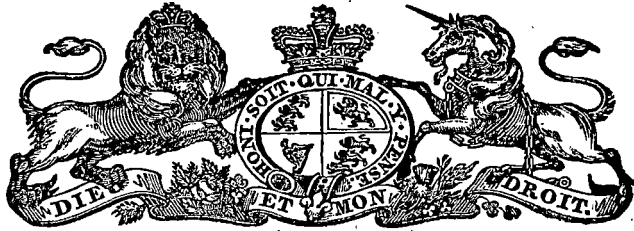


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H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

RAILWAY, DELORAINE TO MERSEY:

P E T I T I O N S.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 12, 1878.



To His Excellency FREDERICK ALOYSIUS WELD, Esq., C.M.G., Governor, Commander-in-Chief, and Vice-Admiral of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Launceston and Deloraine.

HUMBLY SHOWETH—

That Petitioners are convinced and fully persuaded that the construction and working of the Railways of this Colony, though imperfect and partial as they are, materially assist the development of the resources of those portions of the Colony reasonably accessible to them.

That whilst Petitioners are rendered legally liable for their quota of costs incurred in their construction, &c., their inaccessibility deprives Petitioners of participation in the benefits derivable therefrom.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will, by and with the advice and consent of your Executive Council, adopt such measures as will ensure the speedy extension of Railway communication from Deloraine to the Mersey.

And Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 20 Signatures.]

Petitions in the same terms were also received from—

Sunnyside and Newbed, in the Electoral District of East Devon, with 76 signatures.
The Electoral District of East Devon, with 14 signatures.
Latrobe and its vicinity, with 118 signatures.
Kentishbury, with 71 signatures.
Launceston, with 314 signatures.
New Ground, with 8 signatures.

Lands and Works Office, 13th August, 1878.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition from certain of the Inhabitants of Launceston and Deloraine addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and by him referred to Ministers to be dealt with, praying that His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, would adopt such measures as would ensure the speedy extension of Railway communication from Deloraine to the Mersey, and to inform you that the matter will engage the attention and consideration of the Government.

I have, &c.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN,
Minister of Lands and Works.

Messrs. JAMES BENNETT, HENRY BLOCK, S. SEELIG,
E. F. DEASE, and others signing the Petition, Deloraine.

[Similar replies were given to each Petition.]

JAMES BARNARD,
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.