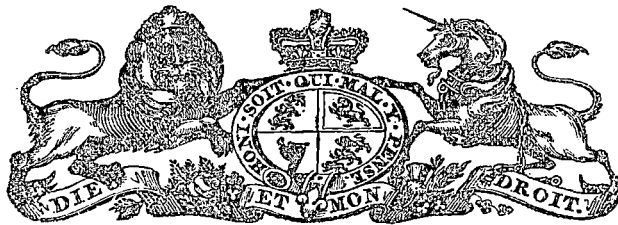


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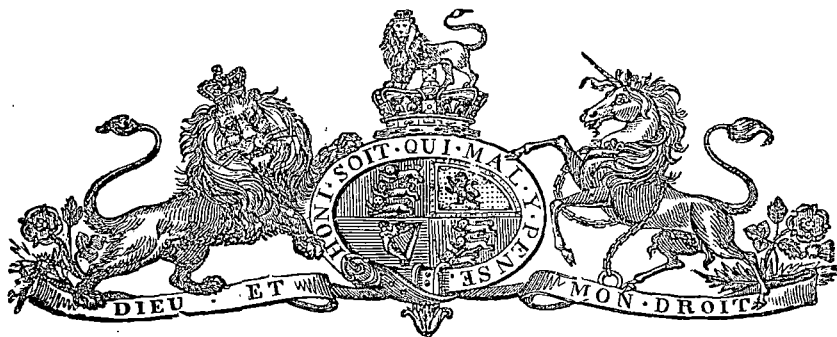
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P E T I T I O N

FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND AGAINST THE  
PROPOSED RAILWAY BILL.

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Presented by Mr. Murray, 27 July, 1865; and ordered by the House to be  
printed.



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

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT notice has been given by a Member of your Honorable House, to move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying for permission to introduce a Bill by the Promoters of the Launceston and Western Railway, intituled "A Bill to empower the Construction and Maintenance of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine, to be called the Launceston and Western Railway," and for other purposes.

That it is contemplated in the proposed Railway Bill to secure the payment of interest at six per cent. upon £300,000 by a reguarantee upon the properties in the Districts included in the Railway District.

That, as owners of property within the said District, we object to being compelled to give such reguarantee, whereby our properties would be burdened with a rate and we should be forced to become partners in a local speculation, which this undoubtedly would be.

That we believe that the proposed Railway, at a cost of £400,000, would not for many years pay its working expenses, and that consequently the amount of this compulsory reguarantee would be very great, and would continue for an indefinite period.

That at the present time there is a Company formed to construct a direct line of Railway from Launceston to Deloraine without any reguarantee upon private property, but trusting to the Parliament subsidising the same so far as may be deemed fit, expressly on purpose to free private property from the obnoxious principle of a reguarantee, and from the imposition of a rate for such a purpose.

Fully recognising the principle that any of our land may be taken for a Railway or other public work on receiving fair compensation, nevertheless we view the passing of the proposed Act with grave alarm, inasmuch as it virtually proposes to mortgage the properties of individuals for the purpose of carrying out a local speculation.

We therefore respectfully beg your Honorable House to entertain this our Protest against the passing of any Act by Parliament for the purpose of pledging our properties to secure the interest on the capital of any Company for the construction of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

	<i>Area of Property.</i>	<i>Number of Houses.</i>		<i>Area of Property.</i>	<i>Number of Houses.</i>
Jno. H. Wedge.	430	1	Abraham Banks	—	1
James Cox	22,000		Thos. Reibey, Entally	7000	10
D. Cameron	18,000	8	J. C. Whiteman, by his Attor-	5000	
John Gatenby	6000	1	ney, Thomas Reibey		
Arthur O'Connor	30,000		Ronald C. Gunn, so far as this	175	6
Thomas Fall	80	19	Petition relates to any re-		
John Pearson	1200	8	guarantee		
George Collins	3000	4	Josiah Pitcher	230	5
William Barnett	170	5	Robert Beck	—	3
Wm. Sidebottom	—	7	James Caddell	98	1
Joseph Bruff	—	10	Daniel Clark, Carrick	—	1
William Marshman	50	2	Thomas Faulkner, Carrick	20	

	Area of Property.	Number of Houses.		Area of Property.	Number of Houses.
George Priest	120		George Stancombe	2180	1
Thomas Hendley	500	14	Alexander Clerke	3000	
Robert Paling	—	3	William Bryan, by his Attor- ney, Alexander Clerke	7000	
James Pascoe	63	3	Edwin Maxey	—	1
Arthur Monaghan	—	4	Wm. Mason	530	8
John Frost	—	2	F. J. Houghton	100	9
Robert Lyall	—	36	William Stepney	17	13
Thomas Fogarty	—	2	Richard Boutcher	347	
George Dineen	—	1	James Scott	1600	6
Job Harman	—	1	George Thomas Scott, by J. Scott, his Attorney	30	1
William Manders	—	2	John Mitchell	—	13
Charles B. Allen, Illawarra	70	1	A. Stewart	4060	8
Mary Hodgetts, Bridgenorth	250	1	Thomas Webb, his × mark. Witness—A. Barrett.	5	3
George Clancy	—	1	Henry Reading	1400	50
Richard Symmons	250	1	William Fenton	—	3
John Symmons	250	3	George Scott	—	1
A. C. Clark, by J. Symmons	—	1	Robert Thrower	25	7
A. M. Milligan, so far as this Petition relates to the reguar- antee only	915	6	Joseph Clayton, Perth	—	10
Jonathan Ives	150	18	George Charlton	11	7
Thomas Wm. Field	7205	22	W. Edwards	—	13
William Lawrence, by J. T. his Attorney	10,000		Abraham Barrett	21	6
Jno. Williatt	8000	9	John Galvin	10	7
Thomas Bartlett, Cressy	520	3	Thos. Nightingale, his × mark. Witness—A. Barrett	—	5
Robert Thirkell, Woodstock	2200	4	Thos. F. Newman.	1	13
George Thirkell, Darlington	3300		Jacob Webb	—	12
G. Hedger	—	1	John Webb	—	2
D. Murray	300	8	H. J. Hart	—	12
Isaac Coote	100	1	James Matthews	—	1
Edward Jackson, Launceston	—	5	John Steward	—	2
J. B. Waldron, <i>pro</i> E. Waldron, Launceston	—	16	John Heed	—	1
Joseph Hazlewood	100	1	Henry Hickson	—	1
George Gould	40	7	James Kennedy	—	8
John Cooper	10	4	James Regney	900	
Alexander Garcie	400	1	H. J. Mitchell	546	3
Thomas Saltmarsh	200	1	H. Dawson	110	
John Brumby	150	1	Wm. Sanderson	—	7
Peter A. Brumby	150	1	Wm. King	—	3
Samuel Brumby	155	1	George Griffiths	138	8
Elizabeth Brumby	150	1	James Courtney	—	4
William Brumby	150	1	William James Beecroft	—	2
Henry Stevenson, Illaroo	1900		J. O'Brien	—	2
W. M. Dean	5000	8	George Wilkinson	—	5
Stephen Daily	—	2	William Johnson	—	1
Alexander M'Donald	—	1	James Keane	8000	4
Henry Crockford	—	3	John O'Neal	20	
Joshua Peck	221	4	Henry White	5	1
Alexander Rankin	—	4	Chas. Chilcott	1570	5
James Goodger	2675	2	William Mann	80	
Robert Wise	200		David Towse	110	
Thomas W. Hortle	170	1	Robert Batterham	92	1
George Glenwright	—	6	Alexr. Hill	1000	2
James R. Scott	2520	2	William Spearman his × mark. Witness—John Mitchell	100	8
Alex. Rose	4000	6	William Bull	—	6
John Trethewie	600		Thomas Peck	400	7
William Whittle, junr.	1380				

129 names. 208,804 acres. 616 houses.