

54/250 Resident Commissioner Ballarat

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Reporting that he attended a dinner given to the American Consul and stating that Consuls speech to his countrymen was most praiseworthy. 54/J14459

Ballarat

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Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that having been invited to a dinner given by the Americans to their Consul Mr Tarlton, I attended I must state that Mr. Tarltons address to his countrymen impressing on them to obey the laws & instructions of this country was most praiseworthy and was received with great applause, at the same time I cannot help thinking that the Americans are playing a deep game, without appearing

To the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields to take any part in the meetings if I can believe one information I have received they are in a most insidious manner urging on the mob without shewing themselves and I can only suppose it is with the view of Americanising this Colony, before Mr Tarlton had quite finished his speech I received word from the camp that the troops had been ordered out and I left after addressing a few words to the Americans

I cannot say that my information regarding the Americans being concerned in this movements is correct but