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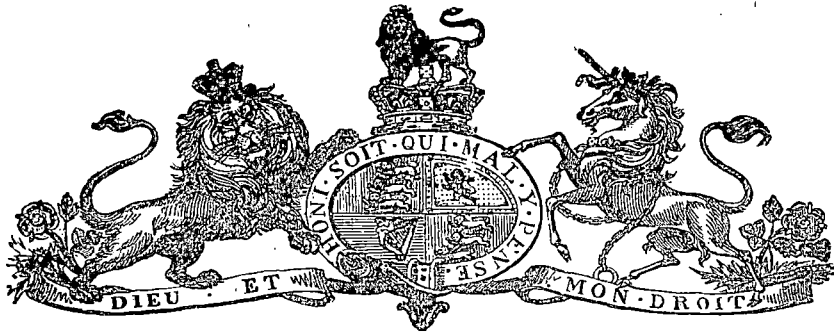
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION :

PETITION FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE GRANT IN AID.

Return to an Address. (Mr. Burgess.)

Laid upon the Table by the Treasurer, October 31, 1889, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed.



To His Excellency SIR R. G. C. HAMILTON, K.C.B., Governor of Tasmania.

The Petition of the Committee of the Ragged School Association,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Treasurer has announced in his place in Parliament that it is the intention of the Government to discontinue the Subsidy to the Association at the end of the present year.

That the Minister of Education has sent a letter to the Chairman of the Committee, setting forth the reasons which have actuated the Government in coming to such a determination, and requests a prompt reply.

That considerable exception may be taken to the reasons set forth by the Minister.

That the Association has been in existence for the past 35 years ; and is assured that much good has resulted from the efforts of this Committee, and the 30 ladies associated with them, for the children of the poor.

That they have acquired property, which is held in trust for certain purposes, which cannot be set aside without much care and thought.

That the time between this and the end of the year is far too short to enable the Committee to make satisfactory arrangements.

For these and other reasons, set forth in our reply to the Minister of Education, we respectfully ask that the Subsidy may be continued.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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John Gellie.
I. K. M'Intyre.
L. T. Tarleton.
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