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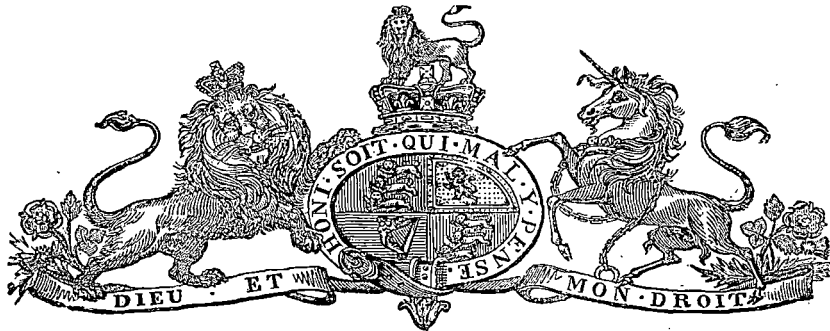
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PETITION—CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Button, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
28 August, 1860.



To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Minister and Deacons of the Congregational Church assembling in the Congregational Church, St. John Square, Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are fully convinced that the present system of voting Fifteen thousand Pounds per annum by the Parliament of Tasmania for the professed support and extension of Religion is impolitic, and fails to secure the objects sought.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to adopt speedy measures for the entire cessation of all State Grants for Ecclesiastical purposes.

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

Signed on behalf of the Church in Public Meeting assembled.

WILLIAM LAW, *Minister.*
T. BUTTON,
J. G. JENNINGS, } *Deacons.*
J. POWELL,