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STATE AID DISTRIBUTION BILL, No. 25.

PETITION, IN FAVOUR, FROM THE REV. W. R. BENNETT.

Presented by Mr. Carter; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
16 October, 1862.



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

The humble Petition of William Robert Bennett, Clerk in Holy Orders, Church of England
Chaplain in the District of O'Brien's Bridge and Bridgewater.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill for the Re-distribution of State Aid to Religion has passed the House of Assembly, and is now before your Honorable Council; and that, in the opinion of your Petitioner, it will be advantageous to the interests of Religion that the said Bill should receive the sanction of your Honorable Council, for the following reasons:—

1st. Because it meets the just claims of the Roman Catholics to a proportionate share of the sum appropriated for Religious Worship.

2nd. Because it meets the said claims without disturbing the vested interests of the present recipients of State Aid.

3rd. Because it gives to the Governing Body of each Church the management of its share of the Funds derived from State Aid, subject only to the provisions for protecting the vested interests of the present Chaplains.

Therefore your Petitioner humbly prays that the said Bill may pass your Honorable Council.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

WILLIAM ROBERT BENNETT.

O'Brien's Bridge, 14th October, 1862.