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Address of the Mayor and Town Council of Melbourne.

To His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies.

May it please your Excellency We, the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, in Council assembled, desire to convey to your Excellency the assurance of our sympathy with your Excellency, in the position in which your Government has has been placed by the recent disturbances at Ballaarat, and to assure your Excellency of our cordial attachment to the Throne, our respect for Her Majesty's representative in the person of your Excellency, and of our determination to support your Excellency in maintaining the supremacy of the law, and in carrying into effect such measures, as may be devised for the restoration, and permanent preservation, of peace, and order, in the "the community.

(Signed) I. T. Smith

Mayor