

Captain Kaye

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8/12/54

Collins Street

7th December 1854

Sir,

We have the honour to enclose you the Resolutions passed at the Public Meeting yesterday and on XXX us by laying them before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

We have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant XXX

J. M. Grant

John XXX

To Captain Kaye

Private Secretary

Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting of the citizens of Melbourne held on the vacant piece of ground adjoining St. Pauls Church Swanston Street on the sixth day of December AD1854. -

Henry Langlands Esq. In the Chair It was moved by David Blair Esq. Seconded by J P Fawkner Esq., MLC supported by Dr Owens and unanimously carried

1. That the constitutional agitation at Ballarat has assumed its present unconstitutional form in consequence of the coercion of Military Force. And that matters would not have been precipitated to their present issue but for the harsh and imprudent recommencement of diggers hunting during a period of excitement. It was moved by Thomas Fulton Esq. Seconded by J C Cope Esq. Supported by Henry Frencham Esq. And unanimously carried.

2. That the citizens of Melbourne while disapproving of the physical resistance offered by the Diggers to the Government can not without betraying the interests of liberty lend their support to the measures of their Government till they have obtained a Guarantee that steps will be taken to place the colony in general and the Gold fields in particular on such a footing as that, military powers

will be no longer required. It was moved by J. M Grand Esq. Seconded by Capt. Harrison supported by Mr. Cathie and unanimously carried.

3. That a commission consisting of the following Gentlemen viz: Messrs Westgarth, O'Shannessy, Falkner, Strachan, H. Cooke, Thos. Fulton, Dr. Owens, and Mr. Cathie be appointed by this meeting to mediate between the Government and the diggers for the restoration of peace, the withdrawal of the military from the diggings, and the security of the colony. It was moved by Dr. Owens seconded by Mr. Grant and unanimously carried

4. That the thanks of this meeting be given to Henry Langlands Esq. as Chairman.

H. Langlands

Chairman" "No. 501

8. december 1854

J.M Grant

Forwarded Resolutions

passed at a

Public Meeting

I am commanded by the Lt. Governor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolutions passed at a Public Meeting on the 6th Decr. Which you forwarded in a letter of yesterday late, and to inform you that a Commision is already appointed to [look into] the Gold fields & he trusts the Miners will avail themselves of that opportunity before the Commission to convey their wishes & needs before the public men who comprise it."