Assumption of the Administration of the Government of New Zealand by the Right Honourable Sir Humphrey Francis O'Leary, Chief Justice

[LS.]  H. F. O'LEARY, Administrator of the Government

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George V was graciously pleased, by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and bearing date at Westminster the 11th day of May 1917, to constitute the office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand: And whereas His late Majesty King George VI was pleased, by a Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at Saint James's the 15th day of February 1946, to appoint Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Cyril Freyberg (now Baron Freyberg) to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand during His Majesty's pleasure: And whereas His late Majesty King George V was pleased, by a Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at Saint James's the 23rd day of July 1917, amongst other things, to appoint the Chief Justice of New Zealand for the time being to administer the Government thereof in the case of the death, incapacity, or removal, or of the departure from New Zealand of the Governor-General appointed under the said Letters Patent, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted by the said Letters Patent: And whereas the said Baron Freyberg departed from New Zealand on the 15th day of August 1952:

Now, therefore, I, Sir Humphrey Francis O'Leary, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Chief Justice of New Zealand, hereby proclaim and declare that I have this day taken the oaths prescribed by the said Letters Patent before the Honourable Sir Arthur Fair, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and that I have assumed the administration of the Government of New Zealand under and by virtue of His late Majesty's said Commission.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, and issued under the Seal of New Zealand, this 15th day of August 1952.

S. G. HOLLAND, Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!