

Consulate of the United States

Melbourne Dec 4. 1854

Dear, Sir,

I have not issued a proclamation as I did not think it necessary. I have no hesitation in saying that there is not any Americans engaged in this affair and they all know my sentiments. If however the Governor wishes I will do so.

I have every confidence that my countrymen throughout this colony will keep themselves in the proper position.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obt. Srvt

James M. Tarleton

W. I Consul

Answered 4/12/54

J.H. Ray Esq.

Branch Secretary}" "No. 17

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J. M. Tarleton

Informs His Ex. That the Americans did not participate in the late riots

Govt Offices

4th Dec

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note the Lt. Governor desires me to say that that he is sorry to inform you that the leader of this movement is a young American. He has seen a person who is just arrived from Ballarat and who was in the insurgents camp. He saw this person, and he says his there most active leader.

His Excellency regrets to be compelled to give you this information.

Believe me

Sgd. M. Kay"