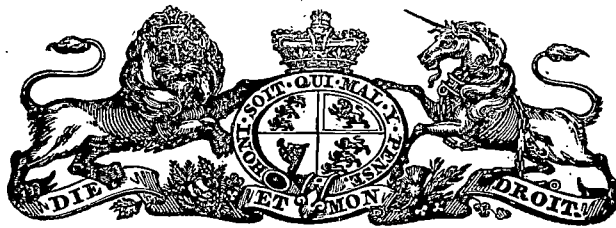


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL (No. 17):

PETITIONS IN FAVOR.

Presented by Mr. Whyte and Mr. MacLachlan, August 7; and ordered by the Council to be printed, August 12, 1874.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Presbyterians in Tasmania.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT whereas there is now before your Honorable House a Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate the Affairs of the Church of Scotland in Tasmania;" and we the undersigned Presbyterians being aware of its provisions, and fully conscious of the necessity of such a measure being passed into law.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that such Bill may receive the sanction of your Honorable House.

[Here follow 235 Signatures.]

Petitions in the same terms were presented from—

	<i>No. of Signatures.</i>
Presbyterians.....	41
Ditto.....	24
Ditto.....	14
Ditto.....	18

*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council
of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Office-bearers and Members of the Church of Scotland in Great Swanport, and Friends of the Cause of Presbyterianism resident there.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have read with much satisfaction the draft of a Bill to be laid before your Honourable House, entitled "A Bill to regulate the Affairs of the Church of Scotland in Tasmania."

That your Petitioners highly approve of the principle on which the said Bill is founded,—as removing all ambiguity from the title by which the Presbyterian Church in Tasmania has hitherto been known,—as affording a clear and an honorable platform on which all Sections of the Presbyterian Church within the Colony may be united into one body, and brought to work together in harmony and love,—and as providing all due facilities to the Spiritual Courts of the Church in the exercise of their administrative and disciplinary functions.

On such and other like grounds, therefore, your Petitioners crave that your Honorable House would be pleased to take the said Bill into your favourable notice, and that it may be enacted into Law.

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

[Here follow 13 Signatures.]