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VICTORIA.

RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.

PETITION.

EXTENSION OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN LINE.

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 21st October, 1884.

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

We, the inhabitants of Foster and surrounding district, in public meeting assembled, having heard with surprise the Government proposal to only construct the Great Southern Railway line as far as Leongatha, do respectfully petition your Honorable House to include the whole of the line in the present Bill for the following reasons :—

- 1st. That the line if constructed through would greatly enlarge the food supply to the metropolis, especially in dairy produce and fish (immense quantities of which could be obtained if a quick means of transit were available).
- 2nd. That it would be one of the best paying lines in the colony.
- 3rd. That the settlers in the shire of Alberton, residing at Woodside, Woranga, Tarraville, Port Albert, Alberton, Yarram Yarram, Devon, Alberton West, Welshpool, Toora, Franklin River, Wonga Wonga, and Foster have been anxiously looking forward to railway communication to take their produce to market. The older settled portions have been expecting railway communication with the metropolis for the last twenty years.
- 4th. We would also desire to call the attention of your Honorable House to the large amount of selection between Foster and Leongatha that has lately taken place on the strength of the Great Southern line being carried out.

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

(Here follow 37 signatures.)

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