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MARTIAL LAW IN THE BUNINYONG DISTRICT REVOKED FROM 9TH DECEMBER

PROCLAMATION By His Excellency SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation under the Hand of the Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria, and under the seal of the said Colony bearing date the Fourth day of December, A.D. 1854, reciting amongst other things that Bodies of Armed Men had arrayed themselves against Her Majesty's Forces and the Constituted Authorities, and had committed acts of open rebellion, it was commanded and proclaimed that from and after Twelve of the clock at Noon on Wednesday, the Sixth day of the said month of December, Martial Law should and might be administered and executed against every person and persons within the limits thereafter described, and which limits included the Gold Fields of Ballaarat, who should at any time after the said hour commit any act of rebellion, any treason, any treasonable or seditious practices or other outrage or misdemeanour whatever within the said limits.

And whereas information has been received from the General Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Forces within the said limits that the population engaged on the said Gold Fields have returned to their usual avocations, and the commission of the said offences having been suppressed, it is therefore expedient that the said recited Proclamation should, from the time hereinafter mentioned, be revoked.

Now I, the Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, do hereby declare and proclaim that from and after the hour of Twelve of the Clock at Noon on Saturday, the Ninth day of December, now instant, the said recited Proclamation shall be, and the same is hereby revoked; And I do hereby, with the advice aforesaid, notify this my Proclamation to all subjects of Her Majesty in the said Colony of Victoria.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this Sixth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

(L.S) CHAs. HOTHAM By His Excellency's Command, JOHN FOSTER GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!