

OFFICE OF SCHOOL OF MINES, &C.,

BALLAARAT, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1870.

SIR,—

I do myself the honour to forward you the accompanying printed drafts of—

- 1st.—Proposed Amended Constitution.
- 2nd.—Statutes.
- 3rd.—Regulations for Examinations.

And to inform you that the Council will meet for the consideration of these drafts, and for the appointment of Master, at the School, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday next, 7th December.

By comparing the proposed Constitution with the "Outline" as adopted on the 26th October, you will perceive many important alterations and additions. The "Outline" was indicative only of a "Proposed School;" but now the School has been inaugurated, and it is necessary to declare what it is and to provide for sufficient machinery to carry its object into effect. Hence, a re-drafting of the Constitution was necessary. This duty was entrusted to myself by the Administrative Council. I have not been able to submit the draft to the Administrative Council, consequently it is not responsible for many of the changes which are suggested.

I most respectfully solicit you to give the Constitution your especial attention—

1st.—Because it has necessarily been very hurriedly re-drafted, and consequently is very likely to be defective. Doubtless there are many omissions.

2nd.—Because the Constitution is the basis of the School—the source from whence all power is given—and it is very important that it should be made as perfect and as workable as possible. The Statutes may be amended by the Council; but the Constitution can be amended by the Governors and Subscribers only. Besides, as it is proposed to incorporate the School by Act of Parliament, it is the more important that the Constitution be most carefully considered for reasons which are obvious.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES BAKER,  
SECRETARY.

# School of Mines and Industries,

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

OF BALLAARAT.

Inaugurated 26th October, 1870.

## Constitution.

### CHAPTER I.—OF OBJECTS.

1. The primary object of the School shall be to impart instruction in the various branches of ~~moral and physical science~~ <sup>technical</sup> relating to mining, the theory and practice of mining, mine management, mining surveying, and engineering, ~~and all other matters and things connected therewith.~~ <sup>which may relate to the arts and industries, especially such as may be considered most likely to exert a beneficial influence upon the prosperity of Ballarat and its neighbourhood.</sup>

2. It is ~~also~~ proposed, as soon as practicable, to extend the operation of the School so as to impart instruction in the various branches of ~~moral and physical science~~ <sup>technical</sup> in so far as they relate to the arts and industries, especially such as may be considered most likely to exert a beneficial influence upon the prosperity of Ballarat and its neighbourhood.

### CHAPTER II.—OF GOVERNMENT.

1. The School shall be under the control and management— as hereinafter provided—of a Visitor, President, Vice-president, Council, and Administrative Council.

2. VISITOR.—The first Visitor of the School shall be and is hereby declared to be His Excellency Viscount Canterbury, K.C.B., Governor of the colony of Victoria, who shall continue to hold office as long as he continues to be Governor of the colony of Victoria; and every succeeding Visitor shall be elected by the governors and subscribers for a period of ~~seven~~ <sup>two</sup> years.

3. The Visitor for the time being shall have the ordinary visitatorial jurisdiction of the visitor of a college or corporate body.

4. PRESIDENT.—His Honor Sir Redmond Barry is hereby declared to be the first President of the School, and elected to hold office for a period of five years from the 26th day of October, A.D. 1870.

5. Every future President shall be elected by the governors and subscribers, and shall continue to hold office for a period of five years.

6. The President shall have the right to preside at all meetings of the Council or Administrative Council, and all other meetings of the School, and to present to successful candidates certificates of efficiency and of merit, and other distinctions to be conferred by the School. In addition to his deliberative vote, he shall have a casting vote at all meetings where the votes are equal.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT.—The Vice-President shall be elected by the Council, ~~who~~ shall elect one of its own members to that office, and shall continue to hold office for a period of three years; and in the absence of the President the Vice-President shall have, exercise, and enjoy all the authority, power, and privileges of the President. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, a Chairman may be elected by the quorum present, and such Chairman shall have similar authority and power—including casting vote—as the President or Vice-President would have had if present at such meeting.