

TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

Present : T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R., and A. Loughrey, Esq.

Mr. Hamerton, Public Trustee, gave further evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

Present : The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

Letters were read from Messrs. F. J. Bradbury, C. R. Gardner, and Mrs. Mary Ann Bourke, and were referred to the Public Trustee for his remarks thereon.

Mr. Hamerton, Public Trustee, gave further evidence. Witness explained that he should like a little time for preparation in order to answer questions; and the Commissioners adjourned his further examination until Friday, 17th April.

Mr. John Chambers Moginie, Accountant in the Public Trust Office, gave evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

Present : The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

A letter was read from Mr. Alexander Lean, Christchurch. The secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Lean for his communication, and to inform him that it would receive due consideration by the Commissioners.

Several returns were ordered to be printed.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commissioners met at 10 a.m.

Present : The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

A letter received from Mr. John O'Connor was referred to the Public Trustee for his remarks thereon.

A letter, with enclosures, was received from Mr. W. M. Harcourt. Consideration deferred.

Mr. Moginie gave further evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

Present : The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

Mr. Moginie gave further evidence.

The Commission adjourned at 1 o'clock.

MONDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

Present : The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), A. Loughrey, Esq., and T. Kennedy Macdonald, Esq., M.H.R.

A report was read from Mr. Hamilton, agent for the Public Trust Office at Christchurch, and ordered to be printed. A report from Mr. Davidson, agent at Kaikoura, was also read and ordered to be printed.

A letter from Mr. F. W. Crippen was referred to the Public Trustee for his remarks thereon.

The Commissioners then proceeded to read over the proofs of evidence supplied from the Government Printing Office, and to peruse sundry documents and reports.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Postal Department, intimating that the three Commissioners and Mr. Grey, Secretary to the Commission, had been duly authorised to frank letters on business connected with the inquiry.

Diagrams illustrating all the books in use at the Head Office, Wellington, to an order from the Commissioners, were received from the Public Trustee, and ordered to be lithographed, for inclusion amongst the appendices to the proceedings of the Commission.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1891.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

Present : The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G. (Chairman), and A. Loughrey, Esq.

Resolved, That the Public Trustee be requested to obtain from the Treasury a return giving particulars in detail of all funds paid to Public Trust Office Account of Land Assurance Fund under section 6 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1877," commencing with first amount paid over to the Public Trust Office, £13,253 10s. 2d., showing amount received from time to time each quarter from the several land offices of the colony.

The Commission proceeded to examine books and papers.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock.