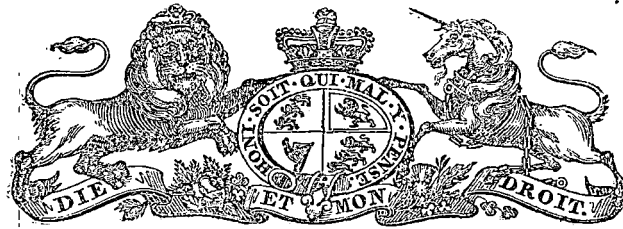


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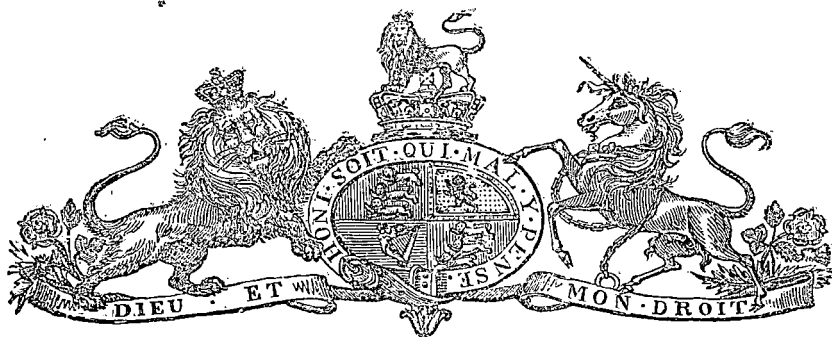
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PETITION No. 52.

STATE AID.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed,
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To the Honorable the House of Assembly Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Pastor and Deacon of the Baptist Church, Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT Petitioners have heard that a Bill is now before your Honorable House which provides for the disallowance of the Annual Grant of Fifteen thousand Pounds to Four religious bodies; namely, the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Church of Rome, and the Wesleyan Church, and of substituting a Bonus of Fifty thousand Pounds to the said Churches, as well as the payment of the Salaries of their Ministers during life.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that the voting of such a sum is inconsistent with every view of right and justice, and in the present depressed state of the Public Revenue, impolitic and uncalled for.

That your Petitioners are willing to concede as a matter of compensation, that the other Clauses of the Bill should remain as they are.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House that the Clause providing for a Bonus of Fifty thousand Pounds may not pass into law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

HY. DOWLING, *Pastor.*
JAMES DAVIES, *Deacon.*