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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.
- (b.) The quantity, situation, demand, supply, or possession of any such articles of food or drink in New Zealand.
- (c.) The advisability of the exercise by the Governor in Council of the power to fix and determine the maximum price in New Zealand of any of such articles of food or drink, and whether different maximum prices should be fixed for the same articles of food or drink in respect of different forms, modes, conditions, or localities of trade, commerce, sale, or supply.

And with the like advice and consent I do further appoint you the said

THOMAS WALTER STRINGER

to be the 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 place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine on oath, or otherwise as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in the premises; and you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such books, papers, writings, documents, or records as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matter under inquiry, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever.

And using all diligence you are required to report to me under your hands and seals not later than the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, your opinion on any matters inquired into by you as aforesaid.

And it is hereby declared that these presents shall continue in full force and virtue although your inquiries are not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment.

And, lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

W. F. MASSEY,
 Prime Minister.

Approved in Council.

F. D. THOMSON,
 Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.