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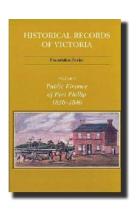
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• **Diary of Charles Joseph La Trobe**, 1 October to 20 November 1839, first fifty days in the Port Phillip District. Published as an addendum in Volume 7, pp.278-296.

(For a later transcript refer to *Charles Joseph La Trobe: Australian Notes 1839-1854,* [introduction and notes by Dianne Reilly]. Yarra Glen, Tarcoola Press, 2006, pp.73-88.)



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