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STATE AID REDISTRIBUTION.

PETITION FROM INHABITANTS OF BRIGHTON.

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Presented by Mr. Gregson, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
October 3, 1862.



*To the Honourable the Legislative Council.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the District of Brighton.

SHOWETH :

That your Petitioners desire to represent to this Council their objections to the Bill for Redistribution of the Reserve for Public Worship, as follows; namely,—

First, that while that Bill preserves the vested interests of the Chaplains appointed under the Church Act, it ignores the solemn contract made by that Act with the Inhabitants of this District, and of all other Districts who complied with the provisions of that Act.

Secondly, that they object to the proposed handing over of the Reserve to the Governing Bodies of the different Churches, believing that the same ought, at least for the present, to continue under the controul of Parliament, and not be placed under that of private individuals practically irresponsible to the State for their manner of dealing with it.

Thirdly, that this Bill proposes to take a considerable yearly sum from the Churches of England and Scotland in order to endow other denominations, which they think it not right to do.

Fourthly, that this Bill does not propose a scheme likely to prove final or satisfactory for the settlement of the agitation that has been raised respecting State Aid to Religion.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to disallow the said Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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