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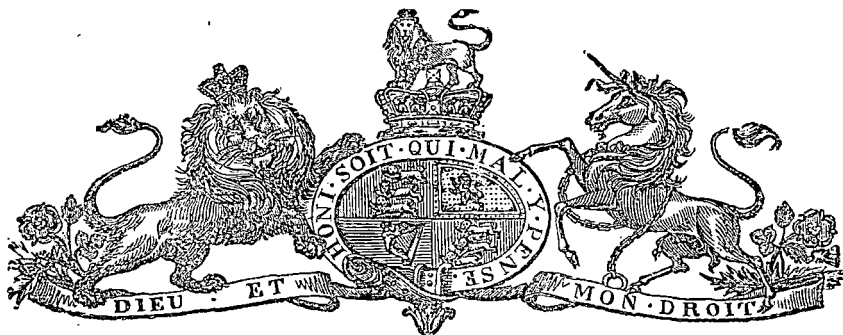
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ROAD FROM SWANSEA TO CAMPBELL TOWN,

MEMORIAL TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 18, 1868.



To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Bath, Governor in Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies, &c., in Council.

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

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT at the présent time there exists no practicable and direct road from the District of Glamorgan to the Main Line of Road between Hobart Town and Launceston.

That consequently travelling, conveying goods or produce, or driving stock (particularly fat stock) in that direction is attended with considerable risk.

That great pains have been taken, and a large sum from the funds of a former Road Trust has been expended, in ascertaining the most practicable and shortest road to connect Swansea with the Main Line of Road.

That a good line of Road has been marked out, cleared, and partly formed to the western boundary of the Glamorgan Road District, with a view to connect Swansea with such Main Line of Road at Campbell Town.

That the Ratepayers of the Glamorgan Road District have frequently rated themselves at the maximum rate, and that the sum of £500 (five hundred pounds) has been expended towards the formation and improvement of the above-mentioned portion of Road ; but this has proved quite inadequate for a work of such magnitude, extending as it does over a distance of nearly forty miles.

That large quantities of grain could, and probably would, be grown on a considerable tract of land about 20 (twenty) miles from Swansea, where only a very limited area has hitherto been cultivated, owing to the impossibility of conveying produce to the shipping-place.

That extensive belts of valuable timber abound in the vicinity of the line indicated, which, from their position, are quite useless.

That fat stock, which are now with much difficulty and risk taken to market, (through the absence of a direct road) could be produced to a greater extent if facilities for transport existed.

That your Memorialists are of opinion that if a road be made from Swansea to Campbell Town it will bring into the market a large tract of Crown land which at present is scarcely approachable, and that the expenditure of a sufficient sum of money for this purpose would be a reproductive work : that, as a proof of the necessity of the work, your Memorialists would draw attention to the fact that a large quantity of good Crown land at Kearney's Bogs, which has already been surveyed, has not been sold in consequence of the non-existence of a practicable road.

That in the year 1865 a petition from 53 Residents in Glamorgan, having a similar object to the present, was forwarded to His Excellency the Governor in Council, and in consequence the sum of £4000 (four thousand pounds) was included in "The Public Works Bill," 1866, and passed by the House of Assembly through the first and second readings, and ordered into committee, where it lapsed in consequence of the House being prorogued prior to a dissolution.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency in Council will be pleased, in the exercise of the high prerogative bestowed upon Your Excellency by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, to recommend the appropriation of the sum of not exceeding £4000 (four thousand pounds) for the formation of a road between Swansea and Campbell Town.

And your Memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

[Here follow 55 Signatures.]

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