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PETITION FROM THE FREE CHURCH IN LAUNCESTON.

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Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed, 25 August, 1859.



*Unto the Honorable the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Office-bearers of the Free Church of Scotland in Launceston.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT the annual Grant in aid of Ecclesiastical purposes made by the State in Tasmania is, in the opinion of your Petitioners, a misappropriation of the Public Funds, and does not answer the purpose for which it was intended.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to take immediate steps to repeal the same.

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

JAMES LINDSAY, *Minister.*  
THOMAS CORBETT, *Elder.*  
ROBERT TORRANCE, *Deacon.*  
A. DUTHIE, *Deacon.*