

To His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham

Lieutenant Governor of the Colony

This Petition humbly sheweth that

We the undersigned citizens of Melbourne, viewing with pain the recent fatal insurrection at Ballarat, yet believing that the diggers have been aggravated by a long system of misrule and a most odious administration on the Goldfields, petition your Excellency that a fair and equitable commission of enquiry be immediately appointed to investigate the causes of the present dissatisfaction and to suggest the best method of redressing the grievances so long complained of. And further our petitioners would pray that your Excellency would consider the propriety of allowing the diggers the nomination of a part of the Commission. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c &c