

sion of the sentence passed on such offender, or any respite of the execution of such sentence for such period as the Governor thinks fit; and further may remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures due or accrued to Us: Provided always that the Governor shall in no case, except where the offence has been of a political nature, unaccompanied by any other grave crime, make it a condition of any pardon or remission of sentence that the offender shall absent himself or be removed from the Dominion.

IX. The Governor may, so far as We Ourselves lawfully may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, remove from his office, or suspend from the exercise of the same, any person exercising any office or place within the Dominion under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which may be granted, by Us, in Our name, or under Our authority.

X. The Governor may exercise all powers lawfully belonging to Us in respect of the summoning, proroguing, or dissolving any Legislative Body, which now is or hereafter may be established within the Dominion, and in respect of the appointment of Members thereto.

XI. In the event of the death, incapacity, or removal of the Governor, or of his departure from the Dominion, Our Lieutenant-Governor, or, if there be no such Officer in the Dominion, then such person or persons as We may appoint under our Sign Manual and Signet, shall, during Our pleasure, administer the Government of the Dominion, first taking the Oaths herein-before directed to be taken by the Governor, and in the manner herein prescribed; which being done, We do hereby authorise, empower, and command Our Lieutenant-Governor, and every other such Administrator as aforesaid, to do and execute during Our pleasure all things that belong to the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief according to the tenor of these Our Letters Patent, and according to Our Instructions as aforesaid, and the Laws of the Dominion.

XII. In the event of the Governor having occasion to be temporarily absent for a short period from the seat of Government or from the Dominion, he may in every such case, by an Instrument under the Public Seal of the Dominion, constitute and appoint Our 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 these Our 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 We may at any time hereafter think proper to direct.

XIII. And We do hereby require and command all Our Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the inhabitants of the Dominion, to be obedient, aiding, and assisting unto the Governor or such person or persons as may from time to time, under the provisions of these Our Letters Patent, administer the Government of the Dominion.

XIV. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to us or them shall seem meet.

XV. And We do direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places within Our Dominion as the Governor shall think fit.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the Eighteenth day of November, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

MUIR MACKENZIE.

NEW ZEALAND.—INSTRUCTIONS PASSED UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN MANUAL AND SIGNET TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND, DATED 18TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

EDWARD R. & I.

Instructions to Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of New Zealand, or in his absence to Our Lieutenant-Governor or other Officer for the time being administering the Government of Our said Dominion.

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent bearing even date herewith We have constituted, ordered, and declared that there shall be a Governor and Commander-in-Chief (therein and herein-after called the Governor) in and over Our Dominion of New Zealand (therein and herein-after called the Dominion):

And whereas We have thereby authorised and commanded the Governor to do and execute all things that belong to his said office, according to the tenor of our said Letters Patent, and of such Commission as may be issued to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet, and according to such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet or by Our Order in Our Privy Council or by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and to such Laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force in the Dominion:

Now know you that We do by these Our Instructions under our Sign Manual and Signet direct and enjoin and declare Our will and pleasure as follows:—

I. In these Our Instructions, unless inconsistent with the context, the term “the Governor” shall include every person for the time being administering the Government of the Dominion, and the term “the Executive Council” shall mean the members of the Executive Council for the Dominion who are for the time being the responsible advisers of the Governor.

II. The Governor may, whenever he thinks fit, require any person in the public service to take the Oath of Allegiance, together with such other Oath or Oaths as may from time to time be prescribed by any Law in force in the Dominion. The Governor is to administer such oaths or cause them to be administered by some Public Officer of the Dominion.