

11. Whenever any offender shall have been condemned to suffer death by the sentence of any Court, the Governor shall call upon the Judge who presided at the trial to make to him a written Report of the case of such offender, and shall cause such Report to be taken into consideration at the first meeting thereafter which may be conveniently held of the Executive Council, and he may cause the said Judge to be specially summoned to attend at such meeting, and to produce his notes thereat. The Governor shall not pardon or reprieve any such offender unless it shall appear to him expedient so to do, upon receiving the advice of the said Executive Council thereon; but in all such cases he is to decide either to extend or to withhold a pardon or reprieve, according to his own deliberate judgment, whether the members of the Executive Council concur therein or otherwise; entering nevertheless, on the Minutes of the said Executive Council, a Minute of his reasons at length in case he should decide any such question in opposition to the judgment of the majority of the members thereof.

Regulation of power of pardon in capital cases. Judges' Report to be laid before the Executive Council. Governor to take the advice of the Executive Council in such cases. May exercise his own judgment. Entering his reasons on the Council Minutes.

12. The Governor is required, to the utmost of his power, to promote religion and education among the native inhabitants of the Colony, and especially to take care to protect them in their persons, and in the free enjoyment of their possessions, and by all lawful means to prevent and restrain all violence and injustice which may in any manner be practised or attempted against them.

Promotion of religion and education amongst the Natives. Protection of persons and property.

13. All Commissions granted by the Governor to any persons to be Judges, Justices of the Peace, or other officers, shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be granted during pleasure only.

Judges, &c., to be appointed during pleasure.

14. The Governor shall forward to Us punctually from year to year, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, such annual returns as have been customarily transmitted to Us from the Colony relative to the revenue and expenditure, defence, public works, legislation, civil establishments, pensions, populations, schools, course of exchange, imports and exports, agricultural produce, manufactures, and other matters in the said "Returns" more particular specified, with reference to the state and condition of the Colony.

Blue Book.

15. The Governor shall not quit the Colony without having first obtained leave from Us for so doing, under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, except for the purpose of visiting the Governor of any neighbouring Colony for periods not exceeding one month at any one time, nor exceeding in the aggregate one month for every year's service in the Colony.

Governor's absence. Temporary leave of absence.

16. The temporary absence of the Governor for any period not exceeding one month shall not, if he have previously informed Our Executive Council, in writing, of his intended absence, and if he have duly appointed a Deputy in accordance with Our said Letters Patent, be deemed a departure from the Colony within the meaning of the said Letters Patent.

Governor's absence and departure from the Colony. Interpretation Clause.

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COPY OF A COMMISSION PASSED UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN-MANUAL AND SIGNET, APPOINTING SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., TO BE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE COLONY OF NEW ZEALAND AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

(Dated 22nd February, 1879.)

VICTORIA R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India: To our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Greeting.

WE do by this our Commission, under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, appoint you the said Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, until Our further pleasure shall be signified, to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies during Our will and pleasure, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our said Colony in Our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, the Twenty-first day of February, 1879, in the Forty-second year of Our Reign, which said powers and authorities We do hereby authorize you to exercise and perform, according to such Orders and Instructions as Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being hath already received or as you may hereafter receive from Us. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

Appointment of Sir H. G. R. Robinson as Governor. Recites Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor.

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