

REPORT

OF

COMMISSIONERS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, &c., &c.

No. 1.

WARRANT appointing COMMISSIONERS for PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

His Excellency SIR GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

To—William Crush Daldy, Alfred Domett, John Anderson Gilfillan, William Gisborne, Robert Graham, Charles Knight, Albin Martin, Joseph Newman, William Swainson, Frederick Whitaker, and to such other persons as shall be hereafter from time to time appointed to assist in the execution of this commission, Greeting:

Whereas it is expedient that a Commission should be appointed for the purposes hereinafter mentioned: Now know ye that I, reposing special trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint you, William Crush Daldy, Alfred Domett, John Anderson Gilfillan, William Gisborne, Robert Graham, Charles Knight, Albin Martin, Joseph Newman, William Swainson, and Frederick Whitaker, to be Commissioners to select and determine sites, to obtain and sanction plans, and to take all such other necessary steps as you may think fit for causing the construction without delay of the following Public Buildings, that is to say:—A Government House in the Domain, a Supreme Court House, a Custom House, and a Post Office, all in Auckland aforesaid; And by these presents I give and grant to you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority to carry into effect the purposes of the Commission by all lawful ways and means whatsoever; And I direct that you, the said Commissioners, shall from time to time prescribe all such rules as may appear to you to be necessary for giving notice of and holding meetings for the due and orderly conduct of the proceedings, and the effective despatch of the business thereat; And I direct that before proceeding to business, the Commissioners present at each meeting shall elect a Chairman for such meeting; And I further direct that you keep a record of your proceedings, and do report the same from time to time for my approval and confirmation; and for your assistance in the execution of this my Commission, I have appointed Sampson Kempthorne, Esq., to be Secretary to this my Commission, and to attend you, whose services and assistance you will from time to time use as occasion shall require.

Witness my hand, at Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, the twenty-ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX, Colonial Secretary.

G. GREY.

No. 2.

The SECRETARY TO THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSION to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,— Public Buildings Commission, Princes Street, July 9th, 1864.

I have the honor to forward to you, by direction of the Commissioners for the erection of Public Buildings, the accompanying Report of their proceedings for the approval and confirmation of His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the terms of their commission.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

S. KEMPTHORNE, Secretary.

Enclosure to No. 2.

REPORT of PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSION.

Public Buildings Commission, Princes Street, Auckland, May, 1864.

THE Commissioners for the erection of Public Buildings, in compliance with the terms of the commission appointing them, have agreed to the following report of their proceedings, for the approval and confirmation of His Excellency the Governor.

The rules for the conduct of the proceedings and for the despatch of the business of the Board were adopted at their second meeting, on March 4th, and are contained in the Appendix A to this report, together with some further rules, subsequently adopted, as to the authorising and payment of accounts.

The Commissioners, at their first meeting, March 3rd, and their successive meetings (weekly) during March, took into consideration the selection of the sites, and the means for obtaining designs from architects in this and the neighbouring colonies, for the buildings mentioned in their commission