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I had an Uncle one of the first Settlers that came over from Van Diemen's Land to Melbourne he was a Plasterer by Trade and acquired a small Property. He advised ^{me} to come and try my Luck in Melbourne at my Trade. I did so and landed there in July 1842 and started a small Shop on my Uncle's Premises in Little Bourke Street and there I did the first work of the kind that was done in this Colony there was Eight Persons had formed the Odd Fellows Lodge. Called the Australia Felix. of the Manchester Unity the first in Colony I can only remember the names of four of those persons. ^{Vis} De Greaves. Graham. Mortimer and Hayes my Uncle. They were getting a large ^{Barner} Painted. and they wanted a pair of Hands and Hearts Carved and gilt for the cross bar of the Flag and I had that job to do. The first work I did ~~did~~ in Port Phillip.

The following month August was the inauguration of the first Municipality of Melbourne. on the Election day. I was employed by one of the Candidates. W. Dobson. a Publican he kept the Albion Hotel in Bourke Street. and also had a wharf on the Yarra. The election for the Lonsdale Ward. for which there were two Candidates ^{Vis} Condell a Brewer. and Dobson. took place at the Calistoian Hotel Lonsdale Street my Friend Dobson ^{was} ignominiously defeated. The Brewer or his Beer was too much for him about ten or eleven o'clock Condell rolled out several Casks of Beer in front of the polling Place. and stood the Green Flag and Harp of Erin in the midst of them that killed our chance for Erin was well represented in Melbourne those days when the Beer began to get ^{low} the Spirits. (I mean the Animal Spirits began to rise. ^{and there was} no more show