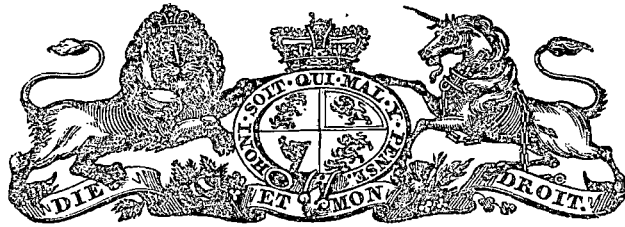


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PETITION FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ST. JOHN'S
SQUARE, LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered to be printed, 25 August, 1859.



To the Honourable the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Minister, Deacons, and Members of the Congregational Church, St. John's Square, Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are firmly convinced that the sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds voted annually by your Honourable House as State Aid to Religion fails to secure the object sought, and is a real injury to the Ecclesiastical bodies receiving it, and to the cause of Religion generally throughout the Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that your Honourable House will withdraw all State Grants for Ecclesiastical purposes.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the Church, in Public Meeting assembled,

WILLIAM LAW, *Minister.*

T. BUTTON,
J. G. JENNINGS, } *Deacons.*
W. S. BUTTON, }