

- (5.) Whether the said purposes could be best provided by leasing the lands so set apart or permanently reserved, or any and which of them, on leases of long tenure, and by applying the rents and profits for the said purposes.
- (6.) Whether any and, if so, what lands not vested in the Public Trustee have been set apart or reserved in the Waikato-Maniapoto Native Land Court District for the benefit of landless Natives, and in what manner and by what means such lands may be best made applicable for the purposes for which they were so set apart or reserved.
- (7.) Generally to inquire into and report upon the nature and conditions of the lands not vested in the Public Trustee, and set apart or permanently reserved for landless Natives in the South Island, and of the lands (if any) not vested in the Public Trustee set apart or reserved for landless Natives in the said Waikato-Maniapoto Native Land Court District, and the best methods for dealing with such lands so that the lands or the rents and profits thereof may be applied to the best advantage for the purposes for which they were reserved or set apart.

Provided that as the subject-matter of the inquiry hereby required to be made is the existing reserves and the disposition thereof, and not the persons entitled to the benefit thereof or the sufficiency of the reserves, it is hereby declared that all matters as to the non-inclusion of persons entitled or claiming to be entitled to the benefit of any such lands so reserved or set apart, and all requests or claims that additional lands should be reserved or set apart, are excluded from the scope of this inquiry.

And, with the like advice and consent, I do further appoint you the said

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to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And for the better enabling you, the said Commission, to carry these presents into effect, you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places in the said Dominion as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine on oath or otherwise, as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in the premises; and you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such books, papers, plans, writings, documents, or reports as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matter of the inquiry hereby directed to be made, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever.

And, using all diligence, you are required to report to me, under your hands and seals, not later than the thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, your opinion as to the aforesaid matters.

And it is hereby declared that these presents shall continue in full force and virtue although the inquiry is not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment.

And, lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member 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 the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

W. H. HERRIES,
Minister of Native Affairs.

Approved in Council.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.