

- (2.) Whether the existing dual control of the same by the Mining Warden and the Land Board should be abolished, and whether the Land Board of the district should alone deal with all applications for the sale of the timber.
- (3.) Whether it is desirable to continue the existing classification of timber areas as (a) Warden's timber areas, and (b) Land Board's timber areas.
- (4.) Whether the existing tenures under which land in the Hauraki Mining District and Te Aroha Township can be occupied are satisfactory and in the best interests of settlement.
- (5.) To what extent, if any, it is desirable to amend the said tenures, having due regard to mining and other interests.
- (6.) Whether the holders of leases or licenses from the Crown in Te Aroha Township should be enabled to acquire the freehold thereof, and, if so, on what terms and conditions.
- (7.) To what extent the provisions of, and the regulations under, the Mining Act, 1908, the Land Act, 1908, or any other enactment of the General Assembly relating to the disposal of timber and occupation of land within such mining district, should be amended.

For the purpose of your inquiry you are hereby authorized and empowered to have before you and examine all books, papers, documents, or writings you deem necessary, and examine on oath or otherwise, as allowed by law, all witnesses or other persons whom you think capable of affording you any information in the premises. The said JOHN STRAUCHON shall be your Chairman, and you are hereby empowered or directed to conduct your inquiry in such a manner, and at such times, and with such adjournments as you think fit.

And, using all diligence, you are hereby required to report to me under your hand the result of your inquiry, with any recommendations you think fit to make in the premises, on or before the thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

[L.S.] Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the seal of the said Dominion, at the Government House, at Wellington, this seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Approved in Executive Council.
J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.