



SUPPLEMENT
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Royal Commission to Inquire into and Report upon Gaming and Racing Matters in New Zealand

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith :

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved the HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GEORGE PANTON FINLAY, of Auckland, a Judge of the Supreme Court ; WILLIAM HENRY FREEMAN, Esquire, of Hamilton, Stipendiary Magistrate ; and JOSEPH WILLIAM ALLAN HEENAN, Esquire, C.B.E., of Wellington, Under-Secretary for Internal Affairs : GREETING.

WHEREAS We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should issue to inquire into the existing law relating to gaming, the present administration and control of practices relating to racing, and generally all other matters connected with gaming and racing, and to examine and report upon proposals that may be made for amending the law, administration, and control of these matters in New Zealand in the public interest :

Now know ye that We, reposing trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said

George Panton Finlay,
William Henry Freeman, and
Joseph William Allan Heenan

to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the existing law relating to gaming, the present administration and control of practices relating to racing, and generally all other matters connected with gaming and racing, and to examine and report upon proposals that may be made for amending the law, administration, and control of these matters in the public interest, and to make such proposals as you may yourselves think fit :

And generally to inquire into and report upon such other matters arising out of the premises as may come to your notice in the course of your inquiries and which you consider should be investigated in connection therewith, and upon any matters affecting the premises which you consider should be brought to the attention of the Government :

And We do hereby appoint you, the said

George Panton Finlay

to be Chairman of the said Commission :

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such time and place as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and so that these presents shall continue in force, and the inquiry may at any time and place be resumed although not regularly adjourned from time to time or from place to place :

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose save to His Excellency the Governor-General, in pursuance of these presents, or by His Excellency's direction, the contents of any report so made or to be made by you, or any evidence or information obtained by you in the exercise of the powers hereby conferred upon you except such evidence or information as is received in the course of a sitting open to the public :

And it is hereby declared that the powers hereby conferred shall be exercisable notwithstanding the absence at any time of any one of the members hereby appointed so long as the Chairman, or a member deputed by the Chairman to act in his stead, and one other member be present and concur in the exercise of such powers :

And We do further ordain that you have liberty to report your proceedings and findings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do :

And, using all due diligence, you are required to report to His Excellency the Governor-General in writing under your hands and seals not later than the thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, your findings and opinions on the matters aforesaid, together with such recommendations as you think fit to make in respect thereof :

And, lastly, it is hereby declared that these presents are issued under the authority of the Letters Patent of His late Majesty dated the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and under the authority of and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Dominion of New Zealand.

In witness whereof We have caused this Our Commission to be issued and the Seal of Our Dominion of New Zealand to be hereunto affixed at Wellington, this twenty-second day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Cyril Louis Norton Newall, Marshal of Our Royal Air Force, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of Our Order of Merit, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, on whom has been conferred Our Albert Medal of the First Class, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion.

C. L. N. NEWALL, Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command—

W. E. PARRY, Minister of Internal Affairs.

Approved in Council—

W. O. HARVEY,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.