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AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCIS HARRISON, FILED 8TH MAY, 1891.

I, FRANCIS HARRISON, of the City of Wellington, in New Zealand, librarian, make oath and say,—

1. That it appears from the public records and official *Gazettes* of this colony that since the passing of the statute 15 and 16 Vict., c. 72, of the Imperial Parliament, granting a Constitution to this colony, and prior to the 2nd day of March, 1890, the following Judges have been appointed Judges of this honourable Court, and that they have held office as follows : namely,—

Sir George Arney was appointed Chief Justice on the 1st day of March, 1858, and held office until the 1st day of April, 1875, when he resigned office.

Sir James Prendergast was appointed Chief Justice on the 1st day of April, 1875, and still holds office.

Mr. Justice Johnston was appointed a Puisne Judge on the 3rd day of November, 1858, and he held office until his death in 1889.

Mr. Justice Gresson was temporarily appointed a Puisne Judge on the 8th day of December, 1857, and was permanently appointed a Puisne Judge on the 1st day of July, 1862, and he held office until the 1st day of April, 1875, when he resigned office.

Mr. Justice Richmond was appointed a Puisne Judge on the 20th day of October, 1862, and he still holds office.

Mr. Justice Chapman was appointed a Puisne Judge on the 23rd day of March, 1864, and he held office until the 1st day of April, 1875, when he resigned office.

Mr. Justice Gillies was appointed a Puisne Judge on the 3rd day of March, 1875, and he held office until his death in the year 1889.

Mr. Justice Williams was appointed a Puisne Judge on the 3rd day of March, 1875, and he still holds office.

Mr. Justice Denniston was appointed a Puisne Judge on the 11th day of February, 1889, and he still holds office.

Mr. Justice Conolly was appointed a Puisne Judge on the 19th day of August, 1889, and he still holds office.

2. That it appears from the *New Zealand Gazettes* of the undermentioned dates that the assent of Her Majesty was proclaimed to and that the following statutes came into force on the dates undermentioned, namely,—

“The Civil List Act, 1858,” on the 25th day of July, 1859; *New Zealand Gazettes* of 1859, page 178.

“The Civil List Act, 1862,” on the 11th day of July, 1863; *New Zealand Gazettes* of 1863, page 267.

“The Civil List Act, 1863,” on the 27th day of July, 1864; *New Zealand Gazettes* of 1864, page 314.

F. HARRISON.

Sworn at the City of Wellington, this 8th day of May, 1891, before me—

A. A. FINCH,

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM JOHNSTON MORPETH.

I, WILLIAM JOHNSTON MORPETH, of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, Civil servant, do hereby make oath and say as follows :—

1. That I am an official in the Government service, employed especially in the Native Department.

2. That the exhibit hereunto annexed marked with the letter A contains in the forty-six pages thereof letters forming portion of the correspondence between Worley Bassett Edwards, of Wellington aforesaid, Esquire, and the late Ministry.