

in consequence of the proposed alteration in the law, your Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the salaries of the Judges should be increased at once.

ROBERT C. BARSTOW.

A. DEVORE.

ROBERT STOUT.

J. N. WILSON.

GEORGE HARPER.

C. D. R. WARD.

W. GISBORNE.

ALLAN HOLMES.

MEMORANDUM BY HIS HONOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE, HIS HONOR MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTON, AND HIS HONOR MR. JUSTICE RICHMOND.

We desire to state that, though we join in the report recommending the adoption of the whole code of procedure, there are new methods proposed to be introduced in some of which we are not confident. Seeing, however, that the recommendations were adopted by the great majority of the Commissioners after ample discussion, we are not prepared to refuse to recommend that a trial should be given to the new proposals.

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ALEXANDER J. JOHNSTON.

C. W. RICHMOND.

MEMORANDUM BY MR. JUSTICE GILLIES.

I concur with the memorandum of His Honor the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Johnston, and Mr. Justice Richmond, but dissent from that paragraph of the report which expresses a belief that the bringing into operation of the proposed code will lessen expense to suitors and obtain speedy settlement of actions. Subject to this, I have signed the report.

THOMAS B. GILLIES.

MEMORANDUM BY HIS HONOR MR. JUSTICE WILLIAMS.

I was absent from the colony during the greater part of the period over which the deliberations of the Commission extended, and I have not been able since my return to go carefully through the recommendations of the Commission or to revise that part of the work done before my departure. My signature to the report, therefore, must be taken not as expressing an opinion as to the details of the scheme of the Commission, but merely as assenting in the main to the larger principles which the report affirms.

JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS.

MEMORANDUM BY THE HON. MR. WHITAKER.

I have signed the report, but desire to state that I must not be understood to express any opinion on the proposal contained in the thirteenth section of the draft Supreme Court Bill, to alter the superannuation allowances of the Judges. This is a subject which I shall have to consider in Cabinet, and I must not be deemed to have prejudged it.

FRED. WHITAKER.