

Unto His Excellency Colonel George Arthur Lieut. Governor of the
Island of Van Diemen Land & its dependencies

The ~~petition~~ ^{Petition} of the Inhabitants of the District of Great
Swan

^{1st} We the Inhabitants of the District of Great Swan Port earnestly
petition Your Excellency to cause a Survey to be made of a
proper line of Road from the Northernmost part of this
Settlement to the Anchorage at Waterloo Point & from
thence ~~to the anchorage at Spring Bay~~ ^{in a straight or direct} as feasible to Spring Bay or to the River
of the ~~Spring Bay~~ ^{Spring Bay} where it will fall in with the main
Road to Launceston.

~~We~~ ^{We} beg to represent to Your Excellency that this
measure ~~is~~ ^{has} become ~~absolutely~~ ^{extremely} necessary on account of the
increased number of Inhabitants & the ~~growing~~ ^{growing} state of
the District & more especially in consequence of the Remote
Distance we are from Hobart Town & the extreme inconvenience
every individual now experiences from the badness of the pre-
sent Road which indeed is almost impassible and leaving
as it were no other alternative to the ~~inhabitants~~ ^{inhabitants} than that
~~of forwarding~~ ^{none} some of their produce to ~~Spring Bay~~ ^{Launceston} ~~excepting~~
the medium of the Small Vessels that ~~occasionally~~ ^{seasonally} arrive at
Waterloo Point while the other part of their produce is sent
out as ~~far as~~ ^{far as} it is ~~possible~~ ^{possible} to be sent to
Launceston & we have ~~thus~~ ^{thus} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~conceive~~ ^{conceive} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~present~~ ^{present}
state of the Road ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Inhabitants~~ ^{Inhabitants} experience the greatest
inconvenience in receiving regularly ~~their~~ ^{their} communications
~~from~~ ^{from} ~~Launceston~~ ^{Launceston} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~mail~~ ^{mail} ~~being~~ ^{being}
frequently detained for ~~several~~ ^{several} ~~days~~ ^{days} in consequence of
the impassible state of the Road. ~~It is~~ ^{It is} ~~therefore~~ ^{therefore} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~road~~ ^{road} ~~is~~ ^{is}
~~now~~ ^{now} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~impossible~~ ^{impossible} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~persons~~ ^{persons} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~their~~ ^{their}
~~carriage~~ ^{carriage} ~~periods~~ ^{periods} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~time~~ ^{time} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~undertake~~ ^{undertake} ~~a~~ ^a ~~journey~~ ^{journey} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~Launceston~~ ^{Launceston}
without ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~attended~~ ^{attended} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~greatest~~ ^{greatest} ~~danger~~ ^{danger} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~risk~~ ^{risk} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~their~~ ^{their} ~~life~~ ^{life}. That we also beg to assure Your Excel-
lency it is necessary is the object of ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~petition~~ ^{petition} that
the distance between Waterloo Point & ~~Launceston~~ ^{Spring Bay} may be
~~shortened~~ ^{shortened} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~able~~ ^{be} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~direction~~ ^{direction} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~down~~ ^{down}
undoubtedly feasible ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~believe~~ ^{believe} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~distance~~ ^{distance} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~Spring Bay~~ ^{Spring Bay}
to the Coal River Bridge might be shortened very ma-
terially.

And under these existing circumstances we
have been induced to address Your Excellency in order that
a line of Road may be marked out & through the
assistance of Government rendered feasible & we beg
leave to suggest to your Excellency that the new line of
Road may ~~should~~ ^{should} be taken as follows.

- 1st From the Northern extremity of the District to the Anchorage at
Waterloo Point part of which has been ~~already~~ ^{already} surveyed.
- 2nd From the latter Place to Mr. Braxton's
- 3rd From thence to Capt. Hawthins
- 4th From Capt. Hawthins to Capt. Macleay.

5th From thence to Ogish Plains either by a Point
across the Mouth of Ogish River, or the Road ^{as it is} to run to the
Westward of the River, in either case avoiding Paradise
6th From Ogish Plains by the Gal River Bridge to
Kangaroo Point.

G Should your Excellency be pleased to accede to this
our request, we sincerely hope that ^{the} measures may be
carried into effect with as little delay as possible
immediately adopted in order to prevent the very great
inconvenience & expense which will attend the settling
in clearing land & fencing those parts through which the line
of Road may run, & which in that case would be ~~lost~~ ^{eventually} consequently be
removed.

We ~~also~~ beg to observe to your Excellency
that owing to the length of the Road & the Labour which
it will require in having ~~a good~~ one cut, we feel ourselves
unable to afford that assistance which might be expected
from us & we trust that the Government will render
us this aid, while we beg to assure your Excellency
that every means on our part will be cheerfully given
to effect this most desirable object.

We

that ^{the circumstances} from our knowledge of the Country we ^{beg to} submit to your Excellency
that ~~it~~ it is our opinion that the new line of Road by
proposing from ^{at} We Point to Mr Buxton's for thence Mr Hawkins &
from thence to Spring Bay.

That your Excellency in the 1st Jan 1831 forwarded
a Petition to your Excellency for the subject of forming
a Road from Here & thence to the Port of Spring Bay
and Petition having been received your Excellency by leave
again to advise your Excellency of the subject of forming a Road