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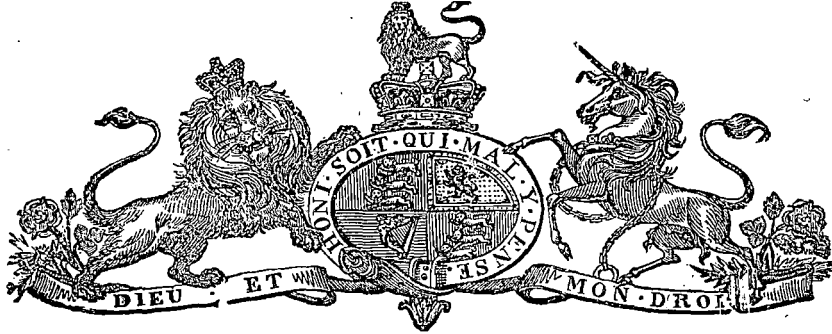
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ABOLITION OF STATE AID TO RELIGION.

PETITION FROM SEATHOLDERS OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH, LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Sir R. Dry, October 3; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 4, 1867.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Seatholders of St. John's Episcopal Church, Launceston.

SHOWETH :

THAT in the opinion of your Petitioners the time has arrived when Creeds that are fundamentally opposed should cease to be supported by public taxation.

That in the year 1853 it was announced officially (Despatch No. 9) "that at no very distant period all contributions from the revenue towards the support of the Clergy shall cease and determine."

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to pass a law for the entire abolition of State Aid to Ecclesiastical bodies—a law which shall secure to the present recipients under the State Aid Distribution and Superannuation Acts, so long as they exercise their office in this Colony, their full stipend or allowance; and in case of the death or removal from the Colony of such recipients, shall provide that the sum or sums paid to them shall thereupon revert to the Public Treasury.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 16 Signatures.]