

(8.) To what extent such operations should be supplemented and expanded and in what localities should new nurseries and plantations (if any) be situated.

(9.) Whether the present operations of the State are being conducted on satisfactory and progressive lines. If not, to what extent and in what manner the present management and control should be altered.

(10.) Under what conditions should the State encourage and assist tree-planting by private individuals and local bodies; and, generally, any matters which, in your opinion, affect forest conditions and afforestation in the Dominion, or would tend to promote their development, including the necessity or expediency of any legislation in the premises.

For the purposes of your inquiry you are hereby authorized and empowered to have before you and examine all books, papers, documents, or writings you deem necessary, and examine on oath or otherwise, as allowed by law, all witnesses or other persons whom you think capable of affording you any information in the premises. The said Henry Douglas Morpeth Haszard shall be your Chairman, and you are hereby empowered and directed to conduct your inquiry in such manner, at such times, and with such adjournments as you think fit. And, using all diligence, you are hereby required to report to me under your hands the result of your inquiry, with any recommendations you think fit to make in the premises, on or before the thirtieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, 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 the Government House, at Wellington, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

W. F. MASSEY,  
Minister of Lands.

Approved in Executive Council.  
J. F. ANDREWS,  
Clerk of Executive Council.

## EXTENDING TIME OF COMMISSION.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to Henry Douglas Morpeth Haszard, Esq., F.R.G.S., Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor for the Westland Land District; Thomas William Adams, Esq., farmer, of Greendale, Canterbury; Samuel Isaac Clarke, Esq., builder, of Ponsonby, Auckland; Leonard Cockayne, Esq., F.R.S., F.L.S., Ph.D., of Christchurch; Frank Yates Lethbridge, Esq., farmer, Makino Road West, Feilding; and Charles Primrose Murdoch, Esq., woodware-manufacturer, of Auckland: Greeting.

WHEREAS by a Warrant dated the eleventh day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and issued under my hand and the public seal of the Dominion, you were appointed a Commission to inquire into and report on the condition of forestry in New Zealand, and you were directed and required to report to me on or before the thirtieth day of April then next ensuing your proceedings and your opinion touching the matters mentioned therein:

And whereas it is expedient that the said period should be extended as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred