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VICTORIA.

RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.

PETITION.

DROUIN TO POOWONG.

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 22nd October, 1884.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

This, the Petition of the Inhabitants of the parishes of Drouin, Drouin West, Longwarry, Poowong, Poowong East, and of South Warragul :

HUMBLY SHEWETH—

1st. That, at a public meeting held at Drouin, on Saturday the 18th day of October 1884, a number of resolutions were unanimously carried in favour of a line of railway being made from Drouin to Poowong.

2nd. The first of the resolutions passed, as above referred to, embodied strong arguments in favour of the said line, and is to the following effect:—We hereby most earnestly protest against the great injustice done to this district by the omission of the Drouin to Poowong line from the present Railway Bill, the line having been promised by the first Service Government. It was also approved of by the O'Loughlen Government, and passed by the Assembly. Your Petitioners, in view of these promises, have been encouraged to expend their time and capital in pioneering and establishing homes in a hitherto unexplored and almost impenetrable bush, and have opened up a vast area of rich land; and the non-fulfilment of the before-mentioned promises leaves without railway communication the pioneer settlement of the district. The meeting also expressed the opinion by resolution that no other line of railway will suit the requirements of this district so well as the line which has been surveyed from Drouin to Poowong.

We therefore approach your Honorable House, and most respectfully urge the inclusion of the Drouin to Poowong Railway in the Railway Bill now before Parliament, and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed for and on behalf of the Petitioners,

JAMES M. GANNON, J.P.,
Chairman of the Meeting, and President of the
Shire of Buln Buln.

JOHN PICKEN,
Secretary of Meeting and Shire Secretary.

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