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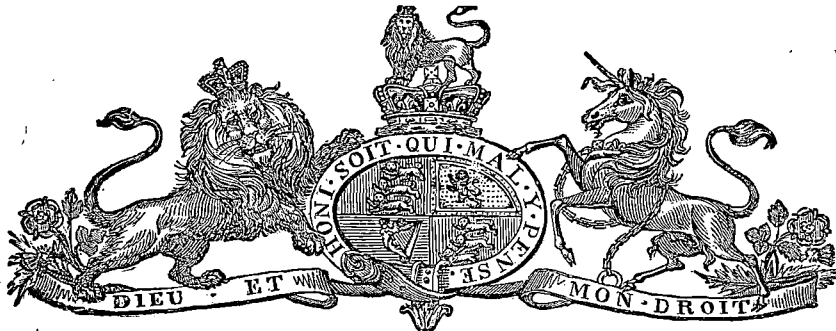
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P E T I T I O N

FROM GLAMORGAN TO THE GOVERNOR FOR THE FORMATION
OF A ROAD FROM SWANSEA TO CAMPBELL TOWN, WITH
COPIES OF REPLIES.

Laid on the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be
printed, 19 September, 1865.



*To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Captain-General
and Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Glamorgan.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT at the present time there exists no practicable road from the District of Glamorgan to any other part of the Colony.

That consequently travelling, conveying goods or produce, or driving stock (particularly fat stock), is attended with considerable risk.

That great pains have been taken, and a large sum from the funds of a former Road Trust has been expended, in ascertaining the most practicable and the shortest road to connect Swansea with the Main Line of Road from Hobart Town to Launceston.

That a good line of road has been marked out, cleared, and partly formed to the western boundary of the Glamorgan Road District, with a view of connecting Swansea with such Main Line of Road at Campbell Town.

That the Ratepayers of the Glamorgan Road District have frequently rated themselves at the maximum rate, and that a sum of Five hundred Pounds has been expended towards the formation and improvement of the above-mentioned road ; but this amount has proved quite inadequate for a work of such magnitude, extending as it does over a distance of nearly forty miles.

That large quantities of grain could, and probably would be grown on a considerable tract of land about twenty miles from Swansea, where only a very limited area has hitherto been cultivated, owing to the impossibility of conveying produce to the shipping place.

That extensive belts of valuable timber abound in the vicinity of the line indicated, which, from their position, are at present quite useless.

That fat stock, which are now with much difficulty and risk taken to market (through the absence of a road), could be produced to a greater extent if facilities for transport existed.

That Your Excellency's Petitioners are of opinion that if a road be made from Swansea to Campbell Town it will bring into the market a large tract of Crown Land which at present is scarcely approachable, and that the expenditure of a sufficient sum of money for this purpose would be a reproductive work. That, as a proof of the necessity of the work, your Petitioners would draw attention to the fact, that a large quantity of good Crown Land at Kearney's Bogs, which has already been surveyed, has not yet been sold, in consequence of the non-existence of a practicable road.

Your Petitioners therefore earnestly pray that Your Excellency will cause to be included in the

Scheme of Reproductive Works the sum of Four thousand Pounds for the purpose of making a road between Glamorgan and the Main Line of Road at Campbell Town.

And Your Excellency's Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 53 Signatures.]

Colonial Treasury, 2nd September, 1865.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two Petitions addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from yourselves and certain inhabitants of Glamorgan, the one praying that a sum of £4000 may be included in the Scheme of Reproductive Works for making a road between Glamorgan and the Main Line of Road at Campbell Town; the other, that a sum of £600 may be placed on the same Scheme for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Little Swanport River.

In reply, I beg to inform you that these Petitions shall be laid before His Excellency the Governor at an early opportunity.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES MEREDITH, *Colonial Treasurer.*

A. GRAHAM, and E. C. SHAW, *Esquires.*

Colonial Treasury, 15th September, 1865.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE now the honor to inform you that the Petitions from the Inhabitants of Glamorgan referred to in my Letter of the 2nd instant have been laid before the Governor in Council, and His Excellency directs that the Petitioners be informed that the works referred to in those Petitions shall receive consideration, but that as the Public Works Act has passed into law, no immediate action can be taken.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES MEREDITH, *Colonial Treasurer.*

A. GRAHAM and E. C. SHAW, *Esquires.*
