

And our further will and pleasure is that you do report to Us, under your hands and seals (with as little delay as may be consistent with a due discharge of the duties hereby imposed upon you), your opinion on the several matters herein submitted for your consideration, with power to certify to Us from time to time your several proceedings in respect of any of the matters aforesaid, if it may seem expedient for you so to do.

And We do further declare that this our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, our said Commissioners, shall and may, from time to time, proceed with the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We also appoint you, the said James Prendergast, to be Chairman of our said Commission, and to convene meetings thereof by writing under your hand at such time and place as may be judged convenient; and, in case of your absence or inability to act as such Chairman on any occasion, or at any place, then that the Commissioners present at any meeting, and capable of acting, may elect a Chairman for that occasion, and so from time to time as may be necessary:

And also that any three of you, the said Commissioners (inclusive of the Chairman), shall be a quorum, and that all or any of the powers and authorities hereby vested in you, the said Commissioners, may be exercised by any such quorum sitting and acting together.

And lastly, for your assistance in the premises, we do hereby appoint Martin Chapman, Esquire, a Barrister of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, to be Secretary to this our Commission, and to hold office during our will and pleasure.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the seal of our said colony to be hereunto affixed.

Witness the hand of our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the seal of our said colony, at Wellington, this seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-fourth year of our reign.

HERCULES ROBINSON.

Approved in Council.

FORSTER GORING,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

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