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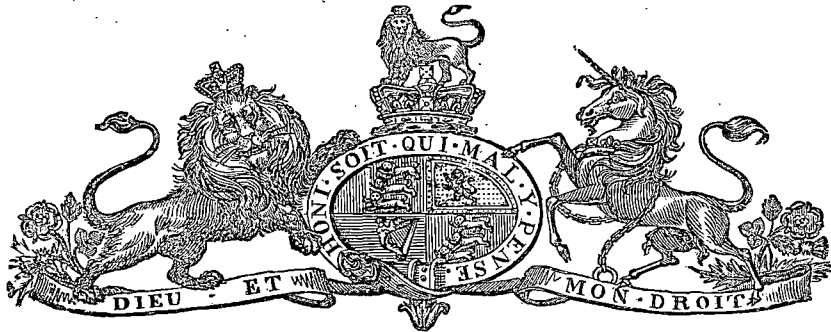
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P E T I T I O N

FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND TRUSTEES OF THE CORNWALL  
AND GLAMORGAN ROAD TRUST AGAINST WITHDRAWING  
AID TO ROADS.

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Presented by Mr. Swan, and ordered by the House to be printed, 15 August, 1865.



*The Honorable Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

Petition of the Cornwall and Glamorgan Road Trust.

GENTLEMEN :

WE, the undersigned Trustees of the Glamorgan and Cornwall Road District, beg leave most respectfully to address your Honorable House.

It has been made known to us that the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer has introduced a Resolution having for its object the withholding for the year 1866 from the several Road Trusts the usual grant of Sixpence for every Shilling raised by assessment for Road purposes.

Believing this measure to be fraught with disastrous consequences to Road Districts generally, and to this in particular, we desire to call your attention to the following facts.

That there are about 140 miles of Cross Roads in this Road District, a portion of which (from the Main Line of Road to Falmouth, about sixty miles) is expected to be, and is, kept in condition second only to the Main Line itself; and that the other Cross Roads demand, and annually receive, grants of from £20 to £200 each from the Road Funds.

That the amount raised by assessment at the highest rate allowed by law does not greatly exceed £1050,—a sum of itself totally inadequate to meet the requirements of the District, and with the Government aid barely sufficient to keep the Main Line in order, and to assist the other Cross Roads.

That a similar measure was carried out in 1863, a year of unexampled damage to Roads and Bridges throughout the Island, and in this District to the amount of one year's assessment; and that from the consequences of those and similar damages, and the want of the means so withheld, this District has suffered much, its mountainous character rendering it particularly liable to sudden and heavy, and consequently damaging floods.

We beg, therefore, respectfully to observe, that no step could be taken more likely to retard the progress of the District than the withholding a second time the usual grant in aid, at a time too when increased facilities for transport are demanded on every side, and admitted by the Government in its scheme of Reproductive Works; and to hope that some other means may be found for meeting the exigencies of Government other than crippling the exertions of those who, from the first establishment of Road Districts, have shown the strongest desire to help themselves.

We have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servants,

F. GROOM, *Chairman.*

THOS. RANSOM.

C. A. PARKER.

ROBT. COWIE.

JOHN STORY.

ROBERT CLÉRK.

JAMES GRANT, JUN.