

- On the **2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1977** Prince Leonard sent a telegram to the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia declaring that **a state of war existed** between the Commonwealth and the Principality, and that his Government severed all diplomatic relations with the Commonwealth. This action would in fact not have greatly surprised the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Sir John Kerr. During November, 1977 he had been sent a letter from Prince Leonard. In that letter Prince Leonard stated that he considered that he would have to do something to alter the relations between their Governments because he felt that the Commonwealth Government was not abiding strictly by specific law.
- On the **4<sup>th</sup> December, 1977** whilst the Commonwealth Government was pondering its predicament in this situation, Prince Leonard sent a further telegram to the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The telegram advised the Governor General that the **state of war between the Principality and the Commonwealth of Australia had now officially ceased**, that his Government would now accept diplomatic relations with the Commonwealth; and that he trusted that the Governor General would enforce on his Government the requirement that in respect the laws of war under which sovereignty is automatic to a country undefeated from a state of war. The Principality is at this time of writing still undefeated.

TELEGRAM SENT 2nd JUNE 1978.

TIME 10-20A.M.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MALCOLM FRASER  
PRIME MINISTER  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
CANBERRA.

YOU ARE HEREWITH NOTIFIED OF IN ACCORDANCE OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF OUR ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH CONVENTIONS ADOPTED AT GENEVA ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF AUGUST ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE STOP WHICH IS FURTHER NOTICE OF SUCH AS HAS IN FORM BEEN PREVIOUSLY DONE STOP YOU ARE HEREWITH NOTIFIED OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS APPOINTMENTS AND TITLES AS REQUIRED UNDER THESE CONVENTIONS STOP.

~~Prince Leonard~~  
PRINCE LEONARD SOVEREIGN HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY  
IAN GEORGE CASLEY MINISTER OF STATE ARTHUR WAYNE CASLEY MINISTER FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS LEONARD RICHARD CASLEY MINISTER TREASURY PAUL DOBLE CAPTAIN  
RANGER ROBERT THOMPSON RESIDENT MAGISTRATE STOP

further notification in accordance with the conventions will follow as  
AND WHEN REQUIRED AS PER THE SAID CONVENTIONS.

YOU ARE THEREFORE REQUIRED TO FULFILL YOUR REQUIRED DUTY UNDER THE  
CONVENTIONS AND NOTIFY BOTH MILITARY AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATIONS AND YOUR  
PUBLIC OF THE APPLICATION OF THESE CONVENTIONS IN ALL MATTERS BETWEEN  
OUR COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE.

PRINCE LEONARD  
SOVEREIGN  
HUTT RIVER PROVINCE  
PRINCIPALITY.

Mutt River Province,  
via Onno  
Western Australia.

6th June, 1978.

The Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser,  
Prime Minister,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA ACT

Dear Sir,

Wherein due notice under article two (2) of the Geneva Conventions First, Second, Third and Fourth has been given to you which obligates both your Government and the Government of the Mutt River Province, Principality to be bound by the conventions in all relations of their binding application.

Your attention to Article 146 of the Fourth Schedule is drawn:-

"Each High contracting Party shall take measures necessary for the suppression of all acts contrary to the provisions of the present convention other than the grave breaches defined in the following Article"

The afore is thus a duty mutually undertaken, and is in conjunction with Article 149 of the Fourth Schedule.

"At the request of a Party to the Conflict, any enquiry shall be instituted, in a manner to be decided between the interested parties, concerning any alleged violation of the Convention.

If agreement has not been reached concerning the procedure for the enquiry, the parties should agree on the choice of an umpire who will decide upon the procedure to be followed.

Once the violation has been established, the Parties to the conflict shall put an end to it and shall repress it with the least possible delay.

Wherein under the Conventions it is the obligatory duty of the occupying Power to Govern and to convene Court for the jurisdiction of the Territory.

Then a complaint is herewith officially lodged with you, and the procedures relative to Articles 146 and 149 as detailed herein are requested to be implemented and undertaken in respect to the following, which is considered to be a breach of the said conventions.

Persons of this Principality owing allegiance to the monarch of this Principality, who are citizens and or subjects thereto, and who are also, "Protected persons", who by the law of this Principality and by their conscience cannot enroll on your Commonwealth Electoral Roll. Have been and are being persecuted by prosecution which is considered to be a coercion to force a change of their allegiance and in some instances is designed to be a hinderance of their Political duties and in this and the following the ambiguity is recognized also to be offenses under the Commonwealth Criminal Code 30C(1) and section 28 thereof.

The ambiguity of such may even be considered to be relative to "Genocide", which may thus be a further offense under Commonwealth law of "Genocide".

You are therefore requested firstly to suppress this violation as is the duty upon you under Article 146 of the Fourth Schedule.

Failure to do so, necessitates the fulfillment of my request for the mutual arrangement of ~~enquiry~~ as detailed under Article 149 of the Fourth Schedule.

You are requested to advise of the action you have taken to so rectify this breach of the Convention, or to commence dialogue for the arrangement of the enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Prince Leonard".

Prince Leonard, K.C.C.C.J., O.C.I  
Sovereign,  
Hutt River Province.

Hutt River Province,  
via Como  
Western Australia.

6th June 1978

The Swiss Federal Council,  
Geneva  
Switzerland.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a Telegram to The Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia dated 2nd June. 1978, advising him of the acceptance and application by us of the Geneva Conventions, First, Second, Third and Fourth dated 12th day of August One Thousand nine Hundred and forty nine.

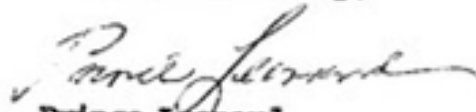
On the 2nd December 1977 an Official State of War between the Commonwealth of Australia and this Principality was duly given by telegram to the Governor-General of Australia.

On the Fourth of December 1977 official notice by telegram of the cessation of the said State of War was given to the Governor-General of Australia.

We herewith officially notify you of our acceptance and application of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Schedule of the Geneva Convention of Twelfth day August 1949.

This Territory was seceded from the Commonwealth of Australia on 21st April 1970, and has its own Government and Courts.

Yours faithfully,



Prince Leonard,  
K.C.C.C.J. O.C.E  
Sovereign  
Hutt River Province  
Principality.