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PETITION No. 21.

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Presented by Mr. Adams, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
24 August, 1860.



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

The Petition of the undersigned Conductors of Private Schools.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT several of your Petitioners have been engaged in the business of Teaching for many years in the Colony.

That on perusing the Report of the Commission on Education, laid upon the table of your Honorable House, your Petitioners have been led to infer that the Heads of those Establishments only have been examined on the subject who have a direct interest in the State Aid which the Commission recommends to be granted to them.

That not one of your Petitioners has been examined, or called upon to express an opinion, on a matter vitally affecting their interests ; and that, in the said Report, their Schools have been virtually ignored.

That your Petitioners naturally feel a lively interest in the promotion of Education to its highest standard ; and they are of opinion that the establishment of the College, as proposed in the Report, would give a vigorous and healthy impulse to the whole system of Education throughout the Colony.

That your Petitioners would respectfully point out that, during the great number of years in which they have been engaged in Teaching, they have been enabled to command the sympathies and support of the public, and to maintain an honorable standing in the profession, as is evidenced by the successful competition of some, and the very creditable places obtained by several pupils of Private Establishments at the Examinations for Scholarships ; and that they can point with pride to the respectable positions which many of their former pupils occupy here and in the neighbouring Colonies.

That, without any assistance from the State, they have had to struggle against many vicissitudes and adverse circumstances incidental to their pursuit, in common with the three Schools so emphatically and exclusively named in the Report as the only worthy recipients of aid, in addition to their already valuable endowments of land, &c.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that, in considering the Report of the Commission above referred to, or any Resolutions bearing upon the subject, their interests and claims may not be overlooked by your Honorable House, but that a fair share of the advantages sought to be conferred may be extended to them, either by the tenure at Private Establishments of the Scholarships obtained by Pupils educated in them, or by such other means as in the wisdom of your Honorable House may be deemed expedient ; and your Petitioners are perfectly willing to submit to any conditions which your Honorable House may think fit to impose, whether by way of inspection to secure their efficiency, or to ensure the permanent character of the Institutions which they severally conduct.

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

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