

APPENDIX.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to Alexander Mackay, Esq., Judge of the Native Land Court: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is alleged by or on behalf of certain aboriginal natives in the Middle Island of New Zealand that they are unprovided with land: And whereas it is asserted by and on behalf of other Natives that the reserves and awards of land formerly made for their use and occupation are inadequate for their maintenance and support; and it is also stated that there are certain half-castes in the Middle Island not yet provided for in any Acts of the New Zealand Legislature hitherto passed making provision for grants of land in favour of half-castes: And whereas it is desirable that a Commissioner should be appointed to inquire into the cases of all such persons:

Now, therefore, I, Sir William Francis Drummond Jervois, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, having full confidence in your knowledge, ability, and integrity, do hereby appoint you, the said Alexander Mackay, to inquire into and report upon the several purposes and objects hereinafter specified:—

1. To inquire into all cases of Natives alleged to be unprovided with land:
2. To inquire into cases where it is asserted that the lands hitherto set apart are inadequate for the maintenance and support of the aboriginal natives on whose behalf such provision was made:
3. To inquire into the cases of all half-castes in the Middle Island whose names are not included in any Acts of the Legislature, who may still be unprovided with land:
4. To ascertain and furnish the names, addresses, and sex of all such persons, and recommend in what quantities and in what localities land should be set apart and awarded to each for cultivation and settlement purposes:

And, generally, to do, execute, and perform all and every such other acts and deeds, matters, and things whatsoever in anywise necessary or expedient to be done in and about the premises by virtue of these presents; and, in furtherance of such inquiries and for the purpose aforesaid, to take evidence upon oath or otherwise as to you shall seem meet, and to report on the same. And I do hereby, and with the advice and consent aforesaid, require you, within twelve months after the date of this Commission or as much sooner as can be done, using all diligence, to certify to me, under your hand and seal, your opinion touching the premises. And with the like advice and consent I do declare that this Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, the said Commissioner, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof to such place and places and at such time as you shall judge meet and convenient, although the same shall not continue from time to time by adjournment.

(L.S.) Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir William Francis Drummond Jervois, Lieutenant-General in Her Majesty's Army, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Government House, at Wellington, this twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

J. BALLANCE.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS, Governor.

WHEREAS it is expedient to enlarge the powers conferred by the within-written Commission, I, Sir William Francis Drummond Jervois, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby enlarge the powers conferred on the Commissioner appointed herein to the following extent, viz.: That, in addition to the matters to be inquired into and reported on in paragraphs numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, the said Commissioner shall also inquire into and report whether any of the aboriginal natives interested in the inquiry held by the Commission appointed in the year 1879 to investigate and inquire into certain matters pertaining to the purchase of land in the Middle Island enumerated in the last-mentioned Commission are willing or desirous of accepting a grant of land in final settlement of any claim or demand on the Government for the non-fulfilment of any of the terms and conditions of the said purchases, or of any promises made in connection therewith, and to recommend in what quantities and in what localities land should be set apart for such purpose. And I do hereby declare that the additional powers herein conferred shall form part of the original Commission, and shall be read and construed as if the same had been embodied therein.

(L.S.) Given under the hand of Sir William Francis Drummond Jervois, Lieutenant-General in Her Majesty's Army, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

J. BALLANCE.

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