

14. And We do hereby require and command all Our Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, Officers and all other the inhabitants of the Colony, to be obedient, aiding, and assisting unto the Governor, or others to obey to such person or persons as may from time to time, under the provisions of these Our Letters Patent, Governor, and assist the administer the Government of the Colony.

15. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or Them shall seem meet. Power reserved to Her Majesty to revoke, alter, or amend the present Letters Patent.

16. And We do direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places within Our said Colony as the Governor shall think fit. Publication of Letters Patent.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the Twenty-first day of February, in the Forty-second year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign-Manual.

C. ROMILLY.

COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS PASSED UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN-MANUAL AND SIGNET TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE COLONY OF NEW ZEALAND AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

(Dated 21st February, 1879.)

VICTORIA R.

INSTRUCTIONS to Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, or, in his absence, to Our Lieutenant Governor or the Officer, for the time being, Administering the Government of Our said Colony and its Dependencies. Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Twenty-first day of February, 1879, in the Forty-second year of Our Reign.

1. Whereas by certain Letters Patent, bearing even date herewith, We have constituted, ordered, and declared that there shall be a Governor and Commander-in-Chief (therein and hereinafter called "the Governor") in and over Our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies (which said Colony and its Dependencies are therein and hereinafter called "the Colony"): And whereas We have thereby authorized and commanded the Governor to do and execute all things that belong to his said office according to the tenor of Our said Letters Patent and of such Commission as may be issued to him under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, and according to such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council, or by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and to such Laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force in the Colony: Now, therefore, We do, by these Our Instructions under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, direct and enjoin and declare Our will and pleasure as follows:—

Preamble. Recites Letters Patent, constituting the Office of Governor.

The Governor may, whenever he thinks fit, require any person in the public service to take the Oath of Allegiance, together with such other Oath or Oaths as may from time to time be prescribed by any Law in force in the Colony. The Governor is to administer such Oaths or cause them to be administered by some Public Officer of the Colony. Oaths to be administered by the Governor.

2. The Governor shall forthwith communicate these Our Instructions to Our Executive Council for the Colony, and likewise all such others, from time to time, as he shall find convenient for Our service to impart to them. Governor to communicate instructions to Executive Council.

3. The said Executive Council shall not proceed to the despatch of business unless duly summoned by authority of the Governor, nor unless two members at the least (exclusive of himself or of the member presiding) be present and assisting throughout the whole of the meetings at which any such business shall be despatched. Executive Council not to proceed to business unless summoned by the Governor's authority. Quorum.

4. The Governor shall attend and preside at the meeting of the Executive Council, unless prevented by some necessary or reasonable cause, and in his absence such member as may be appointed by him in that behalf, or in the absence of such member the senior member of the Executive Council actually present shall preside; the seniority of the members of the said Council being regulated according to the order of their respective appointments as members thereof. Governor to preside. Governor to appoint a President. Senior member to preside in the absence of the Governor and President. Seniority of members.