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HOBART TOWN.—ECCLESIASTICAL GRANT.

Presented by Mr. Dobson, and ordered by the House to be printed,
14 August, 1862.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Citizens of Hobart Town and others.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners view with alarm and surprise the Motion brought before your Honorable House to increase the Public Expenditure, by granting an additional sum of One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight Pounds annually to the Roman Catholic Church in this Colony.

That, while your Petitioners are of opinion that the distribution of the amount (namely Fifteen thousand Pounds) reserved for Religious purposes should be equalised as far as possible without detriment to the personal rights of any of its recipients, they would respectfully urge upon your Honorable House that any addition to the Ecclesiastical Reserve would be, in the present state of the Public Finances, unjust and oppressive to the people of this Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not pass any Measure having for its object the increase of the sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds already reserved for Ecclesiastical purposes.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 600 Signatures.]