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# PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW ZEALAND

(REPORT OF COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INQUIRE AND REPORT UPON THE  
UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS OF THE).

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

## COMMISSION.

ISLINGTON, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to William Duffus Hunt, Esquire, of Invercargill; James Macintosh, Esquire, of Wellington; Peter Barr, Esquire, of Dunedin; and Thomas Finlayson, Esquire, of Auckland: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is expedient that inquiry shall be made into the working of the various unclassified Departments of the Public Service with a view to simplifying procedure, preventing duplication, and generally adopting such methods as will increase the efficiency of the Service, ensure the due recognition of merit, and quicken the despatch of business: And whereas it has been urged that there is need in the public interest for more co-operation between Departments in their business relations, and better facilities given and received in order to remove unnecessary formality and delay, having regard to the fact that they are all engaged in State business:

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

WILLIAM DUFFUS HUNT,  
JAMES MACINTOSH,  
PETER BARR, and  
THOMAS FINLAYSON,

to be a Commission to inquire and report as to the following matters in the case of each unclassified Department of the Public Service:—

1. Whether its system of working is on the simplest and most effective lines, and, if not, in what respects, with special reference to—

- (a.) Book-keeping;
- (b.) Accounting;
- (c.) Correspondence;
- (d.) The custody of securities and records;
- (e.) The receipt and expenditure of money;
- (f.) Discipline.