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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEW NORFOLK BRIDGE.

PETITION AGAINST CONTINUANCE OF TOLLS.

Presented by Mr. Gellibrand, July 16; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 19, 1872.



To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council.

WE, the undersigned Residents of the District of New Norfolk, desire most respectfully to approach and inform your Honorable House that, on the 5th day of September, 1839, the then Legislature of the Colony passed an Act, intituled "An Act for the making, erecting, and maintaining a Bridge across the River Derwent in the Township of New Norfolk, in the County of Buckingham," empowering a Company to erect a Bridge, to levy Tolls, and retain possession of the said Bridge until the principal moneys, with interest thereon at the rate of Fifteen *per centum per annum*, and all expenses, costs, and charges incurred or sustained, shall be paid off and discharged.

That on the 21st day of September, 1840, the said Legislature passed an amendment of the above-recited Act; and amongst other things enacted that the said Bridge be thrown open to the public at the expiration of Thirty years from the 5th day of September, 1842, notwithstanding that the said principal moneys and interest, expenses, costs, and charges, or any of them, shall not be paid off or discharged.

That your Petitioners have learned with extreme surprise that a further amendment of the said Act has been introduced to your Honorable House, having for its object the retention by a portion of the Company of the said Bridge for a further period of Four years.

That the Tolls of the said Bridge have long been felt to be a most grievous tax, tending to fetter the agricultural and commercial interests as well as the general traffic of the District.

That the sum of £4718 is admitted to have been paid off on the 1st day of September, 1869; and that, since that date, a sum of upwards of £1100 has been received by the Company.

That the aforesaid Company are not entitled at the hands of the Legislature to further favour,—they not having complied with the provisions of the first-recited Act.

We therefore most earnestly pray that your Honorable House will refuse to allow the proposed amendment to become law.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 251 Signatures.]