

Example Text: Diary/Journal

29th November 1854

There was a meeting up on Bakery Hill today. Some of us diggers had a meeting with Governor Hotham. It was a waste of time says those who went. But no matter what was said, we are more united than ever. We even have our own flag now – the Southern Cross. It was flown above the hill for the first time today. As it was raised, some diggers began to burn their licences. Good luck to them!

30th November 1854

Events are starting to escalate. Commissioner Rede ordered a licence hunt today. The boys stood firm and refused. Some of the bravest threw rocks at the limey troopers. Those cowards responded by firing a volley over our heads. It'll take more than that to weaken our resolve. Peter Lalor, our new leader, called another meeting and afterwards the diggers pitched in and put up a barricade over Eureka Lead.

2nd December 1854

The time of conflict approaches fast. Neither side looks willing to back down. Us Irish are a stubborn lot. Father Smyth came to the wall to persuade them who were Catholic to lay down their arms and attend Sunday Mass tomorrow. Not many agreed with him. Luckily I'm not one of his lot – long live the Protestants! Although with the troopers getting reinforcements, I don't rightly know how long that will be.

