COMMISR. FOR RAILWAYS QUEENSLAND
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To the

Honourable W Miles
Minister for Works

Brisbane

Sir

At a meeting of the Residents of Cleveland and neighbourhood held at Mr Glynn's Hotel on Saturday evening last the 19th day of March 1887 the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted and Messrs Jordan and Buckland were requested to present same to the Minister

1st Moved by Mr Cross, seconded by Mr Ryan
That this meeting is of opinion that the time has arrived when we may confidently urge upon the Government the desirableness of proceeding with the construction of the Cleveland Railway without the least fear of our action being considered premature.
In support of which we most respectfully draw attention to the depressed state of the labour market. And whilst we readily admit that this has been brought about by circumstances over which no Government could possibly have any control, still, with public money at their disposal and remunerative works such as the above already sanctioned by Parliament it is theirs to minimise the depression by prompt and legitimate action and thereby assist a most deserving section of the community

2nd Moved by Mr Keating, seconded by Mr —

D P Irvine – That this meeting earnestly directs the attention of the Government to the
2nd calamitous effect of the late floods on the farming portion of the community, and is of opinion apart from any other consideration that their present unfortunate condition points most forcibly to the absolute necessity of commencing with those works which have beforehand been determined upon by the Government, and the necessity for which has been most emphatically acknowledged by the ~~the~~ public.

We with all deference refer to the relief fund and the very satisfactory manner it has been responded to, and confidently anticipate that the Government will at once follow the good example by proceeding with the construction of our railway, and thereby supply a most important element urgently required at the present time, and, consequently, contribute to the future prosperity of the district. With due respect we maintain that honest labour is more congenial to our nature, and more in harmony with a sensitive and industrious class than the most praiseworthy assistance of a relief fund; and it is only too true that there are numbers now who would gladly embrace an opportunity of this kind so as to enable them to remburse to some extent their losses

3rd Moved by Mr Kefford, seconded by Mr Lough
That this meeting is desirous that the generous resolutions be received by the Government as the sum spent as that in which they are given. That they must not be regarded as dictatorial, but suggestive.

not as emanating from 'malcontents' but 'loyal subjects;' and if found practicable, to grant the request of the same with the least possible delay, as it is evident to us the present is a most favourable time to proceed with the work

4th Moved by Mr Horsek, seconded by Mr Burnett, — "That our member John T. Rucklan Esq M.L.A and Henry Jordan Esq M.L.A be requested to present the before mentioned resolutions to the Hon the Minister for Public Works at the earliest possible date, and to give all the assistance in their power in carrying out the wishes of this meeting

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