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P E T I T I O N No. 66.

PUBLIC WORSHIP RESERVE DISTRIBUTION.

Presented by Mr. Sharland, and ordered by the House to be printed,
10 September, 1862.



*To the Honorable the House of Assembly of the Parliament of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

THE humble Petition of the undersigned Rowland Robert Davies, Archdeacon of Hobart Town, and Commissary of the Right Reverend the Bishop of Tasmania, on behalf of a Meeting of Clergy and Lay Members of Synod, held in Hobart Town, this 9th day of September, 1862.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

That whereas a Bill is now before your Honorable House, intituled " A Bill to provide for the Distribution of the Sum of £15,000 reserved by the Constitutional Act for Public Worship in the Colony of Tasmania;" your Petitioner respectfully objects to the said Bill for the following reasons :—

1. Because it has not been called for by any clear demand of public opinion.
2. Because it is calculated to unsettle existing rights.
3. Because it diminishes a maintenance already proved to be insufficient for the wants of the Church of England.
4. Because, whilst it disturbs the present relation of the Church of England to the State, it affords no satisfactory or final settlement of that relation; the principle (which it involves) of distribution according to the Census being one which may be re-opened whenever a fresh Census shall become necessary.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the said Bill may not pass into Law.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

R. R. DAVIES.