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REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO A CLAIM MADE BY CERTAIN NATIVES TO AN AREA OF LAND AT W A I A U , S O U T H L A N D .

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

COMMISSION

TO INQUIRE INTO A CLAIM MADE BY CERTAIN NATIVES TO AN AREA OF LAND AT W A I A U , S O U T H L A N D .

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to CHARLES EDWARD MACCORMICK, Esquire, Judge of the Native Land Court, and WALTER EDWARD RAWSON, Esquire, Judge of the Native Land Court: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is expedient that an inquiry should be held regarding a claim made by certain Natives to an area of land situated on the west bank of the Waiau River, in Alton Survey District, in the Southland Land District:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, do hereby constitute and appoint you the said

CHARLES EDWARD MACCORMICK and
WALTER EDWARD RAWSON

to be a Commission to inquire into the said claim, and in particular—

- (1.) To ascertain whether the award made at Dunedin by Judge Fenton on the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, as recorded on page 59 of the South Island Native Land Court Minute-book No. 1A, has been satisfied:
- (2.) If such award has been satisfied, to ascertain the land which was granted in satisfaction thereof:
- (3.) To ascertain the award or the authority for the grant of the block of land known as the Tautuku Native Reserve, situated in Block IX, Tautuku Survey District, in the Otago Land District:
- (4.) To ascertain the authority for the original withholding from sale of the block of land situated on the west bank of the Waiau River, in the Alton Survey District, in the Southland Land District, containing approximately one thousand acres.

And, with the like advice and consent, I do hereby appoint you the said

CHARLES EDWARD MACCORMICK

to be Chairman of the said Commission.