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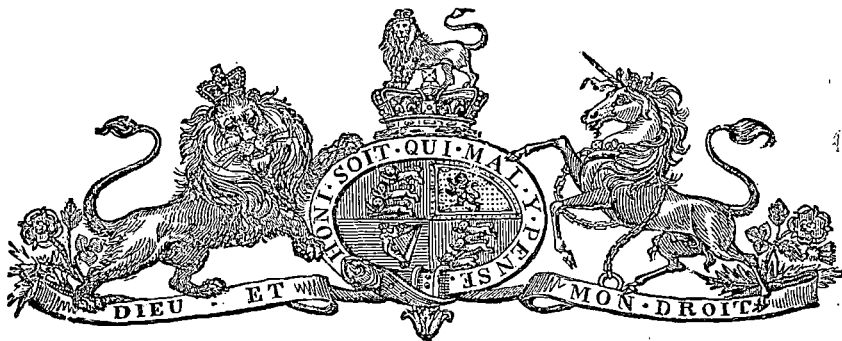
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TASMANIA.

PETITION No. 49.

STATE AID,—INDEPENDENT CHURCH, TAMAR-STREET,
LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed, 14 August,
1862.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Independent Church and Congregation meeting in the Independent Chapel, Tamar-street, Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners view with alarm and surprise the Motion brought before your Honorable House to increase the Public Expenditure by granting an additional Sum of £1,888 annually to the Roman Catholic Church in this Colony.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that the cause of true Religion is not promoted in this Colony by State support, and therefore pray that, with due regard to any personal interests involved, all Grants in aid of Religion may cease at the earliest period it may seem good to your Honorable House to appoint.

That your Petitioners further pray that your Honorable House will not pass any Measure having for its object the alienation of the Public Revenue of the Colony for Ecclesiastical purposes.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed on the behalf of the Church and Congregation.

CHARLES PRICE, *Pastor.*

D. ROOM, }
R. PESCODD, } *Deacons.*