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PETITION FROM THE INDEPENDENT CHURCH, TAMAR-
STREET, LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed,
25 August, 1859.



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

The Petition of the undersigned.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are deeply impressed with the unspeakable importance of the Christian Religion to the well-being of mankind ; and that they desire its maintenance in this Colony in accordance with the instructions of its Divine Founder.

Your Petitioners are convinced that the annual Grant of Fifteen thousand Pounds in aid of Religion, made by the Government of this Colony, fails in promoting the great objects intended ; and they therefore pray that this Grant may be discontinued at the earliest time which may be deemed suitable by your Honorable House.

And they will ever pray, &c.

On behalf of the Independent Church, Tamar-street, Launceston,

CHARLES PRICE, *Pastor*;
RICHARD PESCODD, *Deacon*.
D. ROOM, *Deacon*.