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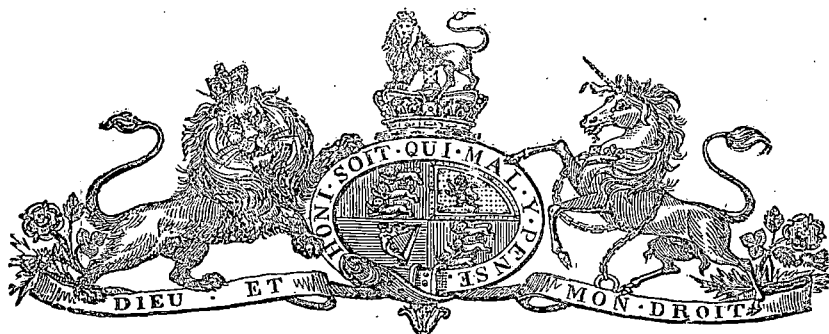
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PETITION No. 55.

STATE AID.

Presented by Mr. Maclanachan, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
11 September, 1861.



*To the Honorable the House of Assembly.*

The respectful Petition of the undersigned Landholders and Inhabitants of Jericho and neighbourhood.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are informed that is the intention of the present Ministry to introduce a Bill for the Abolition, upon certain terms, of State Aid to Religion.

That your Petitioners believe the support of Religion by the State to be necessary for the best interests of the Colony ; and that they claim for themselves and their families the benefits of the religious and moral teaching which it was the intention of the Constitutional Act to provide for them.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will refuse to sanction any measure that contemplates the Abolition of the Reserve for Public Worship.

And your humble Petitioners will ever pray.

[*Here follow 19 Signatures.*]