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until the person so affected has had at least twenty-four hours' notice in writing of such allegation or statement, giving such particulars of time, place, and circumstances thereof as you shall deem sufficient, full opportunity being afforded to any such person to cross-examine any witness giving evidence against him, and to call any evidence in reply which he may think fit.

And I do also require you, not later than the thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, or as much sooner as the same can conveniently be done (using all diligence), to report to me under your hand and seal your

proceedings herein, and your opinion touching the several premises.

And I do further declare that this commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that, subject to these presents, you, the said Commission, shall and may from time to time proceed in the subject-matters thereof as you shall judge expedient, and that your powers and functions hereunder shall continue in full force, notwithstanding that the inquiry hereby directed may not be formally adjourned.

And, lastly, it is declared these presents are subject to the provisions of

"The Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908."

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable William Lee, Baron Plunket, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion, at Wellington, this twenty-ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Issued in Executive Council.

J. G. FINDLAY. [Seal.]

J. F. Andrews, Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXTENDING PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE POLICE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT.

PLUNKET, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to Helyar Wedderburn Bishop, Esquire, a Stipendiary Magistrate: Greeting.

Whereas by instrument bearing date the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nine, and issued under "The Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908," you, the said Helyar Wedderburn Bishop, were appointed a Commission to inquire into the administration, efficiency, and control of the Police Force of the Dominion: And whereas by the said instrument you were required to report to me under your hand the result of your inquiries not later than the thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine: And whereas it is expedient that the date aforesaid should be extended as hereinafter provided:

Know ye therefore that I, William Lee, Baron Plunket, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby extend the period within which you shall, using all diligence, transmit to me as by the said instrument provided your report and recommendations as aforesaid to the thirtieth