

Royal Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved ROBERT MCKEEN, Esquire; the Honourable SIR MATTHEW HENRY ORAM, Member of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; and CARL VICTOR SMITH, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by section 27 of the Civil List Act 1950, it is provided that the Governor-General, on the recommendation of a Royal Commission appointed in that behalf, may from time to time, by Order in Council, fix the salaries and allowances to be paid to the Prime Minister and other Ministers of the Crown or Members of the Executive Council, to Parliamentary Under-Secretaries, and to the Speaker and Chairman of Committees and other Members of the House of Representatives:

And whereas, by subsection (1A) of the said section 27, it is provided that a Royal Commission shall be appointed for the purposes of that section within three months after the date of every general election of Members of Parliament, and a general election was held on the 30th day of November 1957:

And whereas, on the 31st day of March 1958, a Royal Commission* was issued appointing you, the said ROBERT MCKEEN and CARL VICTOR SMITH and JOHN HENRY BOYES to be a Commission for the purposes of the said section 27, but the said JOHN HENRY BOYES died on the 1st day of July 1958 and it is desirable to revoke that Commission and to issue a new Commission in its place:

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

ROBERT MCKEEN,
The Honourable SIR MATTHEW HENRY ORAM, and
CARL VICTOR SMITH

to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the salaries and allowances paid to Our Prime Minister and other Ministers or Members of the Executive Council, to Parliamentary Under-Secretaries, to the Speaker and Chairman of Committees, and to the Leader of Our Official Opposition, and to other Members of the House of Representatives; and if it be reported that it is necessary or desirable to alter those salaries and allowances or any of them, then to recommend to His Excellency the Governor-General the nature and extent of the alterations that should be made:

And generally to inquire and report upon any other matters arising out of or affecting the premises which may come to your notice in the course of your inquiries and which you may consider should be investigated in connection therewith:

And we do hereby appoint you, the said

ROBERT MCKEEN

to be Chairman of the said Commission:

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect you are hereby authorised and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such time and place 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 directions, 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 We do further ordain that you have liberty 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 31st day of August 1959, your findings and opinions on the matters aforesaid, together with such recommendations as you think fit to make in respect thereof:

And We hereby revoke the said Royal Commission issued on the 1st day of March 1958:

And, lastly, it is hereby declared that these presents are issued under the authority of the Letters Patent of His late Majesty King George the Fifth dated the 11th day of May 1917, pursuant to section 27 of the Civil List Act 1950, 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 New Zealand.

In witness whereof we have caused this Our Commission to be issued and the Seal of New Zealand to be hereunto affixed at Wellington, this 4th day of May 1959.

Witness Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin, Charles John, Viscount Cobham, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand; acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand.

COBHAM, Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command—

W. NASH, Prime Minister.

Approved in Council—

[L.S.] T. J. SHERRARD, Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Gazette, 2 April 1958, p. 419

Exempting Mines and Minerals in the North Auckland Land District from the Operation of Part III of the Coal Mines Act 1925

COBHAM, Governor-General

PURSUANT to the Coal Mines Act 1925, His Excellency the Governor-General hereby exempts the mines and minerals described in the Schedule hereto from the operation of Part III of the Coal Mines Act 1925.

SCHEDULE

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

ALL mines, beds, and quarries of coal and ironstone, and all metals, stones, and minerals within and under Lots 10 and 41, and that part of Lot 40, on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under No. 46329, as are contained in certificate of title, Volume 1067, folio 223, Auckland Registry.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General this 28th day of April 1959.

(Mines 11/42) F. HACKETT, Minister of Mines.

Appointment of Assistant Law Draftsman

His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Walter Iles, Esquire, LL.B.,

to be an Assistant Law Draftsman, in terms of the Statutes Drafting and Compilation Act 1920, on and from 1 June 1959.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of April 1959.

W. NASH, Prime Minister.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France

His Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that

Mr Jean Baudier

presented his Letters of Credence at Government House, Auckland, on Wednesday, 25 March 1959.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of April 1959.

W. NASH, Minister of External Affairs.

Appointment of Officers Authorised to Attest Signatures of Maoris

PURSUANT to sections 222 and 464 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Albert William Buckley, clerk, Auckland;
Atere John Davis, welfare officer, Hawera;
Maxwell George Hill, building supervisor, Te Kuiti;
Alfred Willingham Hewson, building supervisor, Hawera;
Harold Kennedy Littler, resident officer, Hawera; and
Dixon Wright, field supervisor, Paeroa;

being officers in the service of the Crown employed by the Department of Maori Affairs, as persons authorised to attest, in accordance with the provisions of the said sections 222 and 464, the signatures of Maoris to instruments of alienation and to instruments by way of security in the Chattels Transfer Act 1924.

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of April 1959.

(M.A. 19/1/126) W. NASH, Minister of Maori Affairs.