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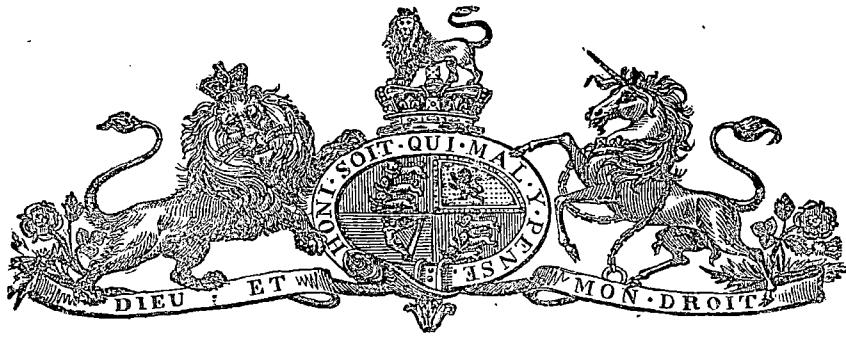
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Presented by Mr. John Meredith, August 14, 1868; and ordered by the House
to be printed, August 19, 1868.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Colonists of Tasmania in the District of Glamorgan, in the said Colony.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have learned with alarm it is intended to petition your Honorable House to give effect to such measures as will cause to be constructed at the national cost a Railroad from Hobart Town to Launceston, whereby all lands throughout the Colony will be virtually mortgaged to repay the cost of construction, together with interest.

That no estimates and traffic returns showing that a Railroad from Hobart Town to Launceston will justify the cost of construction have yet been submitted to your Honorable House; and that it is undesirable that works of such magnitude should be undertaken until the most reliable information has been obtained as to returns, working expenses, and probable cost of construction.

That Glamorgan is an isolated District, and your Petitioners have no means of reaching the proposed Railroad direct excepting on horseback, and then at considerable risk.

That were the Railroad completed your Petitioners would in no wise be benefited thereby, but rather the reverse, because your Petitioners have not any good road to convey produce upon and could not do so to the Railroad.

That your Petitioners do now pay ninepence in the pound Police Rate, fourpence Municipal Rate, independent of Road Rates.

That any additional burden in the shape of taxation where no corresponding advantages are conferred would be unjust in principle and ruinous in effect.

That your Petitioners submit that if the formation of the Railroad at the national cost is determined upon, great injustice will be done to Glamorgan and several other Districts in the Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House not to pass any measure authorising the construction of a Railroad from Hobart Town to Launceston at a national expense.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

[Here follow 76 Signatures.]