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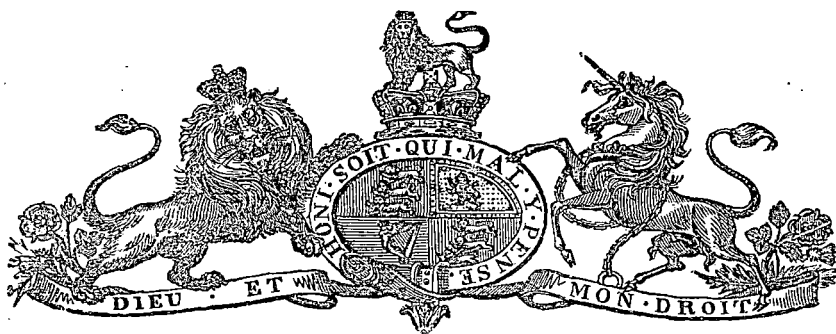
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

STATE AID COMMUTATION BILL.

PETITION AGAINST, FROM INDEPENDENTS, TAMAR-STREET,
LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Cameron, August 26; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 27, 1868.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Church and Congregation meeting in the Independent Church,
Tamar-street, Lannceston.

SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill for the Commutation of State Aid to Religious Bodies has passed the Honorable the House of Assembly, and awaits the sanction of your Honorable House.

That your Petitioners have been taken by surprise at the passing of a Measure for the payment of so large a sum as £100,000, and an additional sum of £2000 a year for an indefinite time to the aided Churches; while also the vested rights of all parties (secured by the "State Aid Distribution Act"), and their Pensions, are still to be charged on the State.

That there has not been sufficient time to ascertain or express the opinion of the country at large on the said Bill.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House not to pass the said Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the Church and Congregation.

CHARLES PRICE, *Pastor*.

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