

To His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham HCB and Governor General of Victoria

Sir, I have the honour to address your Excellency, and most respectfully beg here to state what, in the opinion of many, is best calculated to allay our present excitement. The present emergency is a pressing one, and requires all the consideration and indulgence Your Excellency can extend us. Should Your Excellency so far favour us as to suspend the operation of the Licence Law here for some definite period, - say till the coming Commission close their enquiries, -I, at least, would feel certain of our being more than partially restored to law and order. May I assure Your Excellency that my only motive for being so bold, is my concern for those who are entrusted to my care. I have the honour to be Your Excellencys Very humble and obedient servant Patrick Smyth Catholic Priest

Answered

1/12/54

Ballarat. Nov 30/54 3.

1st December 1854 Patrick Smythe Suggestions

To His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham Lieutenant Governor