITION AGAINST PROPOSED ROUTE.

Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Featherstone.)

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, July 30, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, July 31, 1889.



Macquarie-street, Hobart, 5th July, 1889.

SIR,

Re Bellerive-Sorell Railway.

I HAVE the honor to forward through you to the Governor in Council, with a view to their ultimately being laid before Parliament, original Petitions, with signatures, in the above matter. I may just intimate that many more copies of the Petition are outstanding, and may yet be sent in; but from the fact of one of the principal prayers of the Petition having been anticipated by the question of the best route for the railway being held over for the reconsideration of Members of Parliament, the inhabitants of Clarence and others have relaxed their efforts to increase the number of the petitioners.

The people of Clarence are, however, unanimous in claiming the right and desirableness of the Line running through their own District, for the benefit not only of themselves, but of the community in general, as expressed in the Petition.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. W. WESTBROOK.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, Tasmania.

Macquarie-street, Hobart, 12th July, 1889.

SIR,

Re Bellerive-Sorell Railway.

On the 5th instant I forwarded to you, to be laid before His Excellency in Council, original Petitions from inhabitants of Clarence and elsewhere.

You have not yet done me the favour either by acknowledging the receipt of the documents, or of informing me whether the same have been laid before the Governor in Council.

I have, &c.

S. W. WESTBROOK.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works, Tasmania.

12th July, 1889.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of even date, I desire to express my regret at the omission to acknowledge receipt of Petitions *re* Bellerive and Sorell Railway recently forwarded by you. This omission occurred through sheer inadvertence, the Petitions in question having been forwarded to the Hon. the Premier to place before His Excellency immediately they were received. This was done at the meeting of the Executive Council on Monday last.

I have, &c.

ALFRED T. PILLINGER, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

S. W. WESTBROOK, *Esq., Solicitor, Hobart.*

MEMORANDUM.

IF the Bellerive-Sorell Railway ran through Clarence, *viâ* Rokeby, several healthy and pleasant resorts for the families of Hobart and suburbs could be easily and comfortably reached. Among these resorts may be included the beaches at Frederick Henry and Ralph Bays, which are now almost inaccessible by land. No more favourable attractions could be found in the Colony than would be afforded by the means referred to.

*To His Excellency SIR ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON,
Governor of Tasmania, in Council assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Tasman's and Forestier's Peninsulas, of Clarence, and of Hobart,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

That the present surveyed route for the Bellerive-Sorell Railway is unsuitable for the purpose, and is opposed to the general wishes of the community.

That if the line were carried through the District of Clarence, *viâ* Rokeby, it would add to advantages in regard to the Colony generally, and the defence thereof in particular, as also to the agricultural interests of Clarence and surrounding districts, and in respect of the health and recreation of the inhabitants of Hobart and of visitors from the neighbouring Colonies.

That if these advantages are not sufficiently assured to Your Excellency, your Petitioners desire that you will cause the proposed work to be suspended until these benefits shall have been made apparent to the Representatives of the people in Parliament assembled.

In the hope that Your Excellency will be pleased to give these matters full and favourable consideration,

Your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 320 Signatures.*]