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STATE AID RE-DISTRIBUTION.

PETITION FROM THE REV. J. L. ISON.

Presented by Mr. Wilson; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 3, 1862.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Colonial Chaplain, appointed by the Crown, and now ministering under the provisions of *The Church Act*.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner is informed that a Bill is now before your Honorable House, having for its object the Re-distribution of the £15,000 reserved for the maintenance of Public Worship.

That your Petitioner objects to such Bill.

First, because he believes the proposed Re-distribution involves injustice, as well to Churches, as to individual Clergymen.

Secondly, because it does not propound a satisfactory or final settlement of the question of State Aid to Religion.

If, however, Re-distribution should be deemed advisable by your Honorable Council as a measure of expediency, then your Petitioner prays,

That, in any measure passed by this Council to effect such Re-distribution, a provision may be contained, enacting that his present direct relation to the Crown shall remain undisturbed, and that he shall receive his stipend and allowances from the Treasury as heretofore; and, further, that—except for breach of Ecclesiastical Law—no Chaplain, unaffected by such Re-distribution, may be removed, without his consent, from the Parish he accepted under *The Church Act*.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN L. ISON, *Colonial Chaplain of Oatlands and Jericho.*