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*Royal Titles Proclamation 1953*

By the Queen

ELIZABETH R.

A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** there has been passed in the present session of the Parliament of New Zealand the Royal Titles Act 1953, which Act recites that it is expedient that the style and titles at present appertaining to the Crown should be altered so as to reflect more clearly the existing relations of the members of the Commonwealth to one another and their recognition of the Crown as the symbol of their free association and of the Sovereign as the Head of the Commonwealth, and which Act also recites that it was agreed between representatives of Our Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon assembled in London in the month of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, that there is need for an alteration thereof which, while permitting of the use, in relation to each of those countries, of a form suited to its particular circumstances, would retain a substantial element common to all:

And whereas by the said Act the assent of the Parliament of New Zealand was given to the adoption by Us, for use in relation to New Zealand and all other territories for whose foreign relations Our Government in New Zealand is responsible, of the style and titles hereinafter set forth, instead of the style and titles at present appertaining to the Crown, and to the issue by Us for that purpose of Our Royal Proclamation:

We have thought fit, and We do hereby appoint and declare, that so far as conveniently may be, on all occasions and in all instruments wherein Our style and titles are used in relation to all or any one or more of the following, that is to say, New Zealand and all other territories for whose foreign relations Our Government in New Zealand is responsible, Our style and titles shall henceforth be accepted, taken, and used as the same are set forth in manner and form following, that is to say:

Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and in the Second year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

