

Succession to the Government.

9. And we do hereby Declare Our Pleasure to be that in the event of your Death, Incapacity, or Absence out of the said Colony, all and every the Powers and Authorities herein granted to you shall be, and the same are hereby vested in such Person as may be appointed by Us under Our Sign Manual and Signet, to be Our Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Colony of New Zealand, or to Administer the Government of the same; and in case there shall be no Person within Our said Colony so Appointed by Us, in the Senior Officer for the time being in Command of Our Regular Troops, in our said Colony; and such Lieutenant-Governor or such other Person or Persons who may by Us be Appointed to Administer the Government of our said Colony, or such Officer, as the case may be, shall have and exercise all and every the Powers and Authorities herein granted, until Our further Pleasure shall be signified therein.

Officers and others to obey and assist the Governor.

10. And We do hereby Require and Command all Our Officers and ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the Inhabitants of the said Colony, to be Obedient, Aiding, and Assisting unto you, or in the event of your Death, Incapacity, or Absence, to such Person or Persons as may, from time to time, under the provisions of this Our Commission, Administer the Government of Our said Colony.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the fourteenth day of November, in the thirty-first year of our reign.

By warrant under the Queen's Sign-manual.

C. ROMILLY.

(L.S.)

VICTORIA R.

Dated 14th November, 1867.

INSTRUCTIONS to Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New Zealand, or, in his absence, to Our Lieutenant-Governor, or the Officer Administering the Government of Our said Colony for the time being. Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Fourteenth Day of November, 1867, in the Thirty-first Year of Our Reign.

Preamble.

Instructions to Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G., as Governor and Commander-in-chief of the Colony of New Zealand.

Publication of Commission.

Oath to be taken by Governor.

1. Whereas by a Commission under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing even Date herewith, We have Constituted and Appointed you to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of New Zealand for and during Our Will and Pleasure, and have further Authorized and Commanded you to Do and Execute all Things in due manner that shall belong to your said Command, and the Trust thereby reposed in you, according to the several Powers, Authorities, and Instructions therein-mentioned, and particularly according to such Instructions as should therewith be given to you. Now, therefore, We do by these Our Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet, being the Instructions so referred to as aforesaid, Declare Our Pleasure to be, that you shall with all due Solemnity cause Our said Commission to be Read and Published in the presence of the Chief Justice for the time being or other Judge of the Supreme Court of Our said Colony, and of the Members of the Executive Council thereof; and you shall then and there take the Oath appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to substitute for one Oath the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration, and for the Relief of Her Majesty's Subjects professing the Jewish Religion," or, in lieu thereof, an Oath appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects" likewise; and that you do take the Oath for the due execution of the Office and Trust of Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony, and for the due and impartial Administration of Justice, which said Oaths the Chief Justice for the time being of Our said Colony, or, in his absence, any Judge of the Supreme Court of Our said Colony, shall and he is hereby required to Tender and Administer unto you.

Oaths to be Administered by the Governor.

2. And We do Authorize and Require you from time to time, and at any time hereafter, by yourself or by any other Person to be Authorized by you in that behalf, to Administer to all and to every Person or Persons, as you shall think fit, who shall hold any Office or Place of Trust or Profit, or who shall at any time or times pass into Our said Colony, or be resident therein, the said Oath of Allegiance, save only in cases wherein any other Oath or Oaths is or are prescribed by the Statutes in that behalf made, or by any of them; in which case it is Our Pleasure, and We do hereby Direct, that you do Administer or cause to be Administered to such Persons such other Oath or Oaths as aforesaid.

Legislative Council, Constitution of.

3. And whereas by an Act passed in the Session holden in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to Grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that it shall be lawful for Us, by an Instrument under our Sign Manual, to authorize the Governor in Our Name to summon to the Legislative Council of the said Colony such Person or Persons as We shall think fit, subject to the provisions of the said Act thereunto appertaining: Now therefore, in pursuance of the said recited Act, and in the exercise of the powers thereby vested in Us, We do by these Our Instructions under our Sign Manual, Authorize you in our Name to Summon to the Legislative Council from time to time such Person or Persons as you shall deem to be prudent and discreet men, either in addition to the present Members of the said Council, or for supplying any Vacancies which may take place therein by Death or Otherwise, subject as aforesaid to the provisions of the said Act.

Governor to communicate Instructions to Executive Council.

4. And We do require you to communicate forthwith to Our Executive Council for Our said Colony these Our Instructions, and likewise all such others from time to time as you shall find convenient for Our Service to be imparted to them.

Council not to proceed to Business unless summoned by authority of Governor.

5. And we do hereby direct and enjoin, that Our said Executive Council shall not proceed to the despatch of Business unless duly summoned by your Authority, and unless Two Members at the least (exclusive of yourself or the Member presiding) be present and assisting throughout the whole of the Meetings at which any such Business shall be despatched.