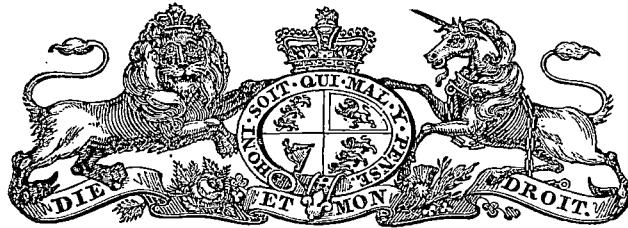


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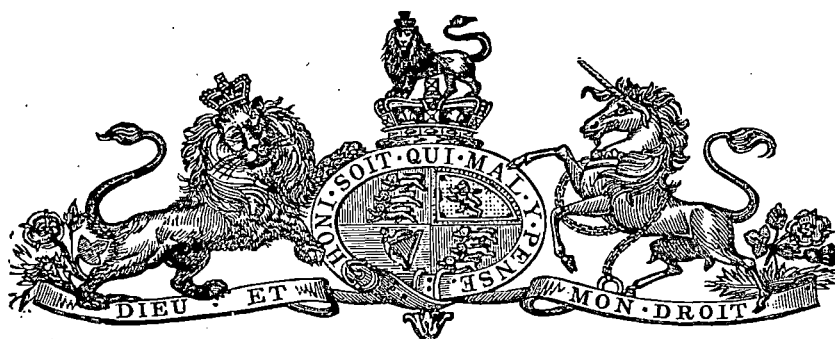
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MERSEY AT
SHERWOOD :

PETITION.

Return to an Order of the House of Assembly, August 29, 1890. (Mr. Dooley.)

Laid upon the Table by the Treasurer, September 5, 1890, and ordered by the
House of Assembly to be printed, September 12, 1890.



To His Excellency the Governor in Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We the undersigned, being Residents and Property Owners in the Electoral
District of East Devon,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT, in the year 1867, the late Mr. Thomas Johnson, of Sherwood, erected a bridge crossing the River Mersey at Sherwood, about two miles south of Latrobe, wholly at his own expense.

That the said bridge was free to the public, and a great convenience to the residents east and west of the Mersey.

That, in the year 1869, the said bridge was destroyed by an extraordinary flood in the River Mersey, and has not since been reconstructed.

That since that period settlement and population on each side of the river has more than trebled, and traffic requirements proportionately increased.

That this increased traffic is now being carried on at a great loss of time and power, and concentrated on the narrow western approach of the Mersey Bridge, where accidents of a serious nature are of frequent occurrence, and two or more have ended fatally.

Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, cause a sum of Seven hundred Pounds to be placed on the Estimates next Session of Parliament for the reconstruction of the said bridge.

And Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 191 signatures.]