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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

STATE AID COMMUTATION BILL.

PETITION IN FAVOUR, FROM BISHOP, CLERGY, AND LAY
REPRESENTATIVES OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Presented by Sir R. Dry, August 21 ; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 26, 1868.



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

The humble Petition of the Bishop and of the undersigned Clergymen and Representatives of the Laity in the Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland in Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT a sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds is reserved for Public Worship from the General Revenue by the Act of the Imperial Parliament from which the Parliament of Tasmania derives its existence.

That a Bill has been submitted to your Honorable House by the Government for the Commutation of the said Reserve.

That the Church which your Petitioners represent is justly entitled, as they believe, to the full amount of the Income now assigned to it out of the said Reserve.

That your Petitioners are willing for the sake of peace, and in order to a more secure and final settlement of an agitated question, to accept the Commutation proposed in the Bill.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to pass the Bill for the Commutation of the Reserve for Public Worship.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 64 Signatures.]