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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners, feeling deeply interested in the welfare of the Community, desire to convey to your Honorable House the conviction they entertain of the evils attending the payment of the Salaries to the Ministers of Religion from the Public Treasury, and the great advantage that would result from the entire abolition of State Aid.

That your Petitioners feel assured that the present Salaries paid by the Government to the Ministers of different Denominations, besides being in many instances inadequate as a suitable provision for their support, tends to prevent the exercise of the duty of the Christian people to provide for their Spiritual Instructors.

That, by the present system adopted in this Colony, various religious bodies, while supporting their own Ministers, are at the same time compelled to contribute to the support of a system of which they cannot approve, and of teaching to which they are opposed.

That the encouragement of error equally with truth, by the Government supporting systems mutually subversive, has a tendency to confound important distinctions, and to promote in the public mind an indifference to truth.

That your Petitioners feel assured that, if the State payment for Religious purposes were abolished, the character and position of Ministers of Religion would be materially improved, and the interest of the people in religious concerns greatly increased.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House may adopt such measures as to your wisdom may seem best for effecting the discontinuance of the payment of the Public Money to Ministers of Religion.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

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