Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon the Law of New Zealand Relating to Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

To ALL to whom these presents shall come and to:

HERBERT EDGAR EVANS, of Wellington, Solicitor-General,

GEORGE WILLIAM CLINKARD, of Wellington, Secretary for Industries and Commerce,

Andrew John Park, of Wellington, Barrister and Patent Agent,

STUART WENTWORTH INNES-KER PETERSON, of Wellington, Manufacturer, and

JOHN RALFE SMITH, of Wellington, Communications Engineer.

Whereas it has been deemed expedient that a Commission should issue to inquire whether any, and if so what, changes are desirable in the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1908, the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921–22, and the several Acts amending these Acts, and in the practice of the Patent Office and of the Courts in relation to matters arising therefrom, and particularly to inquire into the initiation, conduct, and determination of legal proceedings arising under or out of the said Acts and into the provisions of the said Acts for the prevention of the abuse of monopoly rights, and to suggest any amendments of those Acts or of procedure thereunder which in your opinion would facilitate the expeditious settlement and the reduction of the cost of legal proceedings in cases arising under the said Acts and would encourage the use of inventions and the progress of industry and trade:

Now, therefore, I, Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Cyril Freyberg, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

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to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon:—

(1) Generally, the working of the Patents, Designs, and Trademarks Act, 1908, the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921–22, and the several Acts amending those Acts, and the practice of the Patent