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**£8000 REWARD**

**ROBBERY and MURDER.**

**WHEREAS** EDWARD KELLY, DANIEL KELLY, STEPHEN HUNT and JOSEPH SWANE have been declared **OUTLAWS** in the Colony of Victoria, and whereas warrants have been issued charging the aforesaid men with the **WILFUL MURDER** of MICHAEL SWANSON, Police Constable of the Colony of VICTORIA, and whereas the above named offenders are **STILL at LARGE**, and have recently committed three felonies in the Colony of **NEW SOUTH WALES**; Now, therefore, I, **SIR HERBERT GREGG** do hereby notify that a **REWARD** of £4,000 will be paid, three-fourths by the Government of **NEW SOUTH WALES**, and one-fourth by certain Banks trading in that Colony, for the apprehension of the above-named **Four** **WARRANTS**, and a reward of £1000 for the apprehension of any one of them; and that, in **ADDITION** to the above reward, a similar **REWARD** of £4000 has been offered by the Government of **VICTORIA**, and I further notify that the said **REWARD** will be equally apportioned between any persons giving information which shall lead to the apprehension of the offenders and any members of the police force or other persons who may actually effect such apprehension or assist therein.

(Signed) **HENRY PARKES**,  
Colonial Secretary, New South Wales.

(Signed) **BRYAN GOUGHLEN**,  
Attorney General, Victoria.

Dated 13th February, 1879.

in terms of self-defence, but Kelly's barrister was less than expert, though his solicitor David Gaunson was energetic.<sup>24</sup> A mass meeting sought a reprieve, and it was clear there was widespread lower-class support for the outlaws. The Melbourne *Telegraph* reported of the protest meeting that it was 'humiliating to have to admit that a great number of respectable working men were present',<sup>25</sup> but the major newspapers, led by the *Argus*, kept up a deeply negative treatment of Kelly. A substantial movement for a reprieve, led by Gaunson and with Kate Kelly's active support, gained over thirty thousand signatures, but had no effect, and on 11 November 1880 Kelly was hanged at Melbourne jail. A death mask was made, the skull was examined and, unsurprisingly, proclaimed that of a habitual criminal. The body was buried unmarked, but apparently survived changes of location