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NEW ZEALAND.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC COMMISSION

(REPORT OF THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

COMMISSION.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to the Hon. Sir John Edward Denniston, Knight, of Christchurch; the Hon. Edward Mitchelson, of Auckland; and David McLaren, Esquire, of Wellington: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is expedient that inquiry should be made regarding the recent epidemic of influenza in New Zealand:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

Sir JOHN EDWARD DENNISTON,
EDWARD MITCHELSON, and
DAVID MCLAREN,

to be a Commission to inquire into and report as to the following matters, namely:—

- (1.) The causes of the introduction and extension of the recent epidemic of influenza in New Zealand.
- (2.) The best methods of preventing or dealing with such occurrences in future.
- (3.) All matters connected with the arrival in New Zealand waters of the s.s. "Niagara" and the s.s. "Makura" in respect to their bearing on the introduction or extension of the epidemic.
- (4.) The administration of the Public Health Department and of local authorities with regard to their responsibilities in relation to the epidemic, and generally in regard to public health.
- (5.) The proper relation of local authorities to the Public Health Department in respect of the prevention or suppression of infectious diseases, and generally in regard to public health.
- (6.) The efficiency of the quarantine arrangements in New Zealand.

And with the like advice and consent, I do hereby appoint you,

Sir JOHN EDWARD DENNISTON,

to be Chairman of the said Commission.

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect you are hereby authorized and empowered to conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places in the said Dominion as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before