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*Assumption of the Government of New Zealand by Sir James Prendergast, Chief Justice.*

JAMES PRENDERGAST,  
 Administrator of the Government.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria was graciously pleased, by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and bearing date at Westminster, the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, to constitute the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand and its dependencies: And whereas Her said Majesty was also pleased, by a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at Windsor, the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, to appoint the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said colony and its dependencies during Her said Majesty's will and pleasure: And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at Windsor, the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, amongst other things, to appoint the Chief Justice of the said colony for the time being to administer the Government thereof in case of the death, incapacity, or removal, or of the departure from the said colony of the Governor appointed under the said hereinbefore in part recited Letters Patent, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted by the said Letters Patent: And whereas the said Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, departed from the said colony on the twenty-fifth day of February instant:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Chief Justice of the Colony of New Zealand for the time being, do hereby proclaim and declare that I have this day taken the oaths prescribed by the hereinbefore in part recited Letters Patent before His Honour Christopher William Richmond, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the said colony, and that I have assumed the administration of the Government of the said colony under and by virtue of Her Majesty's said Commission.

(L.S.) Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, at the Government House, at Wellington; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

J. BALLANCE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!