

Now know ye, that We, reposing trust and confidence in your impartiality, knowledge, and ability, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said

Sir Michael Myers,
Hubert Maxwell Christie, and
Richard Ormsby

to be a Commission :

(a) In respect of the sums of money paid by the Aotea District Maori Land Board as aforesaid, to inquire and report—

- (i) Whether the charge imposed upon Maori lands, pursuant to section 14 of the Maori Purposes Act, 1935, ought, in equity and good conscience, to have been imposed upon the whole or any part of such lands;
- (ii) Whether, in equity and good conscience, the Maori owners of such lands if liable ought to have been rendered liable for the repayment of the whole or any part of the moneys paid by the said Board to the Egmont Box Company, Limited, pursuant to the said section;
- (iii) If it be reported that such charge ought not, in equity and good conscience, to have been imposed and that in equity and good conscience the said Maori owners if liable should not have been rendered liable for the repayment of the whole or any part of the said moneys as aforesaid, then to recommend what further sum, if any, should now be paid to the said Board by the Crown in respect of interest moneys and the costs and expenses incurred by the said Board in defending actions brought against it with regard to the payment of the said moneys :

(b) In respect of the Tarawera and Tataraka Blocks aforesaid, to inquire and report—

- (i) Whether, due regard being had to all the circumstances, there should have been any amendment in the titles to any portions of the said blocks;
- (ii) If it be reported that there should have been no such amendment in the title to any portion or portions of either of the said blocks, then to recommend what measures should be adopted by the Government to remedy any injustice which might have been suffered by any person or persons as a result of such amendment :

(c) In respect of the Mohaka Block aforesaid, to inquire and report—

- (i) Whether, due regard being had to the method generally employed in the conduct of transactions with the Maoris for the cession of land to the Crown at the time when the said Mohaka Block was acquired by the Crown, any injustice has been or would be done to the former Maori owners of the said Block or their descendants or representatives, or any of them, in asserting or maintaining the Crown's title to the said Mohaka Block, or any of such portions thereof as are now Crown lands;
- (ii) If it be reported that any injustice has been done or would be done as aforesaid, then to recommend whether the former Maori owners of the said Mohaka Block or their descendants or representatives or any of them should have any portion of the said Mohaka Block returned to them, or whether compensation in money or money's worth should now be granted to such former owners or their descendants or representatives, or any of them;
- (iii) If it be reported that compensation should be so granted, then to recommend what the extent of such compensation should be :

(d) In respect of the Opouturi Block aforesaid, to inquire and report—

- (i) Whether due regard being had to all the circumstances, it is reasonably established that the interests of all or any of the former Maori owners of the said Opouturi Block were extinguished by a deed of conveyance to the Crown;
- (ii) If it be reported that it is reasonably established that the interests of the former Maori owners or any of them were not so extinguished, then to recommend whether the former Maori owners or their descendants or representatives, or any of them, should have any portion of the said Opouturi Block returned to them, or whether compensation in money or money's worth should now be granted to such former owners or their descendants or representatives, or any of them;
- (iii) If it be reported that compensation should be so granted, then to recommend what the extent of such compensation should be :

Provided, however, that in any case where you shall see fit to recommend that compensation in money or money's worth be granted in respect of the purchases or cessions hereinbefore set forth, you shall have regard to the value of the land, as nearly as may be, at the time of the purchase or cession thereof and not to any later increment in the value thereof :

Provided, further, that you shall be at full liberty to disregard or differ from any findings, whether of fact or otherwise, conclusions, opinions, or recommendations of any former tribunal in respect of any matters or questions of similar character or import to those confided to you by these presents :

And We do hereby appoint you, the said
SIR MICHAEL MYERS
to be chairman of the said Commission :

And for the better enabling you 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 as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and so that these presents shall continue in force, and the inquiry may at any time and place be resumed although not regularly adjourned from time to time or from place to place :

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose save to His Excellency the Governor-General in pursuance of these presents, or by His Excellency's direction, the contents of any report so made or to be made by you or any evidence or information obtained by you in the exercise of the powers hereby conferred upon you except such evidence or information as is received in the course of a sitting open to the public :

And you are hereby authorized to report your proceedings and findings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do :

And, using all due diligence, you are required to report to His Excellency the Governor-General in writing under your hands not later than the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, your findings and opinions on the matters aforesaid, together with such recommendations as you think fit to make in respect thereof :

And, lastly, it is hereby declared that these presents are issued under the authority of the Letters Patent of His late Majesty dated the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and under the authority of and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Dominion of New Zealand.

In witness whereof We have caused this Our Commission to be issued and the Seal of Our Dominion of New Zealand to be hereunto affixed at Wellington, this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, and in the thirteenth year of Our Reign.

Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Bernard Cyril Freyberg, on whom has been conferred the Victoria Cross, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of Our Distinguished Service Order, Lieutenant-General in Our Army, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over our Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion.

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command—

P. FRASER, Minister of Maori Affairs.

Approved in Council—

T. J. SHERRARD, Clerk of the Executive Council.

Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, Resignations, Retirements, and Cancellation of Commission of Officers of the New Zealand Military Forces

Army Department
Wellington, 6th December, 1949.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the following appointments, promotions, transfers, resignations, retirements, and cancellation of commission of officers of the New Zealand Military Forces :—

THE ROYAL N.Z. ARTILLERY

Territorial Force—

John Shaw (late Flight Lieutenant, R.N.Z.A.F.) to be Lieutenant, with seniority from 1st July, 1946, and is posted to the 13th Composite Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.N.Z.A. Dated 1st October, 1949.

THE ROYAL N.Z. ARMOURD CORPS

Territorial Force—

Captain (*temp.* Major) A. S. Nicolson, 3rd Armoured Regiment, R.N.Z.A.C., is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, General List, The Royal N.Z. Armoured Corps, with the rank of Major, with seniority from 3rd February, 1942. Dated 1st May, 1949.

Temp. Lieutenant F. A. Hadfield, 3rd Armoured Regiment, R.N.Z.A.C., is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, General List, The Royal N.Z. Armoured Corps, with the rank of Lieutenant, with seniority from 1st January, 1945. Dated 1st May, 1949.

Temp. Lieutenant F. G. Conway, D.C.M., 3rd Armoured Regiment, R.N.Z.A.C., is posted to the Retired List with the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 24th November, 1949.

Temp. 2nd Lieutenant A. Gillies, 3rd Armoured Regiment, R.N.Z.A.C., is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, General List, The Royal N.Z. Armoured Corps, with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, with seniority from 28th August, 1943. Dated 1st May, 1949.

THE ROYAL N.Z. CORPS OF SIGNALS

Territorial Force—

Captain A. D. Lawless, 3rd Composite Squadron, R.N.Z. Sigs, is posted to the Retired List with the rank of Major. Dated 21st October, 1949.