



## **GENERAL NOTATIONS OF THE SECESSION OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF HUTT RIVER**

When HRH Prince Leonard seceded the family territory of Hutt River from Western Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia he did so under the following International Law:-

### **A. The International Law Principle to form a “Self Preservation Government”**

The International Law Principle to form a “Self Preservation Government” is:-

1. The economy has been taken.
2. There is a threat to the loss of the lands.

These conditions, 1 and 2, existed being the Wheat Quota (of which at the time no legislation had been actually passed by the Western Australian Government), then following the lodgement of a compensation claim with Sir Douglas Kendrew, a top Western Australian politician, introduced a bill into Parliament to resume the Casleys farms, which was immediately object to, with a request to Sir Douglas Kendrew to tell the government that they could not resume the Casleys farms. The titles for the farms, signed by the Governor of Western Australia in the name of the Crown stated that:-

“no more than one-twentieth of the lands could be resumed for what-so-ever”

When a month had passed and the Bill to resume the farms was still being rushed through, HRH Prince Leonard exercised his rights to form a Self Preservation Government, just as he had advised Sir Douglas Kendrew that he would do if the land resumption was not withdrawn from Parliament.

This he did by serving Secession Notices upon the Premier of Western Australia, the Governor of Western Australia, the Prime Minister of Australia and the Governor-General of Australia.

- The Prime Minister of Australia wrote that they could not intervene in discussions.
- The Governor-General of Australia wrote that it was Unconstitutional for the Commonwealth Government to intervene in the Secession.
- The Governor of Western Australia, Sir Douglas Kendrew, called a meeting at Government House in Perth, Western Australia. HRH Prince Leonard came away from that meeting with virtually the Queen’s permission.

Then he followed the British principles which are laid for the granting of recognition to a new government , these included:-

- a) the naming of the territory;
- b) the adoption of a flag;
- c) the forming of a government;
- d) the names of the ministers;
- e) the ministerial positions of the ministers,

all of which was done and forwarded to Sir Paul Hasluck, Governor-General of Australia.

Sir David Brand, the Premier of Western Australia, told one of his government ministers:-

“What Leonard Casley has done is quite correct for he has had three persons join with him to form a government to administer law and justice.”

This statement may have related to the principle contained in the Imperial Act p.33 supra.

“The King, with the advice of the Privy Council, was empowered to make, or and authorize three or more persons resident within the settlements to make, ordain and constitute laws, institutions and ordinances for the peace, order and good government of His Majesty’s subjects and others within the settlements.”