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PETITION OF THE BISHOP OF HOBART AND ROMAN  
CATHOLIC CLERGY.

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Presented by Mr. Anstey, and ordered by the House to be printed, 30  
September, 1858.



*To the Honorable the House of Assembly, Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the Catholic Bishop of Hobart Town and undersigned Clergy assembled.

SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners have heard that a Bill, entitled "A Bill to enable the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Tasmania to regulate the Affairs of the said Church," is to be introduced into your Honourable House.

That your Petitioners apprehend that the principle involved in this Bill—viz., the incorporating Ecclesiastical with Civil Law,—would interfere with the perfect Religious equality that at present happily exists in Tasmania.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that that equality may not be disturbed by any enactment of your Honourable House.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c. &c. &c.

† R. W. Willson, Catholic  
Bishop of Hobartton.  
William Hall, Vicar-General.  
Thomas Butler.  
Alfred Maguire.

W. P. Bond.  
William J. Dunne.  
M. R. Ryan.  
M. Burke.  
George Hunter.

M. Keohan.  
James Hogan.  
John Murphy.  
Charles Woods.  
Jno. J. G. Fitzgerald.