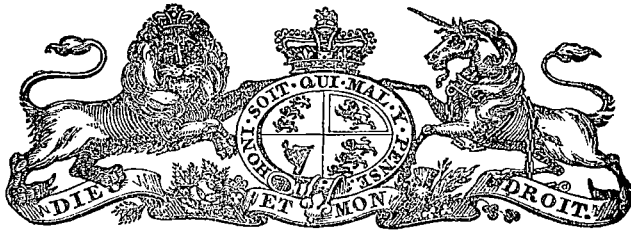


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MERSEY AND DELORAINÉ RAILWAY
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P E T I T I O N.

Presented by Mr. Braddon, and ordered by the House to be printed,
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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly.

The humble Petition of the North-west Coast Railway and Public Works League.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have learned that a scheme has been laid before your Honorable House for defraying the cost of the purchase and completion of the Mersey and Deloraine Tramway from Deloraine to Latrobe.

That your Petitioners, being aware of the necessity for carrying the Tramway to deep water, respectfully request your Honorable House not to sanction any scheme which does not embrace the extension of the Tramway to deep water at Formby or Torquay, for the following among other reasons :—

1. Preceding Ministries have recognised the necessity of such extension.
2. The predecessors of your Honorable House have voted moneys for the survey of such extension, and a considerable sum of public money has been expended in surveys and reports upon the several routes to deep water, and your Petitioners believe the report of the late J. Human, C.E., was favourable to such extension.
3. Your Petitioners believe that the intention of the predecessors of your Honorable House, when they sanctioned the construction of the line, was to have its terminus at deep water.
4. The interests of the farmers and other producers will be prejudiced should the terminus be at Latrobe, inasmuch as they would not then have the same facilities for shipment of their produce as they would have at a terminus at deep water.

Your Petitioners would further urge upon your Honorable House the necessity of appointing a competent and unprejudiced Engineer to survey and report upon the best route for the extension of the Railway from Deloraine to the coast.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

For the North-west Coast Railway and Public Works League,

JAMES SMITH, *President.*

CHARLES J. HALL, *Hon. Secretary.*