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NEW ZEALAND.

CIVIL SERVICE OF NEW ZEALAND

(REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INQUIRE AND REPORT UPON THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

ROYAL COMMISSION.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth: To our trusty and loving subjects, Sir ROBERT DOUGLAS of Whangarei, Baronet; THOMAS KELLY, of New Plymouth, Esquire; CHARLES PHARAZYN, of Featherston, Esquire; and ALFRED SAUNDERS, of Ashburton, Esquire: all in our Colony of New Zealand—GREETING:

WHEREAS the Governor of our said colony hath, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, deemed it expedient that a Commission should be forthwith issued for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter set forth:

Now, therefore, know ye that we, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, knowledge, and ability, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you the said Sir Robert Douglas, Thomas Kelly, Charles Pharazyn, and Alfred Saunders to be our Commissioners for the purpose of inquiring into the constitution and organization of the Civil Service of our said colony as such Service is at present constituted and organized, and to consider by what means the cost of such Service to our said colony may be reduced without impairing or lessening the efficiency thereof, and whether the said Service ought in any manner to be reorganized or reconstituted, having due regard to such efficiency as aforesaid.

And, for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect, we do authorize and empower you or any two or more of you to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such place or places in the colony as you may deem expedient, and to call before you such persons or person as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be better informed of the matters herein submitted for your consideration, and also to call for and examine all such records, books, documents, accounts, or papers, as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this our Commission, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And our further will and pleasure is that you or any two or more of you do report to us, under your hands and seals, with as little delay as may be consistent with a due discharge of the duties hereby imposed upon you, your opinion on the several matters herein submitted for your consideration, with power to certify unto us from time to time your several proceedings in respect of any of the matters aforesaid, if it may seem expedient for you so to do.

And we do further declare that this our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, our said Commissioners, or any two or more of you, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the seal of the said colony to be hereunto affixed.

Witness our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of our said Colony, at Wellington, this tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-third year of our reign.

Issued by the Governor in Council.
FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

HERCULES ROBINSON.