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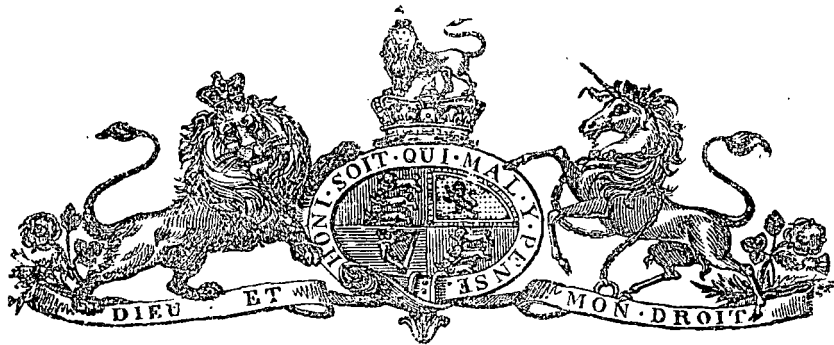
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEW NORFOLK BRIDGE BILL.

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Grubb, October 11; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 12, 1870.



To the Honorable the President and the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Rural Municipality of New Norfolk.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Draft of a Bill to amend the New Norfolk Bridge Amendment Act has been brought before your Honorable House.

That the object of that Bill is to extend the powers of the Bridge Company to levy tolls until the 5th day of September, 1902.

That the 4th Victoria, No. 18, Section 2, enacts that the New Norfolk Bridge shall be thrown open to the public at the expiration of 30 years from the 5th day of September, 1842, freed and absolutely discharged from the payment of all tolls, notwithstanding that the principal moneys and interest, expenses, costs and charges, or any of them, shall not be then paid off or discharged.

That the debt due by the Bridge Company was paid off on the 1st day of September, 1869; and that by the time their powers under the present Act expire the Company will have received a further sum of about £1200.

That the New Norfolk Bridge Company entered into a speculation which it is alleged has not been a profitable one; but your Petitioners would most respectfully but strongly urge that is no reason why a large body of people should be taxed, and at such an exorbitant rate, for a further period of thirty years.

That should the Legislature extend the powers of the Bridge Company to levy tolls as prayed for, injustice will be done to such of your Petitioners as have purchased property in the belief that they would be freed from such an obnoxious toll in September, 1872.

Your Petitioners therefore most earnestly pray your Honorable House will not allow such a measure to become law; but should your Honorable House in its wisdom pass the Bill referred to, that then the same may be reserved for the approval of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

[Here follow 316 Signatures.]