

And whereas in the said Letters Patent of the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, it is, among other things, provided that in the event of the Governor having occasion to be temporarily absent for a short period from the seat of Government or from the colony, he may in every such case, by an instrument under the Public Seal of the Colony, constitute and appoint the 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 during such absence, but no longer, all such powers and authorities vested in the Governor by the said 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 shall not be abridged, altered, or in any way affected otherwise than Her Majesty may at any time thereafter think proper to direct:

And whereas I have occasion to be temporarily absent from the said colony for a short period not exceeding one month, for the purpose of visiting the Governor of the neighbouring Colony of Victoria, and there being no Lieutenant-Governor in the Colony of New Zealand, I have deemed it expedient to appoint a Deputy during such temporary absence, with such powers and authorities on my behalf as are hereinafter specified and limited:

Now, therefore, know ye that, for the purposes aforesaid, and in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the hereinbefore in part recited Letters Patent, and of every other power and authority enabling me in that behalf, I, the said WILLIAM FRANCIS DRUMMOND JERVOIS, as such Governor as aforesaid, do, by these presents issued under the Public Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, constitute and appoint the Honourable GEORGE MARSDEN WATERHOUSE, of Wellington, in the said colony, and a member of the Legislative Council thereof, to be my Deputy during the period of my temporary absence from the Colony of New Zealand, in my name and on my behalf to make, sign, execute, do, perform, and exercise all such instruments, acts, powers, duties, and functions as could or might be made, executed, done, performed, or exercised by me in respect of my said office of Governor (whether alone or acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said colony), for the purpose of giving effect to or carrying out the provisions of the several Acts of the General Assembly of the colony hereinafter mentioned by their Short Titles (including therein all or any Acts amending the same respectively, or that are necessarily read and construed therewith), that is to say,—

- “The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876;”
- “The Counties Act, 1876;”
- “The Road Boards Act, 1882;”
- “The Town Districts Act, 1881;”
- “The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876;”
- “The Land Act, 1877;”
- “The Mines Act, 1877;”
- “The Gold-Mining Districts Act, 1873;”
- “The Licensing Act, 1881;”
- “The Prisons Act, 1882;”
- “The Industrial Schools Act, 1882;”
- “The Public Revenues Act, 1878;”
- “The Regulation of Elections Act, 1881;”
- “The Public Works Act, 1882.”

And I expressly direct my said Deputy that, in the execution of the powers and authorities hereinbefore specified and limited, he shall only act therein, and exercise the same, upon being advised thereto by a member of the Executive Council of the colony, and, where the same is necessary or required by law, such power or authority shall be exercised by and with the advice of the said Executive Council.

And, lastly, that my said Deputy shall, in the exercise of all or any of the powers and authorities hereby conferred upon him, conform to and abide by the requirements of any law, statute, or regulation in force in the colony respecting the same, and also to the hereinbefore in part recited Letters Patent and the Royal Instructions accompanying the same so far as they are applicable.

In witness whereof I have caused these presents to be passed under the Public Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, and have hereunto set my hand, this fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

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MY LORD.—

Government House, Wellington, 1st August, 1884.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. $\frac{A}{1}$ 31, dated 22nd May last, concerning the examination for the Gilchrist Scholarship, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memorandum from the Hon. R. Oliver, in the absence of the Premier, with sub-enclosures, which contain the answers to the questions, and two memoranda from Mr. W. J. Habens, the Inspector-General of Schools for this colony, on the subject.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby