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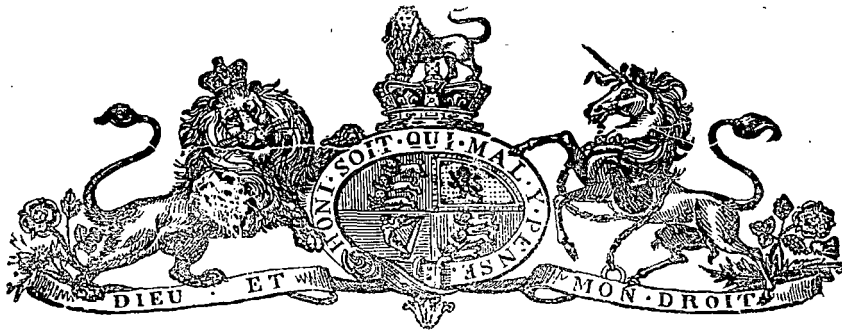
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Presented by Mr. Swan, and ordered by the House to be printed, November 22,  
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*To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Householders of the District of Hamilton.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

YOUR Petitioners view with alarm the great increase of an already burdensome Taxation that must result from the Contract for the Main Line Railway.

They respectfully point out that they can derive no benefit from this line, but believe its construction will necessitate the withdrawal of steam communication between New Norfolk and Hobart Town, and thus increase the cost of conveying their grain and other produce to a market.

Your Petitioners respectfully urge that to provide for education and pauperism by assessment on property throughout the whole Island, and by this means paying the Interest on a Railway that can only benefit a small portion of the country from the General Revenue, would be unjust and oppressive.

Your Petitioners deem it just that those who benefit by this Railway should pay for it; and they therefore pray that the Interest upon the Cost of the Railway in question may be raised by assessment on the annual value of property in proportion to the benefit such property derives from the Railway.

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

[*Here follow 48 Signatures.*]