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PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN  
FAVOUR OF THE LAUNCESTON AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be  
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*To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Bath, Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies, &c.*

The Memorial of the undersigned Colonists of Tasmania in the District of Launceston, in the said Colony.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT for several years Memorialists and other inhabitants of the said District, impressed with the great importance of giving facilities to their agricultural and other business pursuits by the introduction of the great modern power of the Locomotive Railway, have addressed Memorials to the Government and to the Honorable the Houses of Parliament praying the early construction of the Launceston and Western Railway, and comprising, in the aggregate, the large number of Eight thousand and fifty-eight (8058) signatures.

That Memorialists believe the delay which has occurred in the construction of the Launceston and Western Railway has inflicted great injury, not only on the proposed Railway District, but also upon the general interests of the Colony.

That Memorialists understand that, on the assembling of Parliament, the following Resolutions will be moved in the Honorable the House of Assembly by the Honorable Member for Westbury, Mr. Douglas :—

- 1st. That it is desirable to construct a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine, through the Police Districts of Evandale, Norfolk Plains, and Westbury; and that, for the purpose of constructing such Railway, His Excellency the Governor be recommended to introduce a Bill for the consideration of the House authorising the raising of the sum of £400,000 by Debentures, upon the conditions following.
- 2nd. That provision be made in the said Bill for the guarantee of the Interest on the said sum, at not more than Six per cent. per annum, secured on the Assessment of the District; and that, for the purpose of securing such guarantee, a Railway District shall be formed, comprising the Town of Launceston, and the Road Districts of Patterson's Plains, Breadalbane, part of Evandale, Perth, Longford, Carrick, Westbury, Exton, Deloraine, Chudleigh, Upper Meander, and Midhurst; and before such Railway is commenced, the Railway District to declare, in the manner to be provided in the said Bill, its willingness to raise such amount by an Assessment as will be sufficient to secure the interest on the said sum of £400,000; and further providing that the cost of construction, and the interest thereon, shall form a first charge upon the Railway when constructed.
- 3rd. That Commissioners shall be appointed by the said District and the Governor in Council for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the said Bill.

That Memorialists further understand that a Bill will also be submitted to the Honorable the Parliament for authorising and empowering a Company to lease and work the said proposed Railway on terms which will secure the Government of the Country, as well as the Landholders and other

Ratepayers of the District, against loss from any deficiency of interest on any loan contracted by the Government for the construction of the said proposed Line, and will also provide for the redemption by the said Company of a large proportion of the principal money.

Memorialists therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased, in the exercise of the high prerogative bestowed upon Your Excellency by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, to commend these important questions to the favourable consideration of Parliament at its opening on the next approaching Session.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

*[Here follow 1312 Signatures.]*

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Similar Memorial from the District of Deloraine, with 682 Signatures.

Similar Memorial from the District of Westbury, with 288 Signatures.

Similar Memorial from the District of Longford, with 326 Signatures.

Similar Memorial from the Districts of Evandale and Prosser's Plains, with 124 Signatures.

Similar Memorial from the District of George Town, with 113 Signatures.

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