

(No. 20.)



1862.

TASMANIA.

DE LORAIN E RAILWAY.

COPIES OF PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Innes, and ordered by the House to be printed,
25 July, 1862.



To His Excellency the Governor in Council.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Colonists, residing in the Districts of Port Sorell and the Mersey, in Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have noticed with satisfaction the intention of the Colonists residing in Launceston, and the Districts of Evandale, Longford, Westbury, and Deloraine, to petition Your Excellency to cause a Bill to be laid before the Parliament for the immediate construction of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine.

That your Petitioners believe that the construction of the said Railway is absolutely necessary for the advancement of the permanent interests of the Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause such Bill as aforesaid to be submitted to the consideration of the Parliament at their next Session.

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

[*Here follow 68 Signatures.*]

To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor of the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Colonists, residing in the Northern Districts of Tasmania, in Public Meeting duly assembled at Launceston, in the said Island.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are anxious for the early construction of a Railway from Launceston to Deloraine.

That the recommendation contained in the Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament in 1860 having been now fully complied with, so far as it is in the power of the people themselves to accomplish this, and your Petitioners fully approving and concurring in the recommendation comprised in the said Report—that, on the Government guaranteeing the payment of interest on the required loan, the Districts should re-guarantee the same to the extent of one-half the amount at any time so paid out of the Public Treasury.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will cause a Bill authorising the construction of the said Railway, and embodying the aforesaid provisions, to be submitted to the consideration of the Parliament at their next Session.

And Your Excellency's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 2,260 Signatures.*]