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COMMISSION APPOINTING THE HON. SIR ARTHUR GORDON,  
G.C.M.G., TO BE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

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

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COMMISSION PASSED UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN MANUAL AND SIGNET APPOINTING THE HONORABLE SIR ARTHUR HAMILTON GORDON, G.C.M.G., TO BE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE COLONY OF NEW ZEALAND AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

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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 Arthur Hamilton Gordon (commonly called the Honorable Sir Arthur Hamilton Gordon), 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 Arthur Hamilton Gordon, 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 in 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.

2. And, further, We do hereby appoint that, as soon as you shall have taken the prescribed oaths and have entered upon the duties of your office, this Our present Commission shall supersede Our Commission under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, bearing date the twenty-second day of February, 1879, appointing Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our said Colony and its Dependencies.

3. 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 Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this seventh day of August, 1880, in the forty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

KIMBERLEY.

