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PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency CHARLES JOSEPH LA TROBE,
Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony
of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria, made and passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Ports, Harbors, and Shipping, in the Colony of Victoria,*" it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, by Proclamation published in the *Government Gazette*, from time to time, to define the limits and boundaries of Ports in the said Colony, and to frame rules for the governance and preservation of the said Ports respectively, and for the regulation of shipping in the same, and of pilots to be appointed as thereafter mentioned, and any such rules from time to time to alter, amend, or repeal, and substitute others in their stead; And whereas I did, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony, by Proclamation under my hand and the seal of the said Colony, bearing date at Melbourne, the thirtieth day of May last, proclaim and declare certain Rules and Regulations for the governance and preservation of the Ports in the said Proclamation mentioned, and for the regulation of shipping in the same; And whereas it is expedient to repeal the 18th clause of the said Rules and Regulations: Now therefore I, the Lieutenant
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Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the said Executive Council, do hereby proclaim and declare that the said 18th clause of the said Rules and Regulations shall be repealed, and that the Rule and Regulation following be substituted in its stead:—

"18. All Masters, Pilots, or other persons in charge of vessels entering any Port of this Colony shall, as they approach the anchorage, hoist their Number or Distinguishing Flag, until answered by the Signal Stations, after which they must hoist the number of the port they are from, which will be answered in a similar manner. Vessels arriving after sunset must hoist their signals the following morning, within two (2) hours after sunrise. Such vessels as are not provided with Marryat's Code of Signals, or a Distinguishing Flag, are to adopt some Distinguishing Flag, and communicate the same to the Harbor Master. All vessels not provided with proper signals must, in addition to their Distinguishing Flag, exhibit as they approach the Signal Station the name of the Port they are from, painted legibly on a piece of canvas or board, the letters not to be less than eight (8) inches deep, and keep the same exhibited for two (2) hours after they are anchored. All Masters, and others in charge of vessels, twenty-four (24) hours after anchoring in Hobson's Bay, or twelve (12) hours after mooring in the Basin at Melbourne, or at the Wharf at Geelong, must exhibit the name of their Vessel, and the name of the Port they are from or bound to in the main rigging, twelve (12) feet above the deck. The letters to be white on a

black ground, and not less than eight (8) inches deep, which must be kept in an intelligible state until the vessel leave the Port. Vessels at anchor in Hobson's Bay or Port Henry, to have their name on both sides of the main rigging. Vessels at or near the Wharf to have their name on that side nearest the Wharf."

And I do, with the advice aforesaid, further proclaim and declare the following additional Rules and Regulations for the governance and preservation of the Port of Melbourne, and for the regulations of the shipping in the same:—

"No Steamer shall tow any vessel, nor shall any vessel enter the River, unless there be (as shown by the Tidal Flags) six (6) inches more water on the Bar than such vessel's draught of water.

"All vessels whose draught of water exceeds eight (8) feet, six (6) inches, or whose Register Tonnage exceeds two hundred tons, must, before entering the river Yarra Yarra, have a written authority to do so from the Harbor Master.

"No vessel, except steamers carrying passengers, or having vessels in tow, shall pass higher up the River than the Flagstaff below the Town boundary, without the authority of the Harbor Master, or an officer duly authorised by him, who will furnish all such vessels with a printed ticket containing the number of their turn for a discharging berth at the wharves of Melbourne.

"All such vessels so detained will be provided with vacant berths in rotation, according to their time of arrival in the River; such vessels on being appointed to a discharging berth must immediately proceed to occupy it.

"But vessels proceeding to private wharves will not be delayed after the Harbor Master is satisfied that there is a berth vacant for them, until which time they will be detained in common with others.

Mails.

"All Vessels having Mails on board for Geelong are, on entering between the Heads of Port Phillip, to hoist a White Flag at the Peak, as a signal for the mail boat to come off, and are to heave-to or anchor within one (1) mile of Shortland's Bluff until such mails be landed.

"All vessels having mails on board for any other Port of this Colony are, on approaching the anchorage, to hoist a White Flag at the fore mast-head, which Flag must be kept up until the mails are landed.

Penal Hulks.

"No Vessel or Boat to pass between the ship and the line of buoys moored round these vessels."

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the said Colony, at Melbourne, in the said Colony, this twenty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.)

C. J. LA TROBE.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN FOSTER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!