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VICTORIA.

RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.

PETITION.

ONDIT CROSSING TO BEEAC.

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 23rd October, 1884.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Petition of the Council of the Shire of Colac :

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH—

1. That great disappointment is felt throughout the shire and district in consequence of the Ondit crossing to Beeac line not being included in the Railway Bill recently introduced into Parliament.

2. That the traffic on the present macadamized road between the two places has been so great, owing to the heavy loads carted over it to and from the Ondit Salt Works, that, for the last few years, its maintenance has cost the Council considerably over £2,000 per annum, being more than half their revenue derivable from rates, the consequence being that other portions of the shire, with hundreds of miles of road to make and maintain, are unjustly deprived of their fair share of expenditure.

3. That, as the Council is unable to bear this heavy strain on its resources, it is highly important and necessary that the line in question should be constructed.

4. That it has been shown by statistics submitted to the Government that few, if any, of the proposed lines are likely to yield a better return.

The Council therefore humbly pray that the Ondit crossing to the Beeac line may be included in the Bill now before your Honorable House.

(L.S.)

CHARLES BUCHANAN, President.
CHAS. L. FORREST, Councillor.
P. C. WILSON, Secretary.

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