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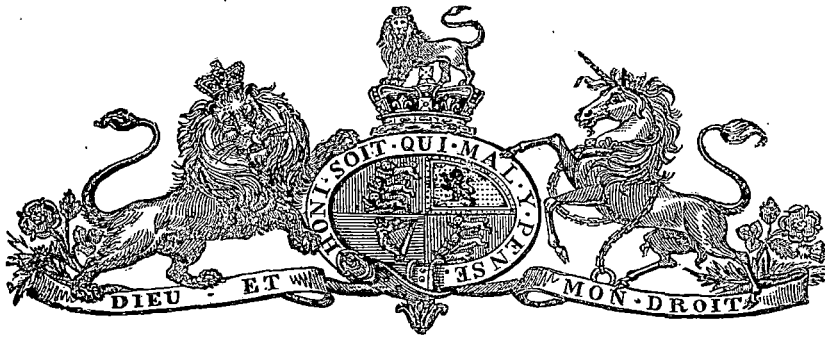
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PETITION FROM CERTAIN CITIZENS OF HOBART TOWN.

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Presented by Mr. Dunn, and ordered by the House to be printed, 30 September,  
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*To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Citizens of Hobart Town.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners believe in the supreme importance of true Religion to the welfare of the community.

That the system of State support in this Colony, by which the Public Revenue is employed to propagate Creeds that are mutually and fundamentally opposed, is, of necessity, unfavourable to the advancement of true Religion.

That the connection of Ecclesiastical bodies with the Government of this Colony is productive of much social discord, and destructive of that practical sympathy which ought to exist between Ministers of Religion and their People.

That the Denominations in this Colony which receive State Aid are, from their wealth and numbers, fully able to sustain their own Ministers.

That other and numerically weaker Religious bodies in this Colony do, in fact, support their own Ministers without the aid of the State; and that in the neighbouring Colony of South Australia all Denominations are able to do the same.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that it may please your Honorable House to abolish all Grants for the support of Ecclesiastical bodies in this Colony.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

*[Here follow 641 Signatures.]*