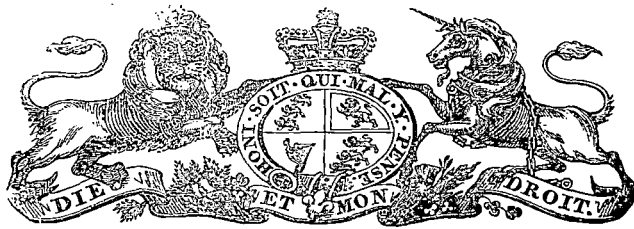


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MACQUARIE HARBOUR WORKS BILL (PRIVATE) :

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Presented by Mr. Fysh, November 14, 1891, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned persons, representing important interests in Railways and Smelting Works, &c., on the West Coast of Tasmania,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill for the improvement of Macquarie Harbour being now before your Honorable House, we would urge its favourable consideration, for the following important reasons :—

Your Petitioners are engaged in the carrying out of important works calculated to rapidly develop the West Coast Silver Fields—namely, railways to convey supplies and ores, smelting and other works (all likely to promote large traffic)—and they naturally look to the increase of facility for shipping at the natural outlet of the Coast, viz., Macquarie Harbour.

At present it is very evident, from the dangerous bar at the entrance, that much risk must be run by passengers and valuable cargoes for even a limited small traffic, while for any considerable and rapid development, which must ensue if the mines are to be successful, the present arrangements are absolutely insufficient ; and a long and most serious block to our traffic, involving necessarily a similar impediment to work upon the mines, must take place should there be any delay in proceeding with this important work, which, we are of opinion, should have been undertaken simultaneously with the construction of the Strahan-Zeehan Railway (as stated by Mr. Back in evidence).

We would most respectfully commend to your consideration the Petition forming Appendix E to the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill ; and, in view of the urgent necessity for the work, which we believe can be most rapidly carried out by private enterprise, we respectfully pray that your Honorable House will pass the Bill in such form as to make it acceptable to the private investor who will have to undertake the serious risks attending a special work of this character.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Dated Hobart, 26th day of October, 1891.

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