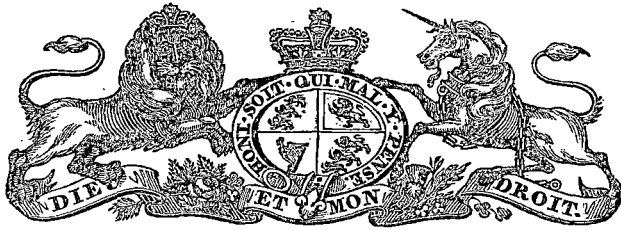


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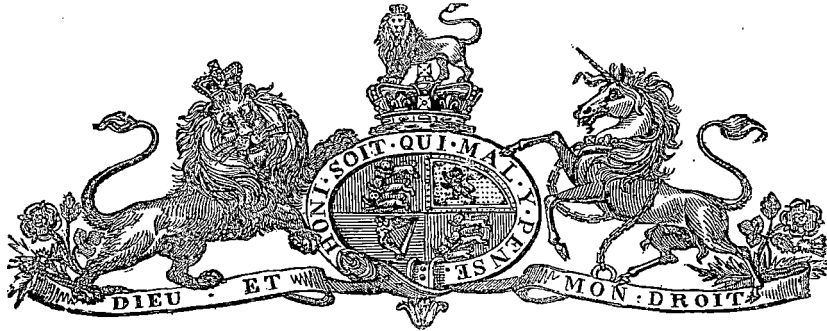
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P E T I T I O N

FROM MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, NEW  
TOWN, AGAINST STATE AID TO RELIGION.

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Presented by Mr Lowes, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 30 September, 1858



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

The Petition of the Members of the Church and Congregation worshipping in the Congregational Chapel, New Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners desire the maintenance and extension of true Religion throughout the Colony.

That your Petitioners believe this may be most effectually secured by the free-will offerings of the people.

That your Petitioners believe all Taxation for Religious objects to be unjust in principle, pernicious in practice, and injurious to the purpose for which it is enforced.

That the invariable tendency of State Ecclesiastical grants has been to foster error, formalism, and strife.

That your Petitioners are averse to the appropriation of public money for the support of Religious tenets which they believe to be true, much more of what they believe to be erroneous, and most of all of such as involve essential contradiction and mutual subversion.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to adopt such measures as shall effect the speedy abolition of all State Aid for Ecclesiastical purposes in this Colony.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed for and on behalf of the Members and Congregation of the Congregational Chapel, New Town,

JOHN NISBET, *Minister.*

THOMAS MURRELL, *Deacon.*

CHARLES LE VICOUNT, *Deacon.*