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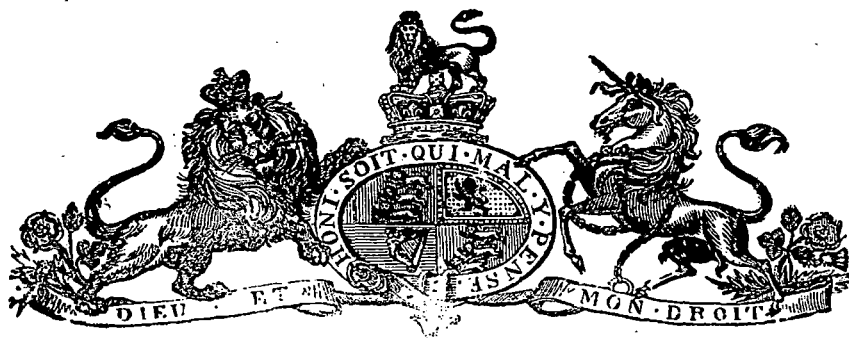
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MERSEY AND DELORAINÉ TRAMWAY:

P E T I T I O N S.

Presented by Mr. Gellibrand, February 3 and 5; and ordered by the Council to be printed, February 6, 1880.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned residents of Torquay and its vicinity.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have learned that a scheme has been placed before your Honorable House for defraying the cost of the purchase and completion of the Mersey and Deloraine Tramway from Deloraine to Latrobe.

That your Petitioners, being aware of the necessity for carrying the Tramway to deep water, respectfully request your Honorable House not to sanction any scheme which does not embrace the extension of the tramway to deep water at Formby or Torquay, for the following among other reasons :—

1. Preceding Ministries have recognised the necessity of such extension.
2. A considerable sum of public money, voted by your Honorable House for that purpose, has been expended in surveys and reports upon the several routes to deep water; and your Petitioners believe that the report of the late J. Human, C.E., was favourable to such extension.
3. Your Petitioners believe that the intention of the predecessors of your Honorable House, when they sanctioned the construction of the line, was to have its terminus at deep water.
4. That the interests of the farmers and other producers will be prejudiced should the terminus be at Latrobe, inasmuch as they would not then have the same facilities for shipment of their produce as they would have at a terminus at deep water.

Your Petitioners would further urge upon your Honorable House the necessity of appointing a competent and unprejudiced Engineer to survey and report upon the best route for the extension of the Railway from Deloraine to the Coast.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 12 Signatures.]

Petitions in the same terms were presented by Mr. Gellibrand, from—

Torquay and Northdown, (65), February 3.
Hamilton-on-Forth, (36), ditto.
West Devon, (74), ditto.
Formby, (1*), ditto.
West Forth, (29), ditto.
West Devon, (40), ditto.
Penguin and its vicinity, (39), February 5.
Emu Bay and Mount Bischoff, (8), ditto.
West Leven and Penguin, (64), ditto.
Penguin and its vicinity, (39), ditto.

Petition in same terms from Wenvoe, Formby, and Torquay, (36), presented by Mr. Chapman, on February 5.

* The Petitioner adds, after his name, "Excepting last paragraph, unless deemed necessary."