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**SOUTH ESK BRIDGE.**

PETITION FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.

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Presented by Mr. Whitehead, August 30, 1870, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Wardens of the Rural Municipalities of Fingal, Campbell Town, and Evandale, the Chairmen of the Boards of Works of Fingal, Campbell Town, and Evandale, and the Inhabitants of the above Municipalities.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are, and have been for some considerable time past, put to great inconvenience and loss occasioned by the defective means of communication between the several Districts enumerated above.

That the best and most effective course to remedy that inconvenience and loss is by means of a Bridge over the South Esk River, near Aitken's Ford, the estimate and plans for which have already been prepared by the Director of Public Works, in addition to plans prepared by your Petitioners, which, although not meeting with the approval of the Director of Public Works, have entailed considerable expense on your Petitioners.

That the site for the Bridge has been approved of by Government ; and your Petitioners, having in view the urgent necessity for facilitating communication to and from the Municipalities above referred to, beg most respectfully to point out to your Honorable House that at present the traffic derivable from farm produce and travelling stock is now diverted to a source involving great loss of time and pecuniary disadvantage to your Petitioners, the South Esk Bridge being only fordable at favourable seasons of the year, and that in consequence thereof travellers suffer much inconvenience, detention, and risk,—the only Bridges over the South Esk River being Sixty miles apart ; namely, at Fingal and Perth.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will give this Petition your earnest and favourable consideration.

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

*[Here follow 67 Signatures.]*