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# EDUCATION COMMISSION

(REPORT OF), TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND EVIDENCE.

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

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## COMMISSION

TO INQUIRE INTO AND REPORT ON CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING  
TO THE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IN NEW ZEALAND.

ISLINGTON, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to Mark Cohen, Esquire, of Dunedin; William Davidson, Esquire, of Dunedin; James Robert Kirk, Esquire, of Gisborne; Frederick Pirani, Esquire, of Feilding; Hugh Poland, Esquire, M.P., of Paeroa; John Charles Thomson, Esquire, M.P., of Riverton; Thomas Umfrey Wells, Esquire, M.A., of Auckland: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to appoint a Commission to inquire into and report upon the system of education in New Zealand, and the necessity or expediency of further legislation with respect thereto:

Now, therefore, I, John Poynder Dickson-Poynder, Baron Islington, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other 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 constitute and appoint you, the said

MARK COHEN,  
WILLIAM DAVIDSON,  
JAMES ROBERT KIRK,  
FREDERICK PIRANI,  
HUGH POLAND,  
JOHN CHARLES THOMSON, and  
THOMAS UMFREY WELLS

to be a Commission to inquire into and report on the following matters relating to the system of education in New Zealand:—

- (1.) The cost of State education in respect to primary, manual, technical, and secondary, and its relation to efficiency;