depredations committed on the property of the Americans by the natives – resolved that the Agent & Council do earnestly recommend to the citizens & farmers generally to keep a regular night watch throughout the Colony, that no native be allowed to pass through the Settlements of the Americans after half past Seven o'clock at night, and that if any natives be seen passing at night after that time in all cases to hail them, but should they not answer after being hailed and their conduct appear suspicious, to fire upon them; as also if caught stealing.

Adjourned to meet this coming Wednesday fortnight

At a Meeting of the Council July 30th 1838, called for the special purpose of taking into consideration the present condition of the Colony. The following Resolutions were adopted.

1. Whereas, under existing circumstances, and in consequence of the late brutal and savage murder of one of our Colonists and his children, by a gang of natives belonging to a bush town called Barraway, it becomes necessary and expedient, that regular guards be kept at different sections and stations in the Colony throughout, and that the Colony be put ~~under~~ in such a state of defense in our power, as may be deemed requisite and important, to repel under the assistance of Divine Providence any invasion or aggression that may occur on the part of the bush natives or otherwise, as the case may be. Therefore be it resolved, by the Agent and Council that for the time being Martial Law be proclaimed throughout the Colony – and the same is hereby proclaimed; and that every male Colonist be bound by law to do Military and fatigue duty, at such time and place as may be required under the severest penalty.

2. Resolved, that from and after this date, it shall not be lawful for any Colonist to sell or dispose of powder to the natives by the keg; that when powder is sold to them, not more than one half of the usual quantity shall be given to them in the purchase of any article, under the penalty of Twenty Dollars for each offence; to be recovered before any Justice of the peace; one half to the informer and the other half to be paid into the Colonial Treasury.

3. Resolved, that the different Superintendants of the Missionary establishments, be requested not to sell or dash any powder to the natives by the keg; and if necessity compel the use of it, that not more than half the usual quantity be disposed either as dashes or otherwise.

4 Resolved, that no person or persons residing in the Colony, from and after this date, be allowed to sell or dash to the natives any gun flints, under the penalty of Five Dollars for each offence, to be recovered before any Justice of the peace. One half to the informer, the other half to be paid into the Colonial Treasury.

Adjourned to meet on next Saturday at 12. o'clock

Harper August 8th 1838

Council met according to adjournment, and passed the following:

1 Resolved, that the Agent & Council disapprove in to to, the late proceedings of the Americans in killing the natives cattle; – that their conduct in that instance was uncalled for, and calculated to involve the colony in further difficulties

2. Resolved, that there be a Special Court Martial held, for the trial of those officers, who have been immediately concerned in killing the natives cattle: If found guilty to be punished to the utmost rigour of the law.

3. Resolved, that from and after this date the Offer

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