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Assumption of the Government of New Zealand by James Prendergast, Esquire.

(L.S.)

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
 Administrator of the Government.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at Balmoral, the seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, to constitute and appoint me, James Prendergast, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Colony of New Zealand, to administer the Government of the Colony of New Zealand in case of the death, incapacity, or absence from the said Colony of George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Colony, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted to the said George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, in a Commission bearing date at Westminster, the sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four: And whereas the said George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, is now absent from the said Colony, having sailed thence for Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, on the twentieth day of February instant:

Now therefore, I, the said James Prendergast, Chief Justice of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that I have this day taken the prescribed Oaths before His Honor Alexander James Johnston, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the said Colony, and that I have assumed the administration of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand under and by virtue of Her Majesty's said Warrant.

Given under the hand of His Excellency James Prendergast, Esquire, Administrator of the Government in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

G. S. WHITMORE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Commission appointing the Chief Justice or the Senior Judge to be Administrator of the Government of New Zealand.

VICTORIA, R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to Our Chief Justice for the time being of Our Colony of New Zealand, or to the Senior Judge for the time being of Our said Colony:

GREETING:

We do, by this Our Commission, under Our Sign Manual and Signet, appoint you Our said Chief Justice for the time being, until Our further pleasure shall be signified, to administer the Government of Our said Colony of New Zealand in case of the death, incapacity, or absence from Our said Colony of Our Right Trusty and Entirely-beloved George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted to the said George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, in Our Commission bearing date at Westminster, the sixth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, in the thirty-eighth year of Our Reign; and in case, after such death, or during such

absence or incapacity of Our said Governor as aforesaid, you, Our said Chief Justice for the time being, shall be absent from the Colony, or shall die, or become incapable of administering the Government of Our said Colony, then We do appoint the Senior Judge for the time being of Our said Colony then residing therein, and not being incapable as aforesaid, to administer the Government thereof, with all such powers and authorities aforesaid, which said powers and authorities we do hereby authorize and require you, or the said Senior Judge, to exercise and perform, according to such instructions as the said George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, hath already received, and such further orders and instructions as you or the said Senior Judge may hereafter receive from Us.

And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said Colony, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly. And for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given at our Court at Balmoral, this seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, in the thirty-eighth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

CARNARVON.

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