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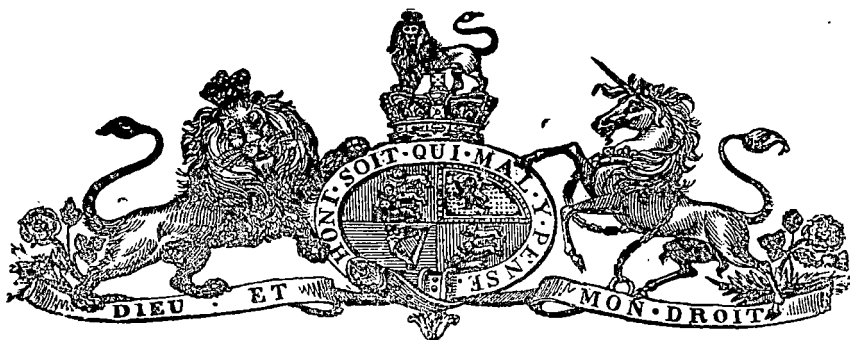
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AMENDMENT BILL,
(No. 22):

LETTER FROM MR. RUSSELL YOUNG.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, August 15; and ordered by the Council to be printed, August 17, 1882.



Stone Buildings, Hobart, 11th August, 1882.

SIR,

My attention having been drawn to the Petition presented by the Honorable Mr. Maclanachan from Mr. John Gellie, against the passing of the Bill to amend "The Presbyterian Church Act," in which he makes the following statement:—"The Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church knowing nothing of it,"—I consider it my duty to you, as having charge of the Bill, and to the Members of your Honorable House, as well as to the Members of the Church, to make the following statement.

I was present with an influential Deputation from the Church who waited upon the Honorable Attorney-General on the 1st instant, with the view of urging the claims of the Bill as a measure affecting the general welfare of the Church, and to solicit his taking charge of the same in the House of Assembly.

At that Deputation the Moderator of the Synod, the Reverend John Lyle, was the very gentleman who introduced the Deputation, and spoke in well chosen and well considered words in favour of the measure becoming law, as calculated to benefit the Church generally.

I trust that you may be enabled to bring this letter before the Members of your Honorable House, so that the damaging misrepresentation made by Mr. Gellie may be counteracted.

I may also state that Petitions to both Houses of Parliament are now in course of signature by the Clergy and Office-bearers of the Church in support of the Bill.

The following gentlemen formed the Deputation:—Rev. John Lyle, Moderator of Synod; Rev. James Scott, Clerk of Synod; Rev. Alexander Doctor, Moderator of Hobart Presbytery; The Hon. James Whyte; James Gibson, Esq.; Donald M'Millan, Esq.; James Thomas Robertson, Esq.; Alexander Riddoch, Esq.; Russell Young, Esq.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

RUSSELL YOUNG.

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.