

I, Sir Charles Hotham X. C. B

Lieutenant Governor of Victoria and its XXX

May it please Your Excellency,

We the consigned squatters in Victoria (now in Melbourne) and representing as we believe the views of the body regard with feelings of profound regret the aspect of which matters have assumed at Ballarat and the position into which the Executive Government have been forced by the XXX of a few designing and XXX men. Yet we confidently believe no general spirit of insubordination or disaffection to provoke the great map of the digging population in that locality.

We would tender to Your Excellency the cordial support and our entire confidence in the prompt and energetic measures taken by the Lieutenant Governor for the preservation of order and the

Answered in person

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Put away the maintenance of the law and record our sanguine hopes that those measures may have the effect of accomplishing the object for which they have adopted. He would embrace this opportunity of conveying to Your Excellency and therefore Your excellency to Your Majesty the feelings of loyalty, devotion and attachment to the beloved Queen which pervades all classes of the Squatting community in this Colony. –

in conclusion we would now or at any future period on our own behalf cheerfully place our services at the disposal of Your Excellency and Your Excellency may with confidence rely on the support of the pastoral interests in Victoria in all measures having XXX then object the maintenance of law and the preservation of the community from social disorganisation.

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John Capel

XXX Williams

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Henry Campbell

L. Sutherland

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XXX Jones

Charles Hughes

J. A. Brown

XXX Hunter

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The Squatters offer their services to the Government