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P E T I T I O N

FROM INHABITANTS OF FRANKLIN AND VICTORIA IN  
FAVOUR OF THE FORMATION OF A ROAD TO, AND A  
BRIDGE OVER, THE HUON.

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Presented by Mr. Cleburne, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 18 December,  
1857.



*To the Honorable the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Franklin and Victoria, on the Huon, unanimously adopted at a numerous Public Meeting, convened by Requisition, and presided over by the Police Magistrate at Franklin, October 27th, 1857.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have observed with satisfaction that Ministers have stated it to be their intention to place on the Estimates for 1858 the sum of, at least, £5000 towards the construction of a Road from Hobart Town to the Huon River; and deem it right to state to your Honorable House that the various Settlements on the Huon River now contain a considerable population, and contribute a large proportion to the Colonial Revenue. That the Exports of this District in Timber are in value second only to that of Wool in the staple Exports of the Colony, besides a large amount of Agricultural produce, and of Fruit. That it contains Four Road Districts, numerous places of Worship, and Public Schools. Yet, although the Huon River is within 22 miles of Hobart Town in a direct line, there are no means of communication between the two places, excepting by Steam-boat running a distance of some 60 miles, or by a bush track which is almost impracticable even as a horse-road, and to traverse which requires from 6 to 7 hours of time. That, in order to fully demonstrate the practicability of a Road for vehicles between Hobart Town and the Huon, your Petitioners, at an expense of £300, have cut a track through the bush, which track has been since surveyed by Mr. Ballantyne, and reported on by Mr. Calder, as proving that a good Road may be constructed without more than the ordinary difficulty. That the proposed Road will lay open for Sale some 30,000 Acres of Agricultural and desirable Land, and a valuable tract of Timber Country, within 5 miles of Hobart Town. That your Petitioners would respectfully intimate that the Huon River, although one of the principal Rivers of the Island, is yet without a Bridge.

That your Petitioners would venture to call attention to the fact, that should the Unsettled Lands Bill, now before your Honorable House, pass into Law, the proposed Road would be the direct key to the large and valuable South-western District of the Island,—the only extensive District now unlocated within an easy distance of Hobart Town, in which it is proposed, in the above Bill, to grant and lease Land on liberal terms; and that a Road to, and a Bridge over, the Huon would greatly facilitate the settlement of the above-named District.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honorable House to give favourable consideration to any measure which may have for its object the formation of such Road and Bridge, and the settlement of the valuable tract of country embraced in the above-named Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed at the request and on behalf of the Meeting,

E. A. WALPOLE, *Chairman.*

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