

## COMMISSION

TO INQUIRE INTO AND REPORT UPON THE EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY OF THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEFENCE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS ACTING IN AID THEREOF DURING THE PRESENT WAR.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to Sir Robert Murray McCheyne Anderson, K.C.M.G., Brigadier-General, of New South Wales ; Peter Barr, Esquire, of Dunedin ; and Charles Rhodes, Esquire, of Auckland : Greeting.

WHEREAS it is expedient that inquiry should be made into the efficiency and economy of the financial administration of the Defence Department and other Departments acting in aid thereof during the present war :

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General 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, 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

ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE ANDERSON,  
PETER BARR, and  
CHARLES RHODES,

to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the efficiency and economy of the financial administration of the Defence Department and of other Departments acting in aid thereof during the present war, with reference to the following matters :—

1. Headquarters and other administrative branches of the service.
2. The methods of control or supervision of expenditure.
3. Pay and allowances of the Defence Forces or of civilians engaged in services in relation to the war.
4. Military stores, equipment, and supplies.
5. Military camps.
6. The transport of troops.
7. Hospital ships.
8. Military hospitals.
9. Medical and dental examinations and treatment.
10. Military Service Boards.
11. All other matters involving public expenditure for the purposes of the war.

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

ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE ANDERSON,

to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And for the better enabling you, the said Commission, to carry these presents into effect you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places in the said Dominion as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine on oath or otherwise, as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in the premises ; and you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such books, papers, writings, documents, or records as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matter of the inquiry hereby directed to be made, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever.