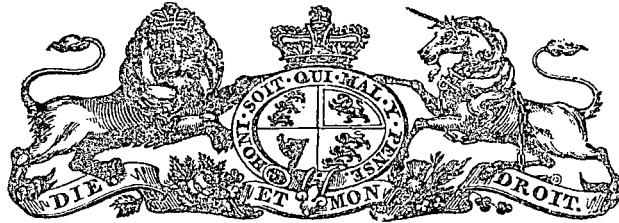


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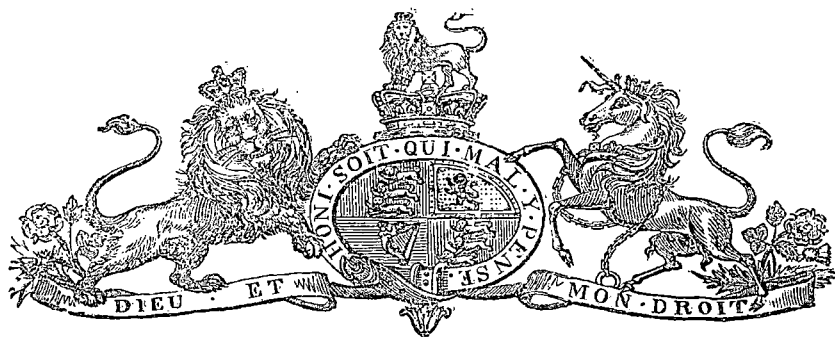
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P E T I T I O N No. 12.

CHALMERS' FREE CHURCH, LAUNCESTON, AGAINST ADDITIONAL
GRANTS FOR ECCLESIASTICAL PURPOSES.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed,
22 August, 1860.



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

The Petition of the undersigned Minister and Office-bearers of Chalmers' Free Church, Launceston.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have heard with regret that a proposition is before your Honourable House to increase the present Ecclesiastical grant by the sum of Three thousand Pounds.

That your Petitioners consider this proposition, in the present financial state of the Colony, to be unwise and inexpedient, altogether apart from any views they may entertain as to the continuance and distribution of Public Funds for Sectarian purposes.

May it, therefore, please your Honourable House to refuse to increase the Annual Grant for Ecclesiastical purposes.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

JAMES LINDSAY, *Minister.*
THOMAS CORBETT, *Elder.*
ROBERT TORRANCE, *Deacon.*
ALEX. DUTHIE, *Deacon.*