

30 November
1854

The next day, at Ballarat Gold
Commissioner Robert Rede's tent...



COMMISSIONER REDE, THE DIGGERS
ARE BURNING THEIR LICENCES.

I WON'T ALLOW
LAWLESSNESS...



ARREST ANYONE
WITHOUT A LICENCE!
SHOW NO MERCY!

YES, SIR!



THEY'RE
SHOOTING!
RUN!



THAT'S THE LAST STRAW!

IT'S TIME TO
TAKE A STAND!

MEET AT
BAKERY HILL,
LADS!

The same day, 4 p.m. at Bakery Hill...



FREEDOM
OR DEATH!

WE MUST
FIGHT!

FIGHT FOR
OUR RIGHTS!



WE NEED A
LEADER!

WHAT ABOUT PETER
LALOR, THE IRISHMAN?



SPEAK TO THE MEN,
PETER!

LIBERTY!

HOORAY!

Lalor came from a family of Irish freedom-
fighters. He knew how to lead men.



ARE WE SLAVES?

NO, WE'RE
FREE MEN!

WE MUST FIGHT
FOR OUR RIGHTS!

DIGGERS'
RIGHTS!



THIS FLAG IS
THE SIGN OF THE
SOUTHERN CROSS.
IT WILL GUIDE US
IN OUR FIGHT FOR
JUSTICE.

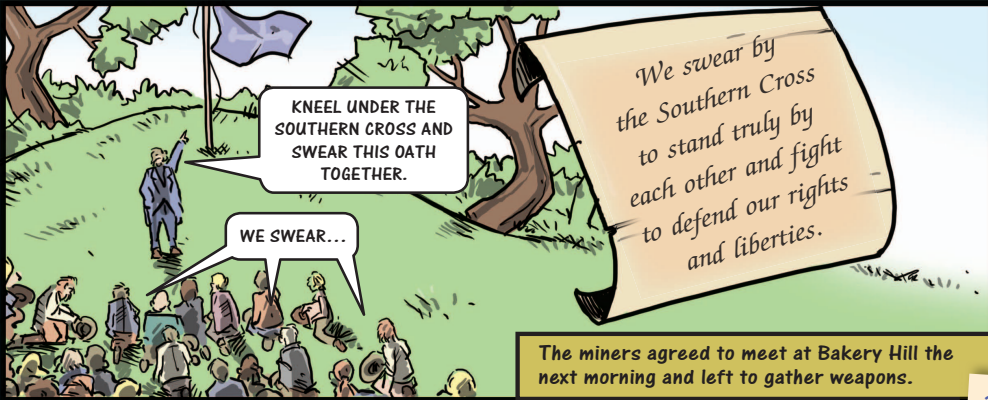


WILL YOU FIGHT?

YES!

ARE YOU READY TO
DIE IN BATTLE?

YES!



KNEEL UNDER THE
SOUTHERN CROSS AND
SWEAR THIS OATH
TOGETHER.

WE SWEAR...

We swear by
the Southern Cross
to stand truly by
each other and fight
to defend our rights
and liberties.

The miners agreed to meet at Bakery Hill the
next morning and left to gather weapons.