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Chief Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 12th June, 1857.

GOLD FIELDS.

**D**OUBTS having been entertained as to the legality of contracts between owners of land and other persons for mining for gold on such land : It is hereby notified for general information, that all such contracts are illegal and void, and subject persons mining under them to legal proceedings at the suit of the Crown.

It is further notified that it is the intention of the Government to ask the Legislature to legalize all such contracts as were *bonâ fide* made and entered into before the 1st day of June instant, but this will not affect contracts made since that date, which will consequently still remain illegal, and will confer no right as against persons who may obtain the liberty of mining on such lands under the contemplated Act of Parliament.

By His Excellency's Command,  
WILLIAM C. HAINES.

