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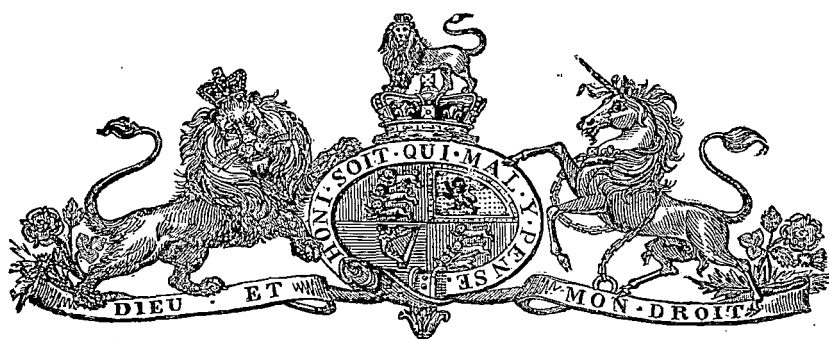
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PETITION FROM THE INCUMBENT AND CHURCHWARDENS
OF TRINITY CHURCH, LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Rooke, and ordered by the House to be printed, 30 September,
1858.



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

The Petition of the Incumbent and Churchwardens of Trinity Church, Launceston.

WE, the undersigned Incumbent and Churchwardens of Trinity Church, Launceston, have heard with regret that attempts are being made to induce your Honorable House to discontinue the Grant in aid of the maintenance of Public Worship and Ministers of Religion in this Colony.

Your Petitioners believe that such a step would be very prejudicial to the spiritual and moral condition of the Community. Without entering into the abstract question of the expediency or in expediency of the Civil Government providing for the maintenance of Public Worship, your Petitioners are firmly convinced that, in the present social condition of this Colony, great harm would ensue if your Honorable House were to discontinue the aid towards this object which has hitherto been granted.

Your Petitioners would respectfully represent, that the charge of so small a sum as Fifteen thousand Pounds upon the Land Fund of such a Colony as this, is too trifling to be weighed against the danger of injuring the religious and moral condition of the Community. That the said charge upon the Land Fund having been expressly reserved by the Crown as one of the conditions upon which the benefit of Free Institutions was conferred on the Colony, it would be unfair and ungenerous to accept the benefit and immediately repudiate the obligations with which it was accompanied.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House not to pass any measure having for its object the discontinuance of Aid from the State to Religion.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c., &c.

FRANCIS HALES, *A.B.*
C. J. IRVINE,
A. J. MARRIOTT, } *Wardens.*