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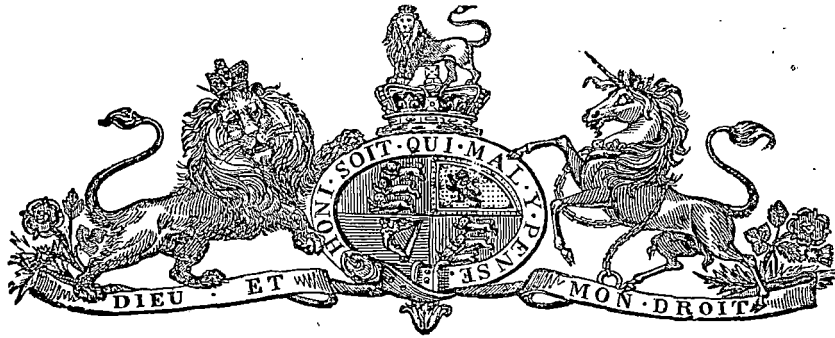
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STATE AID REDISTRIBUTION.

PETITION FROM CHAPLAIN AND CHURCHWARDENS,
MACQUARIE PLAINS.

Presented by Captain Langdon, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
3 October, 1862.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Chaplain and Churchwardens of Macquarie Plains.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners understand, that there is a Bill now before your Honorable House providing for the redistribution of the Annual Grant for the maintenance of Public Worship.

That, owing to the short notice (having learnt this from the Papers of this morning), they are unable to get the Petition numerously signed as they would otherwise have done; and in consequence of the river being rendered impassable by the late rains, they cannot communicate with the Parishioners at the Plenty.

They beg to represent, that they are of opinion that the Bill now before your Honorable House ought not to become the Law of the Land for the following reasons:—

1. Because those Parishes, that by fulfilling their part of the Contract received a certain annual sum, have a perpetual claim thereto.
2. Because it is unjust, under these circumstances, to take any portion of this sum from one body of recipients to benefit another.
3. Because the Bill does not at all settle the question; as after a fresh Census a redistribution may at any time be demanded.
4. Because it was uncalled for by Petitions to that effect, so far as they are aware.

They therefore pray your Honorable House not to pass the said Bill.

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

THOS. GARRARD, *Chaplain.*
EDWARD TERRY, *Churchwarden & Synod-man.*
R. BARKER, } *Churchwardens.*
G. NICHOLS, }