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, Theophilus Heale, Esquire, and William Gisborne, Esquire, Under-Secretary—Greeting:

Whereas on the third day of February instant, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New Zealand, did issue in Council a Commission in Our name, appointing certain persons named therein to inquire into and report upon the condition and nature of Educational and other Trust Estates held directly under Grant from the Crown upon special Trust for Religious, Educational, or Charitable purposes, and particularly to inquire into the extent and application of the Endowments, Funds, and Revenues belonging to or received by the Trustees of all such Estates in respect of the same:

And whereas it is desirable to appoint additional persons to the aforesaid Commission:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and by these presents do authorize and appoint you,

THEOPHILUS HEALE, and WILLIAM GISBORNE,

to be additional Commissioners for the purposes and with the powers specified in the said Commission, which Commission continues in full force and virtue anything herein notwithstanding.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of Our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, issued at Wellington, in New Zealand aforesaid, on the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and in the thirty-second year of Our reign.

G. F. Bowen.

Issued by the Governor in Council.

FORSTER GORING, Clerk of the Executive Council.