

authorize and appoint you to be such Executive Commissioner accordingly, for the purposes herein-after mentioned and set forth, that is to say, on behalf of our Colony of New Zealand, to attend and be present at the opening of the said Exhibition on the date appointed for the opening thereof, and thereafter from time to time during your stay in Melbourne on any ceremonial or official occasion, or otherwise, on behalf of the said Colony, in like manner to attend and be present at the said Exhibition, or elsewhere, for any of the purposes herein mentioned: And also, in conjunction with the said Commissioners so appointed as aforesaid, or as they or any quorum thereof may have agreed or determined, or shall hereafter agree or determine, to do all such things and to carry into effect all measures necessary for arranging, organizing, and providing for the Exhibition of all manufactures, articles, and productions, of what nature or kind soever, made, produced, or coming from our said Colony of New Zealand, and which may be exhibited, or intended to be exhibited as aforesaid; with full power to arrange the same, or cause them to be arranged, in such groups, or in such manner and form as shall be in your opinion best fitted to promote the representation of the different portions of the Colony for their subsequent sale or careful return to their owners, or for their disposal, in accordance with such instructions as may from time to time be issued by the Governor of our Colony of New Zealand in that behalf: And, lastly, We do hereby declare that this Commission shall be supplementary to our said Letters Patent, so made as aforesaid, and, subject to the express provisions of these presents, shall be read and be deemed to be a part of the said Letters Patent.

In testimony whereof We have caused these our letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Colony of New Zealand to be hereunto affixed.

Witness our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Wellington, this thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-third year of our reign.

(L.S.) HERCULES ROBINSON.

APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To our Trusty and Well-beloved JOHN HUTCHINSON BLACKWOOD, of the City of Melbourne, in our Colony of Victoria, Esquire.

WHEREAS an Exhibition of the Works of Art and of the Products of Agriculture is about to be held in the City of Melbourne, in our Colony of Victoria: And whereas it has been represented to Us that it is desirable that a Resident Commissioner should be appointed to devise and carry out, in conjunction and co-operation with any other Commissioner or Commissioners, appointed or to be appointed by Us in that behalf, the details necessary for the exposition at the said Exhibition of articles, the produce or manufacture of our Colony of New Zealand, for their due display thereat, for their subsequent sale or careful return to their owners, or for their disposal in accordance with such instructions as may from time to time be issued by the Governor of our said Colony of New Zealand in that behalf: Now know ye that We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your knowledge, integrity, and ability, do by these presents authorize and appoint you to be such Commissioner accordingly.

In testimony whereof We have caused these our letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of our Colony to be hereunto affixed.

Witness our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and in the forty-third year of our reign.

HERCULES ROBINSON.

By His Excellency's command.

(Signed) THOMAS DICK.

FIRST PROGRESS REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

I HAVE the honor to lay before your Excellency and the Commission, a brief account of the preliminary steps which have been already taken towards securing the representation of New Zealand, at the Melbourne International Exhibition, 1880.

Acting on instructions received from the Government on 14th August last, I conferred in Sydney with the Hon. Mr. Casey, Vice-President of the Victorian Commission, as to the space likely to be required by this colony and its position; and provisionally arranged that the New Zealand Court should have a frontage of 60 feet, as shown in the accompanying plan, so that the exhibits might be placed according to their classes on both sides of a cross passage. This arrangement would give about 8,000 square feet of exhibiting space, or equal to that occupied by the New Zealand Court in the Sydney Exhibition on the main floor, or one half of the total space. A vote of £2,000 had previously to this been taken by the Government, at my suggestion.

As stated in a memorandum furnished by me, at the request of the Government, on 20th of February last, this was all that had been done in the matter up to that date.

Shortly after I received an intimation from the Government that a Commission would be appointed, and in the mean time was requested by the Premier to take such preliminary measures as might be needful to forward the business and prevent unnecessary delay.