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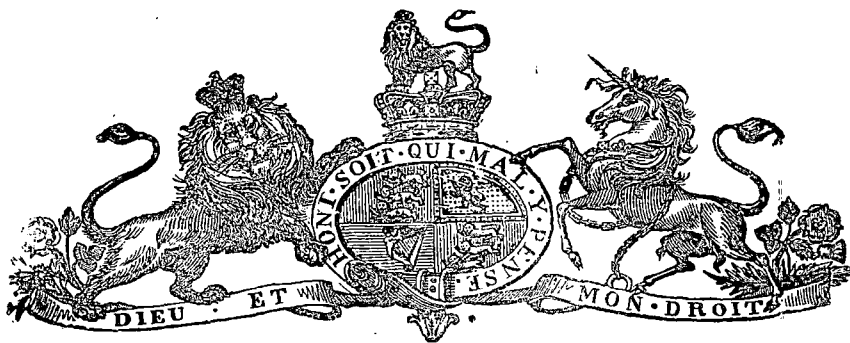
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**TERMINUS OF MERSEY AND DELORAINÉ
RAILWAY:**

PETITION FROM NORTH-WEST COAST.

Presented by Mr. Scott, September 19; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 21, 1882.



To the Honorable the President and the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents on the North-West Coast.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, at a Public Meeting held at Formby on Saturday, the 8th day of July, 1882, a Resolution was proposed and carried to petition your Honorable House to construct a Railway from Deloraine to Formby.

That the Petition then adopted does not express the views of a majority of the residents in the districts particularly interested, by far the largest number of residents in the districts being desirous that the terminus of the proposed Railway should be at Torquay, for the following reasons:—

1st. That either of the routes to Torquay, as surveyed by Mr. Human, and recommended by him as the best, is shorter, cheaper, more practicable, and presents fewer engineering difficulties than the line to Formby.

2nd. That the wharfage accommodation at Torquay is acknowledged to be very good, inasmuch as there is a stretch of bold water from above Stewart's mill to near Sayer's Point, a distance of about half a mile, which affords room for extensive and safe wharfage at all states of the tide.

3rd. That owing to the strength of tide there running, a wharf site is not practicable at Formby: this is evidenced by the action of the Mersey Marine Board in erecting the present wharf—not, as contemplated in the expenditure, at Formby, but at Wenvoe.

4th. That there is no supply of fresh water at Formby, except a creek about a mile from that township, whilst at Torquay there are two creeks in close proximity to Mr. Human's proposed terminus.

5th. That any future extension of the line westward could be made, with easier gradients and less expense, from Latrobe.

6th. That the Town of Latrobe has now attained such importance as a business centre that it would be unjust to the inhabitants, and suicidal to the pecuniary interests of the Railway, to pass by the town, or merely give it a branch line, which the route to Formby would necessarily involve.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully ask that your Honorable House will be pleased to adopt such measures as will ensure the terminus of the proposed extension of the Launceston and Western Railway being at deep water at Torquay.

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

[Here follow 15 Signatures.]