

future; and as to the method of disposal of slack coal, and whether same could be turned to better advantage than hitherto.

6. And generally to make inquiry into any matter or thing arising out of or connected with the several subjects of inquiry hereinbefore mentioned, or which, in your opinion, may be of assistance in fully ascertaining, explaining, or assisting in arriving at a fair and just conclusion in respect of the subjects of inquiry, or any of them, or any part thereof or in relation thereto.

And, for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect, you are hereby authorised and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such place or places in the said colony as you may deem expedient, and to call before you and examine, on oath and otherwise, as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you may think capable of affording you information in the premises; and you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such books, documents, papers, maps, plans, accounts, or records as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this Commission, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And, lastly, that, using all diligence, you do report to me, under your hands and seals, your opinion, resulting from the said inquiry, in respect of the several matters and things inquired into by you under or by virtue of these presents, not later than the thirtieth day of November next ensuing, stating in such report what steps, if any, it would, in your opinion, be expedient to adopt under the circumstances which you find to exist, and in what manner effect should be given to such recommendation.

And it is hereby declared that this Commission shall continue in full force and virtue although the inquiry be not regularly continued from time to time by adjournment, and that you or any two of you shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution hereof, and of every power, matter, and thing herein contained.

In witness whereof I, William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, have hereunto set my hand, and have caused these presents to be issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Christchurch, in the said colony, this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

(L.S.)

ONSLOW,
Governor.

Issued in Executive Council.

HUGH POLLEN,
(For the Clerk of the Executive Council.)