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TENURE OF CROWN LANDS.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith, &c.*

To our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL, Attorney-General of Our Colony of Victoria; the Honorable JAMES FREDERICK PALMER, Speaker of the Legislative Council of our said Colony; ANDREW CLARKE, Esquire, Captain of our Corps of Royal Engineers and Surveyor General of our said Colony; CHARLES JAMES GRIFFITH, Esquire, President of the Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply; and JOHN O'SHANASSY, JAMES FORD STRACHAN, JOHN PASCOE FAWKNER, WILLIAM NICHOLSON, WILLIAM CLERK HAINES, CHARLES BRADSHAW, and WILLIAM FORLONGE, Esquires, Members of the Legislative Council of our said Colony:

GREETING.—

Whereas it is deemed expedient that enquiry should be made into the laws and usages now existing, by virtue of which the Waste Lands of the Crown in our Colony of Victoria are occupied, and into the effect thereof upon the settlement and well-being of our said Colony; and further, that any alterations in such laws and usages which may seem necessary for the public advantage and convenience should be ascertained; and that the nature and extent of all claims which may have arisen under such laws and usages should be investigated, and such claims adjusted and determined: Now KNOW YE, that we, confiding much in your fidelity, knowledge, and ability, do, by these presents, nominate, constitute, and appoint you, our trusty and well-beloved WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL, JAMES FREDERICK PALMER, ANDREW CLARKE, CHARLES JAMES GRIFFITH, JOHN O'SHANASSY, JAMES FORD STRACHAN, JOHN PASCOE FAWKNER, WILLIAM NICHOLSON, WILLIAM CLERK HAINES, CHARLES BRADSHAW, and WILLIAM FORLONGE, to be our Commissioners for the purposes herein mentioned: And we do, by these presents grant unto you full power and authority to enquire into the laws and usages now existing, by virtue of which the Waste Lands of the Crown in our said Colony of Victoria are occupied, and into the effect thereof upon the settlement and well-being of our said Colony, and

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further to recommend such alterations in those laws and usages as may seem necessary for the public advantage and convenience, and also to ascertain the nature and extent of all claims which may have arisen under such laws and usages, and the best and most equitable mode of adjusting and determining such claims : And we do, by these presents, grant unto you, our said Commissioners, as far as in us lies, power and authority to call before you such persons by whom you may be the better informed upon the subject of this our Commission, and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford the fullest information on the subject, and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever : And for your further assistance in the execution of the premises, we do hereby appoint our trusty and well-beloved TRAVERS ADAMSON, Esquire, to be Secretary to this our Commission, whose services you may use from time to time as occasion may require : And we hereby direct and appoint that you do report to us in writing, under your hands and seals your proceedings, and also your opinions on the subject herein referred to you : And lastly, we do, by these presents, ordain that this our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, our said Commissioners, or any Five or more of you, shall and may, from time to time, proceed in the execution thereof and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment :

Witness, our trusty and well-beloved SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of our Colony of Victoria, at the Government Offices, in Melbourne, in our said Colony, this second day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the eighteenth year of our Reign.

(L.S.)

CHAS. HOTHAM.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN FOSTER.