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*To His Excellency CHARLES DUCANE, Esquire, Governor-in-Chief of
Tasmania, and its Dependencies.*

The Memorial of the undersigned Landholders, Tradesmen, and Residents of Franklin, Victoria, Honeywood, Shipwright's Point, and other Settlements in the vicinity of the Huon River, and also Residents of Hobart Town with whom they are connected in trade.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Memorialists beg to draw the attention of Your Excellency's Government to the absolute necessity of completing the chain of communication between the city of Hobart Town and the different settlements in the southern part of the Island, by at once erecting a Bridge across the Huon River, where the termini of the Main Road approach.

Your Memorialists beg to state that the present means of crossing the Huon River by Punt are now, and are likely to be, altogether inadequate to the wants of this important District; and that in order to improve its reproductive character, and render available for unimpeded traffic the Huon Road, upon which so much money has been expended, the erection of this Bridge is, in our opinion, indispensable.

Your Memorialists beg to urge the fact that an abundance of material, both of Freestone and Timber, abound in close proximity to the proposed site of the Bridge; and would further urge that the interests of Hobart Town, and the trade of the whole of the south side of the Island, are directly interested in the erection of a Bridge, by which means also a greater inducement would be held out to intending Immigrants to locate the large area of Crown Land still available for settlement.

Your Memorialists feel persuaded that anything that affects the well-being and prosperity of this Colony must be regarded with the utmost concern by Your Excellency's Government; and we beg most respectfully to press this upon your notice as a necessary and very important public work.

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

[Here follow 260 Signatures.]