

REASONS

FOR

Opposing the Bill for a Railway from Stockton by Darlington, in the County of Durham.

1st. Because this Railway is intended to pass for 35 miles over a tract of land most valuable and highly cultivated.

The Railway passes over 35 miles of land that is valuable and also used for farming.

2nd. Because the land over which it is to pass, belonging to the owners and occupiers who dissent, is twenty times more valuable and extensive than the land of those owners and occupiers who assent to this Bill passing.

The land owned by people who don't want this Railway on it is twenty times more valuable and large than any land owned by people who agree to the Railway.

3rd. Because the owners and occupiers dissenting are convinced that no adequate compensation can ever be made to them for the great damage and inconvenience they must suffer by such a Railway being made over so highly cultivated a tract of country, by the fields of each farm being cut up, divided, and thrown in common, which have been laid out with the greatest care and skill at a vast expense, according to the most approved plans of agriculture and good management, and by the depredations that will be committed on the crops and other property of the owners and occupiers, as well by the trespassing of cattle, as by the acts of persons necessarily employed on such Railway.

The landowners who do not want this railway can never be properly paid back for losing valuable and well looked after land. The fields would be cut up, divided and opened up. These are fields that have been well looked after at great expense. The Railway will damage the crops and buildings because of the people working on the railway and cattle being able to gain access.

4th. Because the line of this Railway runs in most places parallel with the turnpike roads, and therefore will be injurious and unjust to the creditors who have lent their money on the faith of Acts of Parliament creating the tolls of these roads, and pledging them as securities for the money lent thereon

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5th. Because the Bill is not promoted or supported by any considerable proprietor of property over which the Railway is to pass, but chiefly by bankers, merchants, and others, wishing to employ money in this speculation.

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6th. Because it is the opinion of all owners and occupiers opposing the Bill, that it will not be a public good, although it may ultimately benefit some individuals.

All the people who own or live on the land and don't want this Railway do not think that it will be a good for everyone. They think it will help just a few people.