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REVD. JOHN STORIE:

PETITION AS TO PENSION BILL.

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Presented by Mr. Aikenhead, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
May 16, 1879.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned JOHN STORIE, Minister of St. Andrew's, Hobart Town.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner has read a Bill transmitted from the House of Assembly to your Honorable House, providing that a pension of £300 a year shall be paid him on retiring from the public service of the Colony, and ceasing to act as Minister of the Church of which he is now the incumbent; and your Petitioner is prepared to acquiesce in the terms and conditions defined in that Bill.

That your Petitioner is informed that the Legislative Council have had under their consideration a motion to append to the first section of this Bill a clause which would impose on your Petitioner an obligation to give up possession of the manse and glebe of St. Andrew's to the governing authority of the Presbyterian Church of Tasmania as a condition precedent to the provisions of that Bill taking effect.

That your Petitioner is legally vested in the use and occupation of the church, manse, and glebe of St. Andrew's so long and so long only as he continues to act as Minister of that Church; that his vested rights in these properties cease with the termination of his incumbency; that he possesses no legal right and no lawful power to nominate or determine who shall succeed him in the use and occupation of these properties; and no lawful authority nor legal power to convey, transfer, or give up the possession of these properties by any act or deed of his to any party whatever.

That in the judgment of your Petitioner the obligation and condition proposed to be inserted in the said Bill are morally and legally impossible; impossible for the Legislature to impose, and impossible for him to execute.

May it therefore please your Honorable House either to assent to a Bill for the pension of your Petitioner on such terms as a Minister in the Church of God may lawfully and with honor accept, or to reject and dismiss the present Bill.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

JOHN STORIE, *Minister of St. Andrew's.*

16th May, 1879.