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Presented by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the House to be printed,
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To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of William Nicolson, D.D., Minister of Chalmers Free Church, Hobart Town.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT whereas it has been announced that a Bill for the legalising of Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister is to be brought into your Honorable House during the present Session ; and whereas your Petitioner regards such Marriages as involving a serious disturbance of the social relations of life, as well as a manifest violation of the Divine Law on the subject of Marriage, he begs leave most respectfully and most earnestly to appeal to your Honorable House to refuse your sanction to such a measure as is thus proposed.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to refuse the passing of the said Bill, and your Petitioner shall ever pray.

WM. NICOLSON, *D.D., Minister of Chalmers Free Church,
Hobart Town.*