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P E T I T I O N

FROM MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE
PARISH OF WINDERMERE AGAINST THE ABOLITION OF
STATE AID.

Presented by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 28 October,
1857.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Members of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in the Parish of Windermere, Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioners see, with anxiety, that efforts are being made to abolish State Aid; and desire to express their conviction to your Honourable House, that the discontinuance of Aid from the Revenue for religious purposes, under the peculiar circumstances of the Population of the Colony, would be attended with great danger to the existence of Religion and the best interests of society.

2. That several Districts of the Island, with limited Population, would be deprived of the means of Grace; and the willing Members of the Church of England, however desirous, would be unable to provide for the spiritual necessities of their community.

3. Your Petitioners are, therefore, of opinion, that it is expedient that Aid from the Revenue should be granted by the Representatives of the People for Religious purposes; and that those who contribute to the Revenue should receive assistance for the preservation of the good order and morality of society in general.

4. Your Petitioners venture, further, to urge upon the attention of your Honourable Council, that State Aid should be administered on fixed principles, and that according to their numbers in the Census each Religious Body should receive their share: and that such Religious Bodies as may refuse assistance, the sum of money which is their due should revert to the Revenue.

Your Petitioners humbly venture to hope that these considerations may move your Honourable Council; and, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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James Long	George Maire	William Berry
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William Plummer	Robert Brown	Jonathan Tunks
Thomas Plummer	James Brown	Arthur Tunks
Henry Plummer	William Brown, Jun.	Thomas Tunks
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Edward Rosevear	Thomas Brown	William Reeves
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Henry Gleed	Frederick Downward	