

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to ROBERT MACKENZIE WATSON, Esquire, of Feilding, Stipendiary Magistrate; WILLIAM THOMAS STRAND, Esquire, of Lower Hutt, Farmer; and WALTER NASH, Esquire, of Wellington, Secretary: Greeting.

WHEREAS by a Warrant dated the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, you the said Robert Mackenzie Watson, William Thomas Strand, and Walter Nash were appointed to be a Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, for the purposes in the said Warrant duly set forth:

And whereas by the said Warrant you were required to report to me not later than the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight:

And whereas it is expedient that the said period shall be extended as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said 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 extend the period within which you shall report to me as by the said Warrant provided to the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight:

And in further pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, and with the like advice and consent, I do hereby confirm the said Commission except as altered by these presents.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 28th day of April, 1928.

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A. D. McLEOD,
Minister in Charge of Valuation.

Approved in Council.

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

REPORT.

To His Excellency General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Commission intrusted to your Commissioners directed them to inquire and report upon the following matters:—

- (1) Whether the area now comprising the Borough of Otaki is suitable for municipal control, or whether it is desirable that the borough be abolished.
- (2) If it is desirable that the borough be abolished, what provision should be made for the future control of the area now comprising the borough.
- (3) If it is not desirable that the borough be abolished, whether any alteration of boundaries thereof ought to be made, either by the exclusion of lands from, or the inclusion of lands in, the borough.