

1899.  
NEW ZEALAND.

# COMMISSIONS

(RETURN OF COST OF).

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 6th September, 1898.*

*Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (separately) the cost of each and every commission appointed in the colony during the twenty-one years between the 30th June, 1877, and the 30th June, 1898."*  
—(Mr. TANNER.)

RETURN of the COST of COMMISSIONS appointed between the 30th June, 1877, and the 30th June, 1898.

| Subject and Date of Commission.   | Cost.   | Remarks.                                |
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|   | £ s. d. |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constituting part of Vincent County as a new county, 27th July, 1877                      | 0 18 0  |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constituting parts of Thames and Coromandel Counties as a new county, 1st August, 1877    | 10 10 0 |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constituting part of Manawatu County as a new county, 11th August, 1877                   | 25 1 2  |   |
| Inquiry into petition for incorporation of certain land with Boroughs of Maori Hill and Roslyn, 22nd August, 1877   | ...     |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of Tauranga Borough, 22nd August, 1877                                       | ...     |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constituting part of Lake County as a new county, 11th September, 1877                    | 6 15 0  |   |
| Inquiry into cause of Auckland Lunatic Asylum fire, 9th October, 1877   | 13 13 0 |   |
| Inquiry into charges against Matron of Nelson Lunatic Asylum, 9th October, 1877                                     | 101 6 3 |   |
| Inquiry into charges against member of Christchurch Hospital Medical Staff, 13th November, 1877                     | 370 7 0 |   |
| To examine and report on plan of Timaru Harbour works, 14th November, 1877  | ...     | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry into General Assembly Library site, 30th November, 1877   | ...     |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constituting Carterton Borough, 9th January, 1878   | 17 0 0  |   |
| Paris Exhibition Commission, 31st January, 1878 ...   | 34 16 6 |   |
| Paris Exhibition Commission (Executive Commissioner), 9th February, 1878. (See Commission dated 31st January, 1878) | ...     |   |
| To examine and report on plan of Timaru Harbour works, 28th March, 1878   | ...     | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry into the working of the Employment of Females Act, 18th April, 1878   | 50 0 0  |   |
| Inquiry into claims of certain Natives to land known as "McCleverty's awards," 11th May, 1878                       | ...     |   |
| Inquiry into land-purchases of J. Booth, 18th June, 1878  | ...     |   |
| Inquiry into Newton Borough petition, 30th July, 1878   | ...     |   |
| Inquiry into petition for extension of Borough of Green Island, 30th August, 1878                                   | 0 17 6  |   |
| Inquiry into charges against steward of Timaru Hospital, 25th October, 1878   | 25 5 2  |   |

RETURN of the Cost of COMMISSIONS appointed between the 30th June, 1877, and the 30th June, 1898—*continued.*

| Subject and Date of Commission.   | Cost.      | Remarks.                                |
|---|------------|---|
| Inquiry into charges made by certain Natives against G. B. Worgan, 5th November, 1878   | £ 42 0 0   |   |
| Inquiry into ownership of certain reserves, West Coast, Middle Island, 27th November, 1878  | ...        | Cost not known.                         |
| Inquiries as to share of certain local bodies to the vote for £4,000 for roads, &c., 18th December, 1878                                    | ...        |   |
| University and Higher Education, 23rd December, 1878  | 3,173 13 5 | Extended to 1881.                       |
| Sydney Exhibition Commission, 21st January, 1879 ...  | 4,989 18 4 |   |
| Reprint of Statutes Commission, 28th January, 1879...   | 1,059 18 5 |   |
| Mongonui and Bay of Islands electoral rolls inquiry, 11th February, 1879  | 348 8 6    |   |
| Inquiry into land-purchase in Middle Island, 15th February, 1879  | 3,005 17 6 |   |
| To make award under "The Inch Clutha Act, 1878," 6th May, 1879  | ...        |   |
| Inquiry into charges against A. S. Allan, Registrar of Supreme Court, Wellington, 6th June, 1879  | 128 6 0    |   |
| Inquiry into title of certain Native reserves, Wellington Provincial District, 30th September, 1879   | ...        |   |
| Resident Commissioner for New Zealand at Sydney Exhibition (see Sydney Exhibition Commission dated 21st January, 1879), 17th November, 1879 | ...        |   |
| Inquiry into dispute respecting Ruakaka Block, Thames, 2nd December, 1879   | 194 3 0    |   |
| "The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners' Trials Act, 1879," 20th January, 1880   | 1,523 2 7  |   |
| Revision of Statutes Commission, 23rd January, 1880...  | 2,167 17 9 | Continuous to 1883.                     |
| To inquire into cost and economic value of railways yet to be constructed, 23rd February, 1880  | 2,732 0 3  |   |
| Inquiry into charges against the Assistant-Clerk, Resident Magistrate's Court, Napier, 27th February, 1880                                  | ...        |   |
| Inquiry into the Civil Service, 10th March, 1880 ...  | 1,693 11 7 |   |
| Inquiry into Local Industries, 12th March, 1880 ...   | 898 13 8   |   |
| Melbourne Exhibition Commission, 6th April, 1880 ...  | 4,991 2 8  |   |
| Local Industries (additional appointment), 13th April, 1880. (See commission dated 12th March, 1880)  | ...        |   |
| Inquiry into certain claims of Maoris to confiscated lands in Waikato, 27th April, 1880   | 20 7 0     |   |
| Inquiry into death of prisoner J. Wilson, Invercargill Gaol, 29th June, 1880  | 12 13 5    |   |
| Melbourne Exhibition (Executive Commissioner), 9th August, 1880. (See Commission dated 6th April, 1880)                                     | ...        |   |
| Resident Commissioner for New Zealand at Melbourne Exhibition (see Commission dated 6th April, 1880), 19th August, 1880                     | ...        |   |
| Inquiry into titles to certain Native land at Waipounui belonging to Ngatittoa Tribe, 12th October, 1880                                    | 37 0 0     |   |
| Inquiry as to death of Mary Keetley and others at Christchurch Hospital, 19th October, 1880   | 117 18 3   |   |
| "The West Coast Settlement (North Island) Act, 1880," 23rd December, 1880   | 20,459 7 1 | Extended to 18th December, 1883.        |
| Commissioner to represent New Zealand at Sydney Conference, — January, 1881   | 69 13 8    |   |
| Inquiry into complaints of Tapa te Whata and others re the action of the Native Land Court, Cambridge, 6th January, 1881                    | 409 6 3    |   |
| Inquiry into claims to blocks of land at Maketu, 13th January, 1881   | 218 7 6    |   |
| To inquire into and report on proposed deviation in Timaru Breakwater, 4th February, 1881   | ...        | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry into charges against Superintendent of Wellington Lunatic Asylum, 15th February, 1881   | 247 6 4    |   |
| Inquiry into charges against the Clerk of the Magistrate's Court, Havelock, 28th February, 1881   | 28 15 6    |   |
| Inquiry into claims of Natives to reserves known as "tenths," Wellington Provincial District, 29th March, 1881                              | 160 4 0    |   |

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| Subject and Date of Commission.  | Cost.      | Remarks.                                |
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|  | £ s. d.    |   |
| To inquire into and report on proposed deviation in Timaru Breakwater, 18th July, 1881   | ...        | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry in regard to the quarantining of the "City of New York," 3rd August, 1881  | 14 14 0    |   |
| Naval and Military and Local Forces' land-claims, 16th February, 1882  | 1,236 5 11 |   |
| Inquiry into claims of Natives to reserves known as "tenths" in Wellington Provincial District, 22nd May, 1882                     | ...        |   |
| Inquiry in regard to Dunedin Benevolent Asylum, 30th May, 1882   | ...        |   |
| Inquiry in regard to Dunedin Benevolent Asylum, 19th June, 1882  | 93 18 0    |   |
| Inquiry into dismissal of Headmaster of Heathcote School, 3rd July, 1882   | 15 4 0     |   |
| Inquiry into claims by certain Natives and others to the Patutahi Block, Poverty Bay, 7th August, 1882                             | 153 1 0    |   |
| To inquire into best line for completion of main trunk railway through Middle Island, 24th October, 1882                           | 543 10 3   |   |
| "The New Plymouth Exchanges Commission Act, 1865," 9th January, 1883   | 83 19 2    |   |
| Inquiry into charges against the Master of the Auckland Industrial School, 2nd April, 1883   | 9 9 0      |   |
| To inquire into best line of railway to connect Canterbury and the West Coast, Middle Island, 2nd April, 1883                      | 1,034 6 7  |   |
| To inquire into and report on proposed deviation of Timaru Breakwater, 18th April, 1883  | ...        | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry into irregularities in the Dunedin Gaol, 5th June, 1883  | 692 13 4   |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of a new county at Thames, 25th July, 1883  | ...        |   |
| To inquire into outbreak of disease on board of immigrant ship "Oxford," and as to alleged insufficiency of food, 9th August, 1883 | 130 11 6   |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of a new county in Southland, 13th August, 1883   | ...        |   |
| Inquiry as to annexation of part of Parawai Road District to Thames Borough, 17th October, 1883                                    | ...        |   |
| Commissioners to represent New Zealand at Colonial Conference, Sydney, 12th November, 1883   | 399 7 7    |   |
| "The West Coast Settlement (North Island) Act, 1880," 18th December, 1883. (See Commission dated 23rd December, 1880)              | ...        | Extended commission.                    |
| To inquire into cost and merit of the various proposed routes for the Ashburton Branch Railway, 2nd January, 1884                  | 90 15 11   |   |
| To inquire into working of Kumara Sludge-channel, 15th January, 1884   | 10 0 0     |   |
| Inquiry into petition for suspension of Counties Act in Wairarapa East County, 17th May, 1884                                      | ...        |   |
| To report on certain Native lands in Wellington Provincial District, 30th May, 1884  | ...        | Extended commission.                    |
| To ascertain names of Natives entitled to certain lands or reserves, 30th May, 1884  | ...        |   |
| Inquiry into charges against J. J. Turnbull, Stipendiary Magistrate, and J. L. M. Carey, Clerk of Court, Blenheim, 30th May, 1884  | 54 7 0     |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of Ohinemuri County, 7th June, 1884   | ...        |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of Te Puke County, 24th September, 1884   | ...        |   |
| To inquire into the condition of the "Unemployed" at Christchurch, 21st October, 1884  | 250 2 8    |   |
| Inquiry into subdivision of Westland Education District, 24th November, 1884   | 43 3 0     |   |
| Inquiry into titles of certain Native lands within the confiscated territory, west coast, North Island, 26th January, 1885         | 30 6 0     |   |

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| Subject and Date of Commission.   | Cost.     | Remarks.                                |
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|   | £ s. d.   |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of Hawksbury Borough, 30th April, 1885   | ...       |   |
| Inquiry into charges against Sergeant-Major O'Grady, 6th June, 1885   | 17 10 6   |   |
| To inquire into tenure of Block XXVII., Thames, 7th July, 1885  | 107 5 4   |   |
| West Coast (Middle Island) Native Commission, 14th July, 1885   | 451 1 1   |   |
| Inquiry as to resignation by Dr. Chilton and others of their appointments at the Wellington Hospital, 1st September, 1885                                 | 44 19 0   |   |
| To report on charge against two Native Assessors of Native Land Court, 16th October, 1885   | 3 9 4     |   |
| Inquiry into certain applications for removal of restrictions on Native lands, 30th November, 1885  | 1,658 9 8 |   |
| Inquiry into working of Rabbit Nuisance Act, — December, 1885   | 69 15 0   |   |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> landless Natives, Middle Island, 12th May, 1886   | ...       |   |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of Waimangaroa Borough, 20th May, 1886   | ...       |   |
| Old Soldiers' and Volunteers' Land-claims, 14th September, 1886   | 551 0 11  |   |
| Inquiry as to purchase of land from R. A. M. Stark, at North Shore, Auckland, 21st September, 1886  | 586 5 8   |   |
| Inquiry into Secondary Education, North Otago, 17th November, 1886  | 62 16 9   |   |
| Commissioners to represent New Zealand at Colonial Conference at London, 22nd February, 1887  | 52 5 0    |   |
| To inquire into and report on proposed north wall, Timaru, 10th March, 1887   | ...       | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry into charges against officers of Sheep and Rabbit Department, 2nd May, 1887   | 79 15 0   |   |
| To inquire into accident, Wallsend Coal-mine, 11th May, 1887  | 45 11 6   |   |
| Representation Act Commission, 8th June, 1887 ...   | 685 17 4  | See also 1890 and 1891.                 |
| To inquire into charges against the overseer or ganger, Robert McKay, on Hokitika-Christchurch Road, 24th August, 1887                                    | 42 0 4    |   |
| Inquiry into charges against the Superintendent, Seacliff Asylum, 13th December, 1887   | 225 0 0   |   |
| Melbourne Exhibition Commission, 28th December, 1887  | 6,853 6 9 |   |
| Inquiry into dismissal of Headmaster of Kaikorai School, 30th December, 1887  | 85 0 0    |   |
| To inquire into the condition of the Seacliff Asylum building, 31st January, 1888   | 776 12 11 |   |
| To investigate leases of Native reserves outstanding and unconfirmed in Confiscated Territory, West Coast, North Island, 2nd March, 1888                  | 95 12 0   |   |
| To inquire into and report on Gisborne Harbour works and financial position of Board, 27th March, 1888  | 119 2 6   |   |
| Executive Commissioner, Melbourne Exhibition, 4th May, 1888. (See Commission dated 28th December, 1887)   | ...       |   |
| To inquire into lease of land at Mokau by Joshua Jones, — June, 1888  | 539 3 11  |   |
| Commissioner to represent New Zealand at Chinese Conference, Sydney, 4th June, 1888   | 85 0 0    |   |
| Inquiry into G. W. Ell's charges against E. C. Latter, Official Assignee at Christchurch, and A. R. Bloxam, Registrar of Supreme Court, 31st August, 1888 | 61 17 0   |   |
| Paris Exhibition Commission, 24th September, 1888...  | 4,265 7 5 |   |
| Inquiry as to purchase and sale by Government of certain land at Point Resolution taken for defence purposes, 28th September, 1888                        | 158 14 9  |   |
| Inquiry into the School of Agriculture at Lincoln, 23rd October, 1888   | 120 16 5  |   |

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| Subject and Date of Commission.   | Cost.            | Remarks.                                |
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| To report <i>re</i> decisions of Native Land Court <i>re</i> Ngara-rara, Porangahau, Mangamaire, and Waipiro Blocks, 3rd November, 1888 | £ 366 s. 17 d. 0 |   |
| Executive Commissioner, Paris Exhibition, 19th November, 1888. (See Commission dated 24th September, 1888)                              | ...              |   |
| Inquiry into charges against C. E. Rawson, Stipendiary Magistrate, 19th February, 1889  | 303 9 11         |   |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> boundaries of Tauponuiatia Block, 9th July, 1889  | 224 8 6          |   |
| Kaihu Valley Railway, 24th December, 1889   | 234 4 6          |   |
| Representation Commission, 1890   | 790 10 0         | Appointed 1887.                         |
| Inquiry into petition for constitution of Onslow Borough, 13th January, 1890  | 32 18 0          |   |
| Inquiry known as the "Sweating Commission," 28th January, 1890  | 624 11 0         |   |
| Commissioners to represent New Zealand at Federation Conference, Melbourne, 28th January, 1890  | 170 10 2         |   |
| Inquiry under "The Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act, 1889," 27th February, 1890   | 840 6 11         |   |
| To inquire into accident at Kumara Sludge-channel, 8th March, 1890  | 259 14 6         |   |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> F. Bird, Stipendiary Magistrate, 2nd July, 1890   | 39 15 1          |   |
| Inquiry into sanitary condition of Dunedin Hospital, 19th August, 1890  | 332 17 5         |   |
| Inquiry into coal-workings at Brunnerton and Walls-end, 4th October, 1890   | 731 7 0          |   |
| Wairarapa Lakes, 11th November, 1890  | 32 12 0          |   |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> landless Natives, Middle Island, 10th December, 1890  | 184 9 11         |   |
| Representation Commission, 1891   | 450 0 0          | Appointed 1887.                         |
| Inquiry into charges against Resident Surgeon, Auckland Hospital, 6th February, 1891  | 278 4 5          |   |
| Commissioners to represent New Zealand at Federation Conference, Sydney, 9th February, 1891   | 600 7 11         |   |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> Native land laws, 11th February, 1891   | 1,224 11 5       |   |
| South Canterbury rabbit-fence, 21st February, 1891  | 222 13 7         |   |
| Public Trust Office Commission, 27th February, 1891   | 3,876 0 0        |   |
| To inquire into and report on danger to Timaru Harbour from travelling shingle, 21st March, 1891  | ...              | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry into purchase of Polhill Gully Rifle-range, 12th April, 1892  | 121 12 6         |   |
| To inquire into claims of Tapu homestead selectors, 4th June, 1892  | ...              |   |
| Inquiry into charges by Assistant Master against Director of School for Deaf-mutes, 9th August, 1892                                    | 6 7 9            |   |
| Inquiry into charges against Nicholas Fryday, 27th September, 1892  | 98 4 6           |   |
| Inquiry into management of School for Deaf-mutes, 14th October, 1892  | 73 14 8          |   |
| Inquiry into charges made by the Hon. E. Mitchelson against J. King, 3rd December, 1892   | 100 6 5          |   |
| Inquiry into death of patient Ah Ching at Wellington Lunatic Asylum, 8th December, 1892   | 54 3 4           |   |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> G. W. Ell's case, 10th May, 1893  | 308 13 2         |   |
| Kauri-gum industry, 23rd May 1893   | 557 13 10        |   |
| To inquire into and report on proposed further deviation in Timaru Breakwater, 27th October, 1893                                       | ...              | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board. |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> W. Williams and the Kaitangiwhenua Block, 4th December, 1893  | 115 8 1          |   |
| Inquiry into charges against Chief Inspector of Stock, J. D. Ritchie, and Stock Inspector R. Hull, 16th April, 1894                     | 42 8 3           |   |
| Commissioner to represent New Zealand at Commercial and Cable Conference, Ottawa, Canada, 23rd April, 1894                              | 1,097 5 0        |   |
| Fox Correspondence Commission, 24th April, 1894   | 78 17 0          |   |

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| Subject and Date of Commission.  | Cost.        | Remarks.  |
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|  | £ s. d.      |   |
| To inquire into and report on certain suggestions and request as to deviation of Timaru Breakwater, 30th June, 1894                              | ...          | Expenses borne by Timaru Harbour Board.                                 |
| Inquiry into the administration of charitable aid in Christchurch, 12th November, 1894   | 114 15 2     |   |
| Commissioner to inquire into the working of the tariff of Customs and excise duties for the year 1895, 26th January, 1895                        | 1,396 17 8   |   |
| Inquiry into cause of failure of water-supply at fire, Auckland Lunatic Asylum, 17th April, 1895   | 12 8 0       |   |
| Inquiry into the management of the Christchurch Hospital, 13th May, 1895   | 465 1 0      |   |
| Inquiry into charges against Assistant Chief Inspector of Stock (W. A. Scaife), and Stock Inspectors A. Ironside and D. Kerr, 9th December, 1895 | ...          |   |
| Inquiry <i>re</i> Horowhenua Block, 13th February, 1896 ...  | 1,266 19 5   |   |
| Inquiry into charges against the Government Printer (S. Costall), 13th March, 1896   | 339 7 10     |   |
| Inquiry into the management of Ashburn Hall Private Asylum, 13th March, 1896   | 111 19 7     |   |
| To inquire into accident at Brunner Mine, 24th April, 1896   | 812 19 6     |   |
| Inquiry into complaint by Thomas Johnston, Flag Swamp, as to the action of A. Park, Government Veterinarian, 7th May, 1896                       | 56 2 4       |   |
| Representation Commission, 20th July, 1896 ...   | 722 1 5      |   |
| For purposes of "The Naval and Military Claims Settlement and Extinguishment Act, 1896," 29th January, 1897                                      | ...          |   |
| Inquiry into the management of the Home for the Aged Needy, Wellington, 12th April, 1897   | 40 10 6      |   |
| Private Benefit Societies' Commission, 3rd May, 1897   | 550 0 0      |   |
| For purposes of "The Naval and Military Claims Settlement and Extinguishment Act, 1896," 10th May, 1897  | 788 18 5     | To 30th June, 1898, only.<br>The total cost is £1,092 17s. 8d. to date. |
| Commissioner for New Zealand at Queensland Exhibition, 1st June, 1897  | 1,066 17 7   |   |
| Inquiry into charges against Inspector J. Emerson, Napier, 4th November, 1897  | 50 5 8       |   |
| Kauri-gum Commission, 27th December, 1897 ...  | 404 0 0      |   |
| Inquiry into the administration, efficiency, and control of Police Force, 4th February, 1898   | 4,116 2 8    |   |
| Inquiry into charges against Inspector of Stock D. Kerr by Inspector of Stock W. Miller, 31st May, 1898  | 8 6 1        |   |
| Total ... ..   | £98,914 9 10 |   |

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