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FROM THE MINISTER AND DEACONS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH, LAUNCESTON, AGAINST STATE AID TO RELIGION.

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Presented by Mr. Button, 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 undersigned Minister and Deacons of the Congregational Church, St. John's Square, Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are deeply impressed with the importance of true Religion to promote the peace and prosperity of Nations.

That your Petitioners are convinced that the sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds per annum voted by your Honorable House for Ecclesiastical purposes is productive of much social discord and strife.

That all Denominations of Christians in this Colony are well able to support their own Ministers.

That already several Denominations of Christians in this Colony do support their Ministers.

That in South Australia, where State Aid has been withdrawn for some years, all Denominations of Christians adequately support their Ministers.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will withdraw all State Grants for Ecclesiastical purposes.

And, as in duty bound, your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

WILLIAM LAW, *Minister.*

T. BUTTON, *Deacon.*

J. G. JENNINGS, *Deacon.*