

COMMISSION

TO INQUIRE INTO AND REPORT UPON THE ALLOCATION OF THE COST OF PROVIDING THE FUNDS REQUIRED UNDER CLAUSE (d), SUBSECTION (4), OF SECTION 17 AND SECTION 25 OF THE WAIHOU AND OHINEMURI RIVERS IMPROVEMENT ACT, 1910.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

A COMMISSION.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to HORATIO JOHN HOOPER BLOW, Esquire, of Wellington, Gentleman, late Under-Secretary, Public Works Department; WILLIAM STONHAM SHORT, Esquire, of Auckland, Solicitor, and late Under-Secretary for Public Works; and GEORGE BUCHANAN, Esquire, of Paeroa, Farmer: Greeting.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling me in this behalf, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

HORATIO JOHN HOOPER BLOW,
WILLIAM STONHAM SHORT, and
GEORGE BUCHANAN,

to be a Commission to inquire into and report—

- (1.) As to whether the allocation, under clause (d), subsection (four), of section seventeen of the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910, of the cost of providing, from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, the interest and sinking funds on any loans raised for the purpose of carrying out the works authorized by the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910, together with the cost of administration and maintenance, is, under existing conditions, fair and equitable, and, if not, what variation should be made in such allocation.
- (2.) As to whether, in the event of the existing allocation under clause (d), subsection (four), of section seventeen of the said Act being varied, what consequential variation should be made in the allocation provided in section twenty-five of the said Act.
- (3.) As to whether, in the event of the existing allocation being varied, the representation provided by section twenty of the aforesaid Act should also be varied, and, if so, to what extent.
- (4.) Generally, your opinion on all matters which may be brought before you in connection with the question referred to, and which in your opinion have any bearing on these premises.

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

HORATIO JOHN HOOPER BLOW,

to be 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 from place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine on oath or otherwise such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in these premises. And you are also empowered to call for and examine such books, maps, documents, or records 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.