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Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 1st January, 1856.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to remove to Himself by death His Excellency SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, K.C.B., late Governor of this Colony, who departed this life on the 31st day of December, 1855, at a quarter past One o'clock in the afternoon: It is hereby notified that the *Funeral* of His Excellency the late Governor will take place on *Friday next*, the 4th instant, at the hour of *four* o'clock in the afternoon.

It is also notified hereby that a Mourning for a period of One Month, to expire on the Fourth day of February next, will be observed—the Officers of the Civil and Military Services wearing a band of crape on the left arm.

By Command of His Excellency the Senior Military Officer in Victoria,
WILLIAM C. HAINES.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 1st January, 1856.

HIS Excellency the Senior Military Officer in command of Her Majesty's Land Forces has been pleased to direct that all Public Offices be closed on the day of the Funeral of His late Excellency SIR CHARLES HOTHAM.

By Command of His Excellency the Senior Military Officer in Victoria,
WILLIAM C. HAINES.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency MAJOR GENERAL MACARTHUR, the Senior Military Officer in Command of Her Majesty's Land Forces in the Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria was graciously pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, dated at Westminster, the eighth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, to appoint His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham to be Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief during Her Royal pleasure in and over the Colony of Victoria, and of all Forts and Garrisons erected and established, or which should be erected and established within the same; and Her Majesty was further pleased by the said Letters Patent to provide and declare Her pleasure to be that if in the event of the death or absence of His Excellency the said Sir Charles Hotham out of the said Colony of Victoria, there should be no person or persons within the said Colony commissioned and appointed by Her Majesty as thereinbefore mentioned then Her Majesty's pleasure was, and Her Majesty was pleased thereby to provide and declare, that in any such contingency all the powers and authorities by the said Letters Patent granted to His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham should be and the same were thereby granted to the Senior Military Officer for the time being in command of Her Majesty's Land Forces in the said Colony for the time being; and such Military Officer should exercise all and every the powers and authorities by the said Letters Patent granted, until Her Majesty's further pleasure should be signified therein: And whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham, who departed this life at a quarter past one of the clock, post meridiem, on Monday the thirty-first day of December, A.D. 1855, and there is no person in the said Colony commissioned or appointed by Her Majesty to be Lieutenant Governor thereof: And whereas Major-General Macarthur, commanding Her Majesty's Troops serving in Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, is the Senior Military Officer as aforesaid: And whereas at a Meeting of the Executive Council of the said Colony, held at the Government Offices, in Melbourne, this day, the said Major-General Macarthur took the necessary Oaths before His Honor Sir William a'Beckett, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the said Colony, and before the said Executive Council: Now therefore, it is hereby proclaimed that immediately upon the death of His lamented Excellency the said Sir Charles Hotham, all the powers and authorities granted to His late Excellency Sir Charles Hotham by the said Letters Patent were granted to and became and now are vested in the said Major-General MACARTHUR, Senior Military Officer for the time being in the said Colony of Victoria, to be by him executed and enjoyed until the further pleasure of Her Majesty shall be signified therein, and all Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the Inhabitants of the said Colony of Victoria, are hereby required to be obedient aiding and assisting unto the said Major-General MACARTHUR, Senior Military Officer for the time being as aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at the Government Offices, Melbourne, this first day of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

EDWARD MACARTHUR.

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM C. HAINES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!