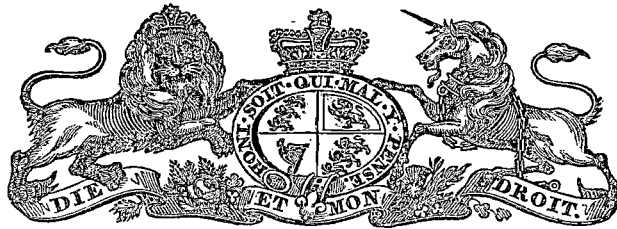


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P E T I T I O N

FROM RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT OF CULLENSWOOD
AGAINST STATE AID TO RELIGION.

Presented by Mr. Button, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
30 September, 1858.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

The Petition of the undersigned Residents within the District of Cullenswood, in Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are members of various Religious bodies residing in the District of Cullenswood.

That your Petitioners are taxed, with the rest of the Community, for the propagation of Religious Creeds which are fundamentally opposed.

That your Petitioners believe the system under which hostile Communion are alike maintained by the State in this Colony to be unfavorable to the interests of Religion, unnecessary for its support, as well as unjust in operation, and unsound in principle.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that it may please your Honorable House to abolish all Grants of Money for Ecclesiastical purposes.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Richard C. Kerkham.
Henry Cowell.
Thomas Ransom.
H. Dawson.
Benjamin Drake.
William White.
John Kirkby.
Thomas Hardy.
John Anderson.

James Ellis.
John Woodberry.
Timothy Hopewell.
John Press.
Edward Walker.
William Deacon.
Joseph Haddon.
David Panton.
William Britton.

George Weller.
R. Still.
Arthur Wright.
Michael Heap.
John Cooper.
James Randall.
Thomas Abrahams.
John Anderson.