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STATE AID DISTRIBUTION BILL, No. 25.

**PETITION, IN FAVOUR, FROM CHURCHWARDENS OF ST.
JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW TOWN.**

Presented by Mr. Carter, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
16 October, 1862.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned the Churchwardens of St. John's, New Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners, having considered the important modifications which have been introduced into "The State Aid Distribution Bill" since it was first proposed to the House of Assembly, earnestly desire that, by the concurrence of your Honorable House, it may now become Law; your Petitioners being influenced by the following considerations :—

1. That it recognizes the claim of the various religious sections of the community (more especially of the Roman Catholic Church) to an equitable share in the aid given by the State to the ministrations of Public Worship.

2. That it provides liberally for the interests of the present recipients of State Aid.

3. That it gives power to the Governing Authorities of the Churches to administer their respective portions of the Public Fund,—an arrangement which is evidently preferable to that which at present prevails.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honorable House to pass the said Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

JAMES F. HARRINGTON.
G. W. FLETCHER.
W. A. MACKAY.