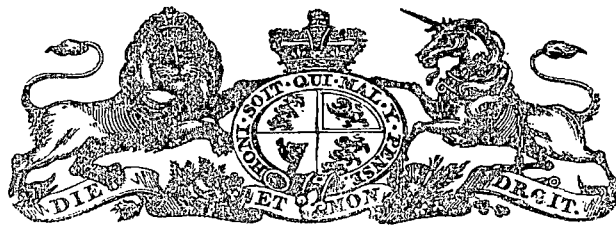


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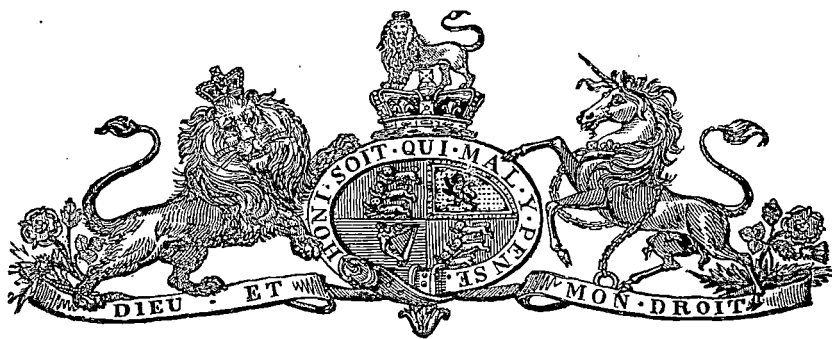
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PETITION No. 62.

STATE AID DISTRIBUTION BILL.

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Presented by Mr. Maclanachan, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
5 September, 1862.



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

The humble Petition of the Minister and Office Bearers of the Free Church of Scotland in Oatlands.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT the Free Church of this Colony numbers upwards of Two thousand of Her Majesty's most loyal subjects.

That your Petitioners feel much aggrieved by the injustice which will be done to the Members of the Free Church in Tasmania by the Bill which has been introduced into your Honorable House for the distribution of the £15,000 reserved by "The Constitutional Act" for the support of Religious Worship in the Colony of Tasmania.

That your Petitioners consider that any Bill for the distribution of the £15,000 reserved for Religious purposes, which ignores the just claim of the Free Church to participate in such distribution, is unjust and oppressive.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not pass the Bill in its present form.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

L. Campbell, *Minister.*  
William Exton, *Elder.*  
James Wilson, *Elder.*  
Thomas Littlechild, *Elder.*  
Henry Brock, *Deacon.*

J. M. Gray, *A.B., Deacon.*  
Thos. W. Bruce, *Deacon.*  
George Wilson, jun., *Deacon.*  
John Wilson, *Deacon.*