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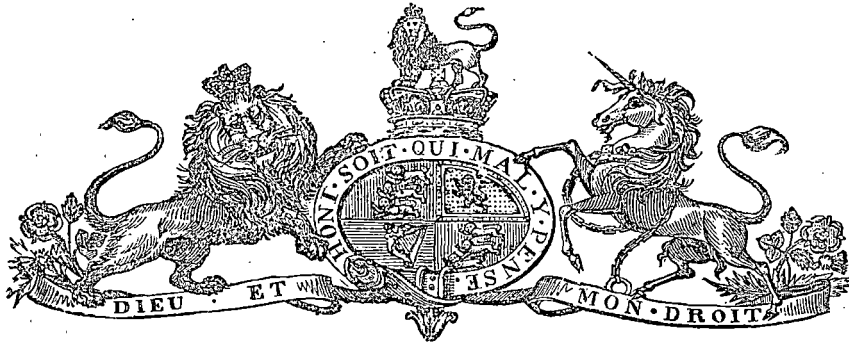
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**LAUNCESTON AND WESTERN RAILWAY
RATE:**

PETITION FROM EVANDALE FOR EXEMPTION.

Presented by Mr. Chapman, October 3; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 16, 1873.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council,
in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Owners and Occupiers of Property in the Evandale portion of the
Launceston and Western Railway.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the property in the said portion of the Launceston and Western Railway District is under the existing law liable to pay a Special Rate on a portion of the loan for the construction of the same, and is also liable for interest on the loan for the construction of the Main Line Railway. Your Petitioners consider this manifestly unjust, inasmuch as the Main Line is being constructed on a totally different principle.

That, inasmuch as a very large number of your Petitioners are tenants, and having had no voice in sanctioning such rate, consider it a very great hardship that they should be called upon to pay a rate thus imposed on them by others ; and, further, a very large number of your Petitioners did not vote in favour of a re-guarantee, and such as did, did so, having been led to believe that the same principle would be carried out in respect to any other Railway,—that principle having been departed from, now ask that one general Railway policy be adopted.

Your Petitioners (or at least those who voted in favour of a re-guarantee) did so believing that they would be rated in proportion to the benefits to be derived ; whereas, a large portion of the District is not in proximity to any Railway Station.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honorable House will either repeal that portion of the Act of Parliament, 36 Vict. No. 20, relating to the levying a rate in the Launceston and Western Railway District, or devise such measures as in your wisdom you consider just, to release your Petitioners from contributing directly or indirectly towards the interest on the cost of constructing the Main Line Railway.

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

[Here follow 142 Signatures.]