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*To the Honorable the President and the Members of the Legislative Council,
in Parliament assembled.*

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners have observed with great satisfaction that there is now before your Honorable House a Scheme of Reproductive Works for the purpose of making roads into various parts of the Colony.

That that part of the Scheme which refers to the large and extensive District to the south of Hobart Town is of great and paramount importance to the City.

That the great Southern Main Line of Road was commenced in the year 1858, by the Parliament of the day voting the sum of £5000 for the purpose of clearing the line of timber and levelling the road; and that this work was accomplished to the satisfaction of the Government.

That a further sum of £5000 has been voted on three different occasions by the House of Assembly as a second instalment towards the completion of the work; and, from various causes, failed to obtain the sanction of your Honorable House.

That in the year 1858 a large quantity of Crown Land was sold by the Government in the neighbourhood of the road, and realised high prices, from the fact that a distinct and positive pledge was given by the Auctioneer, at the time of the sale, that it was the intention of the Government to complete the road.

That this pledge has never been redeemed; and your Petitioners humbly pray your Honorable House to take the Scheme of Reproductive Works into your favourable consideration and to pass it into law, especially that part which relates to the Huon Road, as redemption of the pledge given by the Government six years ago.

That along the line of this road is to be found an inexhaustible bed of the finest timber for all purposes, while a large portion of the land is of the finest quality for agricultural uses.

That the road is connected with the Sand-fly Rivulet, which it is intended to devote as Agricultural Areas; and that, unless the Huon Road is completed, it will be useless to attempt the settlement of that part of the District.

Your Petitioners therefore earnestly entreat your Honorable House to give the Scheme your favourable consideration.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 1276 Signatures.]