

VICTORIA, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith: To our trusty and loving subject, EDWARD CEPHAS JOHN STEVENS, of Christchurch, Esquire, greeting:

WHEREAS by our Royal Letters Patent, bearing date the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, issued under the seal of our Colony of New Zealand, we did constitute and appoint JAMES WALKER BAIN, WILLIAM ARCHIBALD MURRAY, THEODORE FREDERICK SANDBACH TINNE, ARTHUR JOHN BURNS, and EDWARD WAKEFIELD to be Commissioners for the purpose of inquiring whether any industries or manufactures that are, or hereafter may be, prosecuted or carried on in our said colony should be in any manner promoted or aided by the Government, and to examine into the best means of so aiding or promoting any such local industries or manufactures, having due regard to the circumstances of our said colony:

Now therefore know ye that we, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, knowledge, and ability, do by these presents constitute and appoint you the said Edward Cephas John Stevens to be a Commissioner, along with the Commissioners hereinbefore mentioned, for all the purposes, and with all the same powers, authorities, and subject to all the same duties, as are in and by our said Royal Letters Patent mentioned, conferred, or imposed upon the said Commissioners.

Witness 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 thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-third year of our reign.

HERCULES ROBINSON.

JOHN HALL.

Issued by the Governor in Council.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.
