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SESSION II.

T A S M A N I A.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MARRIAGE BILL.

PETITION OF THE BISHOP AND CLERGY AGAINST.

Presented by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the House to be printed,
December 20, 1872.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly of the Parliament of Tasmania.

The humble Petition of the undersigned.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have observed that, by a Bill now before your Honorable House, it is proposed to legalise Marriage between a man and the sister of his deceased wife.

That in the opinion of your Petitioners such a measure is deprecated by the religious sense of a very large body of the people, as being opposed to the Divine Will revealed in Holy Scripture.

That it is highly inexpedient, in the judgment of your Petitioners, to make so sudden an alteration in a time-honored law without affording adequate opportunity to the various sections of the Church to express their opinion upon so vital a question, involving the most sacred interests, both social and religious.

For these reasons your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Bill may not pass into law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

C. H. TASMANIA.
F. H. COX.
ARTHUR DAVENPORT.
F. B. SHARLAND.