

as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matter of the inquiry hereby directed to be made, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever.

And, using all diligence, you are required to report to me under your hands and seals not later than the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, your opinion as to the aforesaid matters.

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you.

And it is hereby declared that these presents shall continue in full force and virtue although the inquiry is not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment.

And, lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this 7th day of February, 1921.

W. F. MASSEY, Minister of Railways.

Approved in Council.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXTENSION OF COMMISSION REGARDING RAILWAY FACILITIES AT PALMERSTON NORTH.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to WILLIAM MOWAT HANNAY, Esquire, of Wellington; JAMES MARCHBANKS, Esquire, of Wellington; and ALFRED HENRY MILES, Esquire, of Wellington: Greeting.

WHEREAS by a Warrant dated the seventh day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and issued under my hand and the public seal of the Dominion, you were appointed a Commission to inquire into and report respecting the sufficiency and suitability of the facilities now existing at Palmerston North for the conduct of the business of the Government Railways Department, and what alterations (if any) are required therein; and using all diligence, you were required to report to me, under your hands and seals, not later than the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, your opinion as to the aforesaid matters:

And whereas it is expedient to extend the scope of the said inquiry in manner hereinafter appearing:

And whereas it is also expedient to extend the time within which you were required to report as aforesaid in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, 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 direct that your powers and functions under the said Warrant are hereby extended, and shall be deemed to include the power to inquire into the following matter, namely:—

Whether it is desirable and expedient, and warranted in and by the public interest, that any deviation of the Wellington—New Plymouth Railway should be made between Paekakariki and Marton; and, if so, between what points such deviation should be made.

And, with the like advice and consent, and in further pursuance of the said power and authority, I do hereby extend the time within which you are required to report to me, under your hands and seals, your opinion on the matters specified in the said Warrant and in this Warrant to the fourteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.