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NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LANDS AND NATIVE-LAND TENURE :

COMMISSION UNDER THE HAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR; AND INTERIM REPORT
OF NATIVE LAND COMMISSION, ON NATIVE LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF WAIROA.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

COMMISSION

TO INQUIRE INTO THE QUESTION OF NATIVE LANDS AND NATIVE-LAND
TENURE.

PLUNKET, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to Sir Robert Stout, Knight
Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George, Chief Justice of the Dominion of New Zealand; and to
Jackson Palmer, Esquire, Chief Judge of the Native Land Court:
Greeting.

WHEREAS there are large areas of Native lands of which some are unoccupied
and others partially and unprofitably occupied: And whereas it would be for the
benefit of the Natives themselves and to the advantage of European settlement
if prompt and effective provision were made whereby such lands should be pro-
fitably occupied, cultivated, and improved: And whereas for the purpose of
inquiring and reporting as to the best methods to be adopted in the premises,
certain Commissioners were appointed by the Governor in Council on the twenty-
first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seven: And whereas the
said Commissioners have made several reports in the premises, but have not
finally completed their inquiries: And whereas by virtue of section fifty-two of
“The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907,” the powers and functions of the said
Commissioners ceased on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred
and nine: And whereas it is expedient that provision should be made to com-
plete such inquiries: And whereas it is also expedient that provision should
be made for the consolidation of the various Acts relating to Native land and
Native affairs:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by “The Com-
missions of Inquiry Act, 1908,” and of all other powers and authorities enabling
me in that behalf, I, William Lee, Baron Plunket, the Governor of the Dominion
of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive
Council of the said Dominion, do hereby appoint you, the said

Sir ROBERT STOUT and
JACKSON PALMER,

to be a Commission to inquire and report as to the following matters:—