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Reports that Bentleys servant has made certain disclosures relative to Murder of Scobie. Recd.  
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Ballarat October 22nd /54 Sir, I have the honor to report for his Excellency information that a servant of Mr. Bentley's has confessed the whole affair relative to the murder of James Scobie and that a person of the name of Farrell struck the blow which caused his death Mr & Mrs. Bentley being present at the time and participants in the offence. I have forwarded the prisoner to Geelong as it is not safe retaining him here & directed that Bentley who is now on his way to this place should be sent back to Melbourne to his presence here would be most injurious The Attorney General on sight of the depositions which Mr. Sturt is now forwarding can commit him to stand his trial at Geelong as were the case to be bought here the excitement is too great every attempt would be made to lynch him.

I have the honour to be Sir Your obedient servant C. McMahan