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PETITION.

FROM THE REV. JOHN BURROWES.

Presented by Captain Langdon, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
3 October, 1862.



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

The humble Petition of John Burrowes, A.B., a Clerk in Holy Orders, and Chaplain of St. Mark's, Pontville, in the Diocese of Tasmania.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner was appointed, before leaving England in the year 1840, to a Chaplaincy in Van Diemen's Land under the provisions of the Church Act.

That your Petitioner has learned that a Bill now before your Honorable House will, if passed into a law, materially affect your Petitioner, as well as many other Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland, holding Cures in the Diocese of Tasmania.

- 1st. By reducing that portion of the said United Church of England and Ireland, located in this Colony, from an Episcopacy to a Presbyterianism.
- 2nd. By handing over the entire funds, by which the Clergy are at present paid, to the management of the Synod, the connexion between Her Majesty's Government and the Clergy will be weakened, and the said Clergy reduced from being independent Members to that of mere pensioners, or creatures of that body.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House will not permit any legislation by which the constitution of the Church may be affected ; or by which the direct personal relation of your Petitioner with Her Majesty's Government may be impaired.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN BURROWES, *Incumbent Chaplain of St. Mark's, Pontville.*