

ROYAL COMMISSIONS.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith: To our trusty and loving subjects, the Honourable WILLIAM GISBORNE, Member of the House of Representatives; WILLIAM HENRY CUTTEN, Esquire, Member of the House of Representatives; GEORGE MAURICE O'RORKE, Esquire, Bachelor of Arts and Member of the House of Representatives; JOSEPH AUGUSTUS TOLE, Esquire, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, and Member of the House of Representatives; the Reverend JAMES WALLIS, Master of Arts, Doctor of Medicine, and Member of the House of Representatives; JAMES HECTOR, Esquire, C.M.G., Doctor of Medicine and Fellow of the Royal Society, and Director of the Geological Survey; the Reverend WILLIAM JAMES HABENS, Bachelor of Arts and Inspector-General of Schools; JOHN MACMILLAN BROWN, Esquire, Master of Arts and Professor of Classics and English Literature; CHARLES HENRY HERBERT COOK, Esquire, Master of Arts and Professor of Mathematics; GEORGE SAMUEL SALE, Esquire, Master of Arts and Professor of Classics and English Literature; JOHN SHAND, Esquire, Master of Arts and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; GEORGE HENRY FREDERICK ULRICH, Esquire, Professor of Mineralogy and Metallurgy; and WILLIAM MACDONALD, Esquire, Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws,—GREETING:

WHEREAS the Governor of our Colony of New Zealand, with the advice of our Executive Council thereof, has deemed it expedient that a Royal Commission should be issued to inquire into and report upon the operations of the University of New Zealand and its relations to the secondary schools of the colony, and the relations of both to the primary schools:

Now know ye that we, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, industry, discretion, learning, ability, and integrity, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint, you, the said William Gisborne, William Henry Cutten, George Maurice O'Rorke, Joseph Augustus Tole, James Wallis, James Hector, William James Habens, John Macmillan Brown, Charles Henry Herbert Cook, George Samuel Sale, John Shand, George Henry Frederick Ulrich, and William Macdonald, to be our Commissioners to make such inquiry, report, recommendation, and suggestion as to you may seem necessary or fit in respect of the matters and things hereinafter mentioned, that is to say,—

1. The constitution, organization, operations, resources, expenditure, and efficiency of the University of New Zealand, and of the various institutions within the said colony for the imparting of the higher or University education, of the secondary or intermediate or grammar-school or high-school education, and of technical education by means of training schools, schools of art and design, and schools or colleges of practical science;

2. The mutual relations and mutual influences of the University of New Zealand on the one hand, and of the secondary and technical schools on the other;

3. The relations which the primary schools sustain or ought to sustain to the secondary, technical, and superior institutions;

4. The best means of bringing secondary and superior education within the reach of the youth of both sexes, by increasing the number of institutions for such education, by the establishment of morning and evening as well as day classes, by means of scholarships to be held by scholars from primary and secondary and technical schools, or by any other means for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned;

5. The best means of making sufficient and suitable provision for the maintenance, administration, and inspection of institutions for education other than primary; and

6. The condition, value, and application of endowments made out of public estate, or grants of public money held under any trusts, for the promotion of education, or which may have been obtained or procured either directly or indirectly under any grant from the Crown, or under any Act, Ordinance, regulation, or other authority whatsoever for the purposes aforesaid.

But nothing herein shall require you to make any inquiry respecting any lands or endowments set apart or applied for the purposes of primary education under "The Education Reserves Act, 1877."

And we do by these presents appoint and direct that Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January proximo, at eleven o'clock *ante meridiem*, shall be the time, and the Parliament Buildings at Wellington the place, at which you shall hold your first meeting; and that at such