

3. Whether, having regard to the Samoan Native customs and to the due maintenance of government and order in the Mandated Territory, it would be prudent and safe to wholly repeal and abrogate all power to require a Samoan to remove for a definite period from one place on the islands to another.

And further I do hereby appoint you the said

The Honourable Sir CHARLES PERRIN SKERRETT

to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And you are hereby authorized to conduct any inquiries under these presents at such times and places, including Western Samoa, as you deem expedient.

And, using all diligence, you are required to report to me under your hands and seals as soon as conveniently may be.

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you.

And it is hereby further declared that these presents shall continue in force although the inquiry is not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place.

And, lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the seal of that Dominion, this fifth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

[SEAL.]

J. G. COATES,  
Prime Minister.

Approved in Council.

F. D. THOMSON,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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CHARLES FERGUSON, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to the Honourable Sir CHARLES PERRIN SKERRETT, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice of New Zealand, and His Honour CHARLES EDWARD MACCORMICK, a Judge of the Native Land Court of New Zealand: Greeting.

WHEREAS His Majesty, for and on behalf of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, accepted the Mandate of the League of Nations in respect of the Territory of Western Samoa, and undertook to exercise it on behalf of the League of Nations in the terms of the Mandate, a copy whereof is set forth in the First Schedule to the Samoa Act, 1921:

And whereas complaints have been made to the Government of New Zealand and to the Parliament of New Zealand concerning the administration of Western Samoa, and objections to the administrative methods adopted in the course of government under the Mandate, certain of such complaints and objections being set forth in papers printed and presented to Parliament as parliamentary paper A.—4B, 1927, and in a petition presented to Parliament during its present session:

And whereas Major-General Sir George Spafford Richardson, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., the present Administrator of Western Samoa, has requested an impartial inquiry into, and of, the matter of such complaints and objections:

And whereas on the fifth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, a Commission was issued to you the said the Honourable Sir Charles Perrin Skerrett and Charles Edward MacCormick to inquire into and report upon the several questions therein set out: