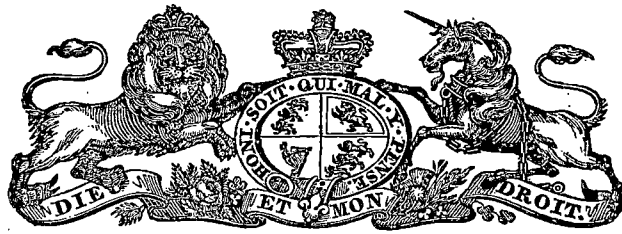


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**RESIDENTS' PETITION TO LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR  
FRANKLIN.**

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*To His Excellency Sir JOHN FRANKLIN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land, &c.*

SIR,

WE, the undersigned Landowners and others resident at Prosser's Plains, County of Pembroke, in the Island of Van Diemen's Land, respectfully beg leave to lay before Your Excellency this our humble Petition or Remonstrance for Your Excellency's serious consideration.

Being fully aware of the benefit that will arise to this District through Your Excellency's stationing a Probation Party here for the purpose of making the Roads.

That, under the provisions of the Road Act, we presume the appointing or laying out the Roads would be vested in the discretion and under the direction of the Commissioners, who have not yet defined the lines of Road.

That seeing the Road laid or marked out by the Surveyor Your Excellency sent down and carried from the Township of Buckland to the Sea-coast on the north side of the Prosser's River, instead of the south, thereby evading the major part of the Farms which lie on that side, and cutting them off from access to the Road in time of wet weather, and when the Prosser's River is flowing.

That on carrying the Road on the south side of the Prosser's River (the way we believe that nature points out), a very great saving of labour and expense would accrue: in such belief we the more fully concur from its being the opinion of two other Surveyors conversant with this part of the District.

That there being a Township, Orford, surveyed and laid out at the mouth of the Prosser's River on the south side, the same would be avoided by the Road being made as now marked out on the north side, and thereby render the allotments of the same of no value to the Government through there not being a Road to this Township (Buckland), or any other, and also cutting it off from the nearest and direct communication with the Capital.

That, on carrying the Road on the south side of the Prosser's River, we humbly suggest that at the now present and natural crossing-place of the River, and close to the Township of Orford, a wall Bridge would be the means of maintaining a level connexion of this Township (Buckland) with that of Tenby at Spring Bay, and the east line of coast north thereof; and by such line of road being kept or maintained, the Township of Orford would not be evaded, the distance less, and no obstruction to travelling would occur at any season of the year, or by flood, as a punt crossing inside the bar of the mouth of Prosser's River could easily be available.

That, as the Township of Buckland is part situated on both sides the Prosser's River, a Bridge thrown across it at the back of the Gaol, a place naturally formed for it, where no flood could affect it, and pointed out by nearly all the Surveyors acquainted with the locality, would enhance the value to Government of the south portion of it; and but one Bridge would be required to cross to the before-mentioned used pass of the Prossers in the defile called or known as Paradise, and a level line of road maintained thereto.

Whereas, on making the road on the north side of the Prosser's, within a short distance, four rivers would have to be crossed and bridged, and the obstacle of awkward hills to be surmounted.

That, through the very great drawback the Agriculturists labour under here in being at four times the expense in transmitting their produce to market if the road was made on the south side the Prosser's River to the Township of Orford, they would then enjoy the same advantage as any other settlement on the coast in shipping their grain and other produce.

That, in anticipation of a Church being soon erected on the north portion of the Township of Buckland, the majority of the Inhabitants of this place who reside on the south side of the Prosser's River would be excluded from attending thereat in wet weather by the road being made as now marked out. And your Petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

(Signed.)

Nathl. Olding.  
H. C. Adams.  
John Gatehouse.  
Geo. Birch.  
H. Birch.  
Isaac Wilkins.  
Geo. Banning.  
Thos. Arthur.  
Thos. Andrews.

John Thompson.  
Thos. Simpson.  
Peter Simpson.  
Andw. Didmond.  
Clement Gatehouse.  
N. W. Olding.  
Silas Gatehouse.  
E. Olding.  
Robt. Jenkins.

Henry Jenkins.  
John Clearly.  
James Upperton.  
Henry Bushell.  
Danl. Simpson.  
Henry Wane.  
R. Drury.  
James Chatler.  
Geo. Langman.

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I have been several times over the road from Prosser's Plains to Spring Bay; and from what I now remember of it, I am of opinion that the line of road here recommended would be the most eligible for all parties.

(Signed) JAMES NORMAN.

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It will appear at a glance of the plan of Prosser's River in the Surveyor General's Office, that the *old* line of road (which we respectfully submit is the one which generally ought to be adopted) is by far the most direct line.

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This is a question for the Commissioners under the Road Act to decide.

(Signed) J. F.  
6th May, 1843.

*The Colonial Secretary.*