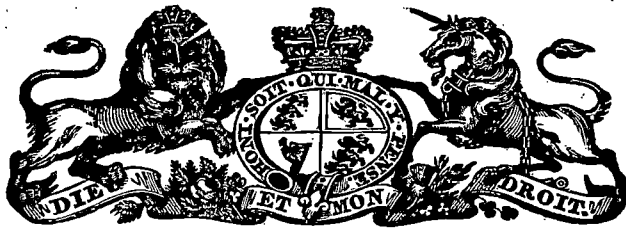


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

DELORAINÉ.

PETITION AGAINST THE COLLECTION OF RAILWAY RATE.

Presented by Mr. Henry, and ordered by the House to be printed, June 26, 1873.



To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor of Tasmania
and its Dependencies.

WE, the undersigned Owners and Occupiers of Land in the Municipality of Deloraine, beg most respectfully to petition Your Excellency that you will, with the concurrence of your Advisers, be pleased to suspend the collection of the Railway Rate now demanded in this District under *The Railway Act*, until the question of maintenance of Railways generally throughout the Island has been considered by Parliament. As we are unanimously of opinion that inasmuch as we have and shall have to bear our share of the Main Line Railway expenditure, it is manifestly unjust to this District to cast the burthen of a Special Rate of two shillings in the pound in aid of the Launceston and Western Railway, more especially as very many of us have already contributed largely towards the construction of the same.

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

[Here follow 206 Signatures.]

Treasury, 22nd May, 1873.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the Petition which you have addressed to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency "will, with the concurrence of his Advisers, be pleased to suspend the collection of the Railway Rate now demanded in the District of Deloraine until the question of maintenance of Railways generally throughout the Island has been considered by Parliament, and in which you represent that as you will have to bear a share of the Main Line Railway expenditure it is manifestly unjust to cast the burthen of a Special Rate of two shillings in the pound in aid of the Launceston and Western Railway, more especially as many of you have already contributed largely towards the construction of the same;" and in reply it is my duty to inform you, without entering into any discussion of the grounds of your remonstrance against the Railway Rate, that the Government is bound to carry the law into effect, and cannot accept the responsibility of suspending it in compliance with the prayer of the Petitioners.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) FREDK. M. INNES.