

Officers, &c., to obey the Governor.

2. And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said Colony and its Dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Twenty-second day of February, 1879, in the Forty-second year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

M. E. HICKS BEACH.

COPY OF A DORMANT COMMISSION PASSED UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN-MANUAL AND SIGNET APPOINTING THE CHIEF JUSTICE OR THE SENIOR JUDGE FOR THE TIME BEING OF NEW ZEALAND TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COLONY, IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH, INCAPACITY, OR ABSENCE OF THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

(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 Chief Justice for the time being of Our Colony of New Zealand, or to the Senior Judge for the time being of Our said Colony, Greeting.

Recites Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor. Providing for the Succession to the Government.

WHEREAS by certain 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, We did constitute, order, and declare that there should be a Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Our Colony of New Zealand, and did authorize, empower, and command Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief to do and execute all things belonging to his said office as therein is more particularly set forth: And whereas by our said Letters Patent We did declare that, in the event of the death, incapacity, or removal of Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief or of his departure from the Colony, our Lieutenant Governor, or if there should be no such Officer in Our said Colony, then such person or persons as We might appoint under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, should during Our pleasure administer the Government of the same: Now know you that by this Our Commission, under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, We do appoint you Our said Chief Justice for the time being, until Our further pleasure shall be signified, to administer the Government of Our said Colony of New Zealand in case of the death, incapacity, or removal or of the departure from the Colony, of Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief, as well as of Our Lieutenant Governor (if any), with all and singular the powers and authorities granted by Our said Letters Patent; and in case of the death, incapacity, or departure from Our said Colony of Our said Chief Justice for the time being, then We do appoint you, the Senior Judge for the time being of Our said Colony then residing therein, and not being under incapacity, to administer the Government thereof, with all the powers and authorities aforesaid. And We do hereby authorize and require you Our said Chief Justice or the said Senior Judge for the time being, as the case may be, to exercise and perform the said powers and authorities according to such Instructions as Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief or Our said Lieutenant Governor may have received from Us, and to such further Instructions as you may receive from Us, under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

The Chief Justice to act as Administrator of the Government in the absence of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The Senior Judge to act as Administrator of the Government in the absence of the Chief Justice. Powers and Authorities to be exercised according to Instructions.

Senior Judge to resign the Government to the Chief Justice when the latter is within the Colony and capable of administering. Officers and others to obey the Administrator.

Provided always that you, the Senior Judge, shall act in the administration of the Government only when and so often as you, Our said Chief Justice, shall not be present within the Colony and capable of administering the Government.

And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said Colony, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

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M. E. HICKS BEACH.

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