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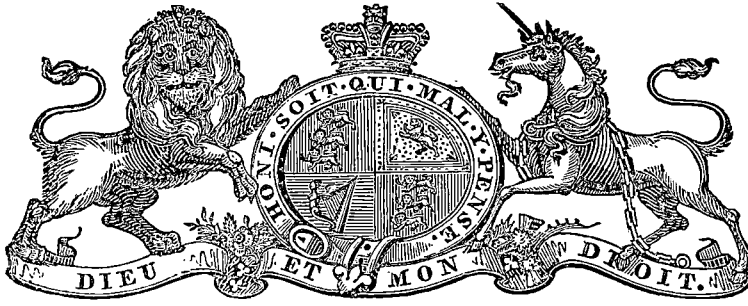
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Presented by Mr. Gunn, and ordered by the House to be printed, 11 November, 1857.



*To the Honourable the House of Assembly.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Members of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in the Parish of Windermere, Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioners see with anxiety that efforts are being made to abolish State Aid; and desire to express their conviction to your Honourable House that the discontinuance of aid from the Revenue for Religious purposes, under the peculiar circumstances of the population of the Colony, would be attended with great danger to the existence of Religion, and the best interests of society.

2. That several Districts of the Island, with limited population, would be deprived of the means of Grace; and the willing Members of the Church of England, however desirous, would be unable to provide for the spiritual necessities of their Community.

3. Your Petitioners are, therefore, of opinion that it is expedient that Aid from the Revenue should be granted by the Representatives of the people for Religious purposes; and that those who contribute to the Revenue should receive assistance for the preservation of the good order and morality of society in general.

4. Your Petitioners venture further to urge upon the attention of your Honourable House, that State Aid should be administered on fixed principles; and that, according to their numbers in the Census, each Religious body should receive their share: and that such Religious bodies as may refuse assistance, the sum of money which is their due should revert to the Revenue.

Your Petitioners humbly venture to hope that these considerations may move your Honourable House; and, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Wm. Neilley, J.P.

James Long.

George Coulson.

W. P. Coulson.

James Stephens.

Joseph Stephens.

Charles Best.

James Best,

James Goodson.

Josh. S. Gaunt.

George Plummer, Senior.

Jonathan P. Plummer.

George Plummer.

William Plummer.

Thomas Plummer.

Henry Plummer.

William Rosevear.

Edward Rosevear.

Thomas Rosevear.

Edmund Cawe.

Henry Gleed.

William Gleed.

George Maire.

George Smart.

John Griffiths.

John M'Creary.

Wm. Paterson.

Henry Frederick Neilley.

William Paterson, Junior.

John Holman.

John M'Kenzie.

Thomas Wootton.

Archibald M'Lean.

Samuel Hurst.

William Brown.

Robert Brown.

James Brown.

William Brown, Junior.

John Brown.

Thomas Brown.

Charles Brown.

Peter Brown.

Frederick Downward.

Robert Harrison.

William Berry.

William Colyer.

Charles Page.

L. M. Dutton.

T. Harris.

Philip Johnson.

Joseph Smithern.

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John Smithern.

George Atkinson.

John Hull.

Thomas Tunks.

Jonathan Tunks.

Arthur Tunks.

Thomas Tunks.

James Bolings.

William Reeves.

Robert Harrison.