1915. NEW ZEALAND.

REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION APPOINTED UNDER THE REGULATION OF TRADE AND COMMERCE ACT, 1914.

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

COMMISSION.

Commission to inquire into and report upon certain Matters under the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to the Honourable Thomas Walter Stringer, K.C., Judge of the Court of Arbitration; the Honourable John Barr, Member of the Legislative Council; James Begg, Esquire, of Mosgiel, Farmer; George Joseph Garland, Esquire, of Auckland, Accountant and Agent; William Milne, Esquire, of Oamaru, Farmer; and George Wilson, Esquire, of Wellington, Merchant: Greeting.

Whereas by section thirty-four of the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, it is provided that at any time while His Majesty is at war with any foreign Prince or State the Governor may appoint any person or persons to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon any or all of the matters therein set out: And whereas it is expedient that a Commission should be appointed for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

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 by the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, and 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 appoint and constitute you the said

THOMAS WALTER STRINGER, JOHN BARR, JAMES BEGG, GEORGE JOSEPH GARLAND, WILLIAM MILNE, and GEORGE WILSON

to be a Commission to inquire into and report to me upon the following matters:—

(a.) The state of the prices in New Zealand of wheat, flour, bread, oatmeal, beef, mutton, and any other articles whatever of food or drink, on the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and at any time thereafter.