

31. *And whereas* you will receive through one of our principal Secretaries of State a book of tables in blank, commonly called the Blue Book, to be annually filled up with certain returns relative to the Revenue and Expenditure, Militia, Public Works, Legislation, Civil Establishments, Pensions, Population, Schools, Course of Exchange, Imports and Exports, Agricultural Produce, Manufactures, and other matters in the said Blue Book more particularly specified with reference to the state and condition of our said Colony of New Zealand; *Now We do hereby signify* our pleasure that all such returns be accurately prepared and punctually transmitted to us from year to year through one of our principal Secretaries of State, and that no officer in our said Colony within whose department it may be to contribute any return or returns for the purposes aforesaid, or to prepare the same when so contributed, shall be entitled to receive or shall receive from you any warrant for the payment of his official salary, which may become due and payable to him so long as such duty as aforesaid shall be in arrear or remain unperformed.

32. *And whereas* great prejudice may happen to our service and to the security of our said Colony by the absence of the Governor, you shall not upon any pretence whatever, quit the said Colony excepting for the purpose contemplated in our said Commission to you without having first obtained leave from us for so doing under our Sign Manual and Signet, or through one of our principal Secretaries of State.

(Signed)

VICTORIA REGINA.

## COMMISSION

*Of Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., as Vice-Admiral of New Zealand.*

VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To Our well-beloved Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Companion of the most honourable Military Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, and the Governor and Commander-in-chief of the said Colony for the time being, and the person executing the duties of that office, GREETING. We confiding very much in your care, fidelity and circumspection, in this behalf do by these Presents, which are to continue during Our pleasure only, ordain, constitute and depute you, the said Thomas Gore Browne, Our Governor and Commander-in-chief aforesaid, and the Governor and Commander in chief of the said Colony for the time being and the person executing the duties of that office, Our Vice Admiral, Commissary and Deputy in the office of Vice-Admiralty in Our said Colony of New Zealand and Territories thereon depending, and in the maritime parts of the same and thereto adjoining whatsoever, with power of taking and receiving all and every, the Fees, Profits, Advantages, Emoluments, Commodities, and Appurtenances whatsoever due and belonging to the said office of Vice-Admiral, Commissary, and Deputy in Our said Colony of New Zealand, and Territories dependent thereon, and Maritime parts of the same and adjoining to them whatsoever, according to the Ordinances and Statutes of Our High Court of Admiralty of England. *And We do hereby* commit and grant unto you the aforesaid Thomas Gore Browne, Our Governor and Commander-in chief aforesaid, and the Governor and Commander-in-chief of Our said Colony for the time being and the person executing the duties of that office, Our power and authority in and throughout Our Colony of New Zealand aforesaid and Territories thereof and Maritime parts whatsoever adjacent thereto and also throughout all and every, the Sea Shores, Public Streams, Ports, Fresh Waters, Rivers, Creeks and Arms as well of the Sea as of the Rivers and Creeks whatsoever of Our Said Colony of New Zealand, and Territories dependent thereon, and Maritime parts of the same and thereto adjacent, as well within Liberties and Franchises as without, to take cognizance of and proceed in all causes Civil and Maritime, and in complaints, contracts, offences, or suspected offences, crimes, pleas, debts, exchanges, accounts, charter parties, agreements, suits, trespasses, injuries, extortions, and demands, and businesses Civil and Maritime whatsoever, commenced or to be commenced, between merchants or between owners and proprietors of ships and other vessels and merchants or others whomsoever, with such owners and proprietors of ships, and all other vessels whatsoever employed or used within the Maritime jurisdiction of our Vice-Admiralty of our said Colony of New Zealand, and Territories depending on the same, or between any other persons whomsoever had, made, begun, or contracted for any matter, thing, cause, or business whatsoever, done or to be done within our Maritime jurisdiction aforesaid, together with all and singular their incidents, emergencies, dependencies, annexed and connexed causes whatsoever, wheresoever, or howsoever, and such causes, complaints, contracts, and other the premises abovesaid, or any of them which may happen to arise, be contracted, had or done, to hear and determine according to the Rights, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, and Customs anciently observed. *And moreover*, in all and singular Complaints, Contracts, Agreements, Causes and Businesses Civil and Maritime to be performed beyond the Sea or contracted there, howsoever arising or happening, and also in all and singular other causes and matters which in any manner whatsoever touch or any way concern or anciently have, and do or ought to belong unto the Maritime Jurisdiction of Our aforesaid Vice-Admiralty of Our said Colony of New Zealand and Territories thereon depending and Maritime parts thereof and to the same adjoining whatsoever—*And generally in all and singular other Causes, Suits, Crimes, Offences, Excesses, Injuries, Complaints,*