1883. NEW ZEALAND.

ROYAL COMMISSIONS ISSUED

(RETURN OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 4th July, 1883.

Ordered, "That there be laid upon the table a Return showing—(1) the number of Royal Commissions that have been issued since the 1st day of June, 1879, and the names of the Commissioners; (2) the subjects which the Commissioners were to inquire into and report upon; (3) the respective amounts paid to each Commissioner, and the total respective cost of each Commission."—(Mr. Holmes.)

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Number and Subject of Commission.	mber and Subject of Commission. Names of Commissioners. Names of Commissioners. Amount paid to each Commissioner.		Total Cost of Commission.	Remarks.
1. To inquire into the titles to certain Native reserves in the Provincial District of Wellington: — 30th	1		£ s. d. Nil	
September, 1879 2. Appointed a Resident Commissioner for New Zealand in the matter of the Sydney Exhibition.—17th November, 1879	Alexander S. Webster	"	••	
3. To inquire into matters in dispute respecting the Ruakaka Block, Thames.—2nd December, 1879	Edwin Hesketh	89 1 4	194 3 0	
4. Appointed additional Commissioner to inquire into operations of the New Zealand University.—10th January, 1880	Charles C. Bowen	Nil	••	
 Appointed Commissioners under "The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners Trials Act, 	Hon. Sir W. Fox, K.C.M.G. Hon. Sir F. Dillon Bell	95 14 6 83 4 6 17 4 0	1,523 2 7	
1879."—20th January, 1880	Hone Mohi Tawhai			
6. Appointed Commissioners under "The Revision of Statutes Act, 1879."—23rd January, 1880	Joint A. J. Johnston Walter Scott Reid	96 1 1 520 14 0 521 15 .0	1,347 5 0	
7. To inquire into the constitution and organization of the Civil Service.—10th March, 1880	Sir R. Douglas, Bart. Thomas Kelly Charles Pharazyn Alfred Saunders Joint	141 9 10 91 14 2 347 0 4 105 8 10 58 7 10	1,693 11 7	
8. To inquire what industries or manufactures exist in the colony, and whether they should be promoted or aided by Government.—12th March, 1880	J. Walker Bain Arthur John Burns W. A. Murray T. F. S. Tinné Edward Wakefield	25 8 0 322 10 8 13 4 0 232 4 9 76 6 0	898 13 8	
9, Appointed additional member of Local Industries Commission.	Joint E. C. J. Stevens	10 3 0 0 16 0	••	
13th April, 1880 10. Appointed Commissioners for New Zealand in the matter of the	His Excellency Sir H. Robinson James Hector	••	4,991 2 8	
Melbourne Exhibition. — 6th April, 1880	Joe Dransfield W. Hutchison Charles Lemon	••	-	
	W. H. Levin D. McIntyre F. A. Krull J. S. M. Thompson	••		
	G. E. Tolhurst	••		

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11. To inquire into certain Maori claims to confiscated lands in Waikato.	W. G. Mair	£ s. d. 3 10 0	£ s. d. 20 7 0	
—27th April, 1880 12. Appointed Executive Commissioner to represent New Zcaland at the Melbourne Exhibition.—9th August 1880	James Hector	271 16 8	(See No. 10.)	yer A
gust, 1880 13. Appointed a Resident Commissioner for New Zealand in the matter of the Melbourne Exhibition.— 19th August, 1880	J. H. Blackwood	Nil	••	
14. To ascertain the titles to certain Native land at Waipounanui belonging to Ngatitoa Tribe.— 12th October, 1880	C. Heaphy A. Mackay	10 13 0 24 17 0	37 0 0	
15. To inquire into the death of Mary Keetley and others in Christ- church Hospital from typhoid fever, and the alleged failure to report the same to the Board of Health.—19th October, 1880	F. W. A. Skae	29 8 0	117 18 3	
16. Appointed Commissioner under "The West Coast Settlement (North Island) Act, 1880."—23rd December, 1880	Hon. Sir W. Fox, K.C.M.G. Ditto	287 13 7 83 14 0	12,186 7 9	Includes cost of survey staff.
17. To inquire into complaints of Tapa te Whata and other Natives re- specting lands adjudicated upon by the Native Land Court, Cambridge, during their absence at a Native Land Court at	F. M. P. Brookfield H. T. Kemp Joint	128 3 6 147 5 0 11 0 0	409 6 3	
Rangitikei.—6th January, 1881 18. To inquire into the claims to blocks of land at Maketu.—13th January	Hon. T. M. Haultain E. M. Williams	27 15 0 125 11 0	218 7 6	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
ary, 1881 19. To inquire into the matter of the breakwater at Timaru, under, "The Timaru Harbour Board, Act, 1876."—4th February, 1881 20. To inquire into the charges against John H. Whitelaw and other officials of Wellington Lunatic Asylum re treatment of patients.	C. Y. O'Connor A. D. Austin E. Shaw	Nil " 25 0 0 25 0 0 25 0 0	247 6 4	Expenses borne by Harbour Board.
—15th February, 1881 21. To inquire into the claims of all Natives to reserves known as "Native reserved tenths," in the Provincial District of Wel- lington.—29th March, 1881	C. Heaphy	149 4 6	160 4 0	
22. To inquire into claims to grants of land on account of military service.—16th February, 1882 28. To inquire into the claims of all Natives to reserves known as	Hon. T. M. Haultain J. Fulton H. Bunny A. Mackay	327 5 10 64 7 6 408 19 10 Nil	1,234 6 11	
"Native reserved tenths," in the Provincial District of Wel- lington.—22nd May, 1882 24. To inquire into the management of	C. Whitefoord	42 5 0	93 18 0	
the Benevolent Asylum at Dun- edin, and the conduct of the officials thereof. — 30th May, 1882	J. Giles	42 3 0		
 To inquire into claims by certain Natives and others to the Patu- tahi Block, Poverty Bay.—7th 	H. T. Clarke	83 8 0	153 1 0	
August, 1882 26. To inquire into best line for completion of main trunk railway through Middle Island.—4th October, 1882	J. Fulton Hon. Dr. Pollen J. T. Thomson Joint	52 10 0 88 13 0 62 5 5 87 6 6	548 10 8	7 (2.7) (1.7) (2.8) (1.7) (2.8)
27. Appointed Commissioner under "The New Plymouth Exchanges Commission Act, 1865," in lieu of Josiah Flight and Charles	J. M. Batham	83 19 2	83 19 2	
Douglas Whiteombe.—9th January, 1883 28. To inquire into best line or railway to connect Canterbury and West Coast, Middle Island.—2nd April, 1883	W. R. Russell J. G. Wilson C. N. Bell	Nil	•	£700 has been advanced to the Commissioners by way of imprest. The accounts relating to the expenditure have not yet reached the Treasury.

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29. To inquire into charges made by Mary Witherall against G. P. Hogan, Manager of the Auck- land Industrial School.—2nd	R. C. Barstow	••	£ 9	s. 9	d. 0	£ 9	s. 9	d. 0	s.
April, 1883 30. To inquire into matters re breakwater at Timaru, under "The Timaru Harbour Board Act, 1876."—18th April, 1883				• •			•		Expenses borne by Harbour Board.
31. To inquire into irregularities at Dunedin Gaol, 1877–83. — 5th June, 1883		••		••			•		£160 has been advanced to the Commissioners by way of imprest. The accounts relating to the expenditure have not yet reached the Treasury. Estimated cost, £700.
32. To inquire into the cost and economical value of railways yet to be constructed.—23rd February, 1880	O. Curtis E. Pearce		295 324 164 213 91 838	4 8 6 19	0 0 0 11	2,782	0	3	Estimated cost, \$100.

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G. S. Cooper, Under-Secretary.

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