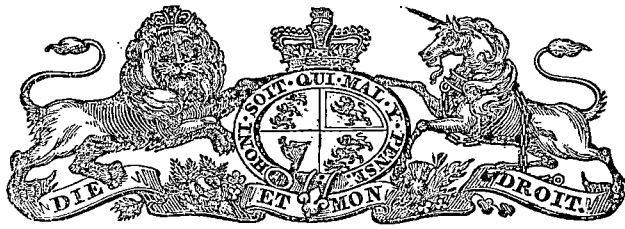


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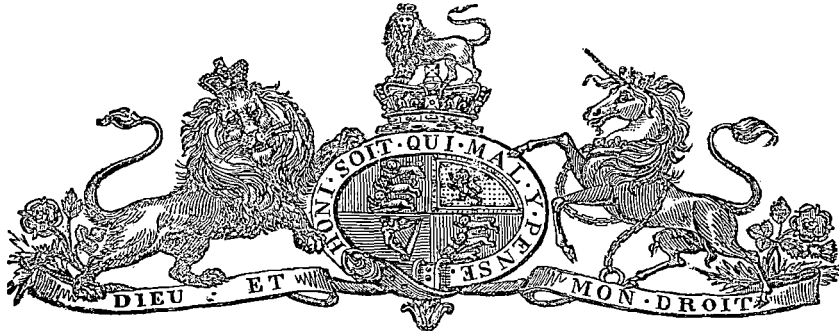
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PETITION.—BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUNCESTON.

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Presented by Mr. Gibson, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
26 August, 1859.



*To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The Memorial of the Members of the Baptist Church of Launceston, in the said Colony.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT Petitioners have observed, with great satisfaction, that a Bill has been introduced into Parliament having for its object the discontinuance of the Payment of Ministers of Religion from the Public Treasury.

That the passing into Law of the Bill referred to would greatly promote the spirit of true Religion in the Community, by the removal of a constant source of irritation, and would lead to greater personal exertion on the part of Members of Churches for the adequate support of their respective resident Clergy, and the extension of Missionary efforts throughout remote Districts of the Colony, which experience no benefit from the present system of the payment of Ministers.

And for these, amongst other reasons, your Petitioners humbly pray that the aforesaid Bill may become Law.

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

HENRY DOWLING, *Pastor.*

JAMES DAVIES, *Deacon.*

HENRY DOWLING, JUN., *Deacon.*