

Appointment of Judges, Justices, &c.

VII. The Governor-General may constitute and appoint, in Our name and on Our behalf, all such Judges, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, and other necessary Officers and Ministers of the Dominion as may be lawfully constituted or appointed by Us.

Grant of pardons. Remission of fines. Proviso. Banishment.

VIII. When any crime has been committed within the Dominion, or for which the offender may be tried therein, the Governor-General may as he shall see occasion, in Our name and on Our behalf, grant a pardon to any accomplice in such crime who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender, or of any one of such offenders if more than one; and further, may grant to any offender convicted in any Court, or before any Judge, or other Magistrate, within the Dominion, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any remission of the sentence passed on such offender, or any respite of the execution of such sentence for such period as the Governor-General thinks fit; and further may remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures, due or accrued to Us. Provided always that the Governor-General shall in no case, except where the offence has been of a political nature unaccompanied by any other grave crime, make it a condition of any pardon or remission of sentence that the offender shall absent himself or be removed from the Dominion.

Suspension or removal from office.

IX. The Governor-General may, so far as We Ourselves lawfully may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, remove from his office, or suspend from the exercise of the same, any person exercising any office or place within the Dominion under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which may be granted, by Us, in Our name, or under Our authority.

Summoning, proroguing, or dissolving any Legislative Body. Appointment of Members.

X. The Governor-General may exercise all powers lawfully belonging to Us in respect of the summoning, proroguing, or dissolving any Legislative Body, which now is or hereafter may be established within the Dominion, and in respect of the appointment of Members thereto.

Succession to the Government. Lieutenant-Governor. Administrator. Proviso. Lieutenant-Governor, &c., to take Oaths of office before administering the Government. Duties and authorities under Letters Patent.

XI. In the event of the death, incapacity, or removal of the Governor-General, or of his departure from the Dominion, Our Lieutenant Governor, or, if there be no such Officer in the Dominion, then such person or persons as We may appoint under Our Sign Manual and Signet, shall, during Our pleasure, administer the Government of the Dominion, first taking the Oaths herein-before directed to be taken by the Governor-General, and in the manner herein prescribed; which being done, We do hereby authorise, empower, and command Our Lieutenant Governor, and every other such Administrator as aforesaid, to do and execute during Our pleasure all things that belong to the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief according to the tenor of these Our Letters Patent, and according to Our Instructions as aforesaid, and the Laws of the Dominion.

Governor-General may appoint a Deputy during his temporary absence.

XII. In the event of the Governor-General having occasion to be temporarily absent for a short period from the seat of Government or from the Dominion, he may in every such case, by an Instrument under the Public Seal of the Dominion, constitute and appoint Our Lieutenant Governor, or if there be no such Officer, then any other person to be his Deputy during such temporary absence, and in that capacity to exercise, perform, and execute for and on behalf of the Governor-General during such absence, but no longer, all such powers and authorities vested in the Governor-General by these Our Letters Patent, as shall in and by such Instrument be specified and limited, but no others. Provided, nevertheless, that, by the appointment of a Deputy as aforesaid, the power and authority of the Governor-General shall not be abridged, altered, or in any way affected, otherwise than We may at any time hereafter think proper to direct.

Officers and others to obey and assist the Governor-General.

XIII. And We do hereby require and command all Our Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the inhabitants of the Dominion, to be obedient, aiding, and assisting unto the Governor-General, or such person or persons as may from time to time, under the provisions of these Our Letters Patent, administer the Government of the Dominion.

Power reserved to His Majesty to revoke, alter, or amend the present Letters Patent.

XIV. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power and authority from time to time

to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or them shall seem meet.

Publication of Letters Patent.

XV. And We do direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places within Our Dominion as the Officer administering the Government thereof shall think fit, and shall commence and come into operation on the day fixed by him by Proclamation. In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the Eleventh day of May in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

SCHUSTER.

NEW ZEALAND.

LETTERS PATENT PASSED UNDER THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AMENDING THE LETTERS PATENT CONSTITUTING THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Letters Patent dated 18th December, 1918.

George the Fifth by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent bearing date the Eleventh day of May 1917, We did constitute the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of New Zealand:

And whereas by the Fifteenth Clause of the said Letters Patent provision was made for the publication and the coming into operation of the said Letters Patent:

And whereas We are minded to make other provision in lieu of the said Clause:

Now know ye that We do hereby declare Our Will and Pleasure and direct and ordain as follows:—

I. The aforesaid Fifteenth Clause of the aforesaid Letters Patent of the Eleventh day of May 1917 is hereby repealed and revoked, and the aforesaid Letters Patent shall be construed and take effect as if the following Clause had been inserted in lieu thereof:—

Publication. Commencement.

“XV. And We do direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be published within Our Dominion at such time and in such manner as the Officer administering the Government thereof shall think fit. They shall commence and come into operation as from the Twenty-eighth day of June 1917, and that date shall be and shall be deemed for all purposes to be the date of their commencement.”

Power reserved to His Majesty to revoke, alter, or amend the present Letters Patent.

II. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves Our heirs and successors, full power and authority, from time to time, to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or them shall seem meet.

Publication of Letters Patent.

III. And we do direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be published within Our Dominion at such time and in such manner as the Officer administering the Government thereof shall think fit.

In witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the Eighteenth day of December in the Ninth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

SCHUSTER.

NEW ZEALAND.

INSTRUCTIONS PASSED UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN MANUAL AND SIGNET TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

GEORGE R.I.

Dated 11th May, 1917.

Instructions to Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of New Zealand, or in his absence to Our Lieutenant Governor or other Officer for the time being administering the Government of Our said Dominion.

Preamble. Recites Letters Patent, constituting the Office of Governor-General.

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent bearing even date herewith We have constituted, ordered, and declared that there shall be a Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief (therein and herein-after called the Governor-General) in and over Our Dominion of New Zealand (therein and herein-after called the Dominion):