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By the QUEEN.

## A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Years of Our Reign intituled, "An Act to constitute the Commonwealth of *Australia*," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Queen, with the advice of the Privy Council, to declare by Proclamation, that, on and after a day therein appointed, not being later than One Year after the passing of this Act, the people of *New South Wales*, *Victoria*, *South Australia*, *Queensland*, and *Tasmania*, and also, if Her Majesty is satisfied that the people of *Western Australia* have agreed thereto, of *Western Australia*, shall be united in a Federal Commonwealth under the name of the Commonwealth of *Australia*.

And whereas We are satisfied that the people of *Western Australia* have agreed thereto accordingly.

We, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby declare that on and after the First day of *January* One thousand nine hundred and one the people of *New South Wales*, *Victoria*, *South Australia*, *Queensland*, *Tasmania*, and *Western Australia* shall be united in a Federal Commonwealth under the name of the Commonwealth of *Australia*.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, this Seventeenth day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

## PROCLAMATION

AUSTRALIA, }  
to wit. }  
  
(L.S.)  
  
HOPETOUN,  
*Governor-General.*

By His Excellency The Right Honorable THE EARL OF HOPETOUN, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS Her Majesty has been graciously pleased by Commission under Her Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at St. James the twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand nine hundred, to constitute and appoint me, The Right Honorable JOHN ADRIAN LOUIS, EARL OF HOPETOUN, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council; Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Commonwealth of Australia, I do hereby proclaim and declare that I have this day taken the prescribed Oaths before His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of our State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, and that I have assumed the said Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
EDMUND BARTON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

LETTERS PATENT passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

*Letters Patent,  
Dated 29th October  
1900.  
Preamble.  
Recites Imperial Act 63  
& 64 Vict. c. 12 and  
Proclamation of 17th  
September 1900.*

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India: To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, by an Act of Parliament passed on the Ninth day of July, 1900, in the Sixty-fourth year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia," it is enacted that "it shall be lawful for the Queen, with the advice of the Privy Council, to declare by Proclamation that, on and after a day therein appointed, not being later than one year after the passing of this Act, the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, and also, if Her Majesty is satisfied that the people of Western Australia have agreed thereto, of Western Australia, shall be united in a Federal Commonwealth under the name of the Commonwealth of Australia. But the Queen may, at any time after proclamation, appoint a Governor-General for the Commonwealth."

And whereas We did on the Seventeenth day of September One thousand nine hundred, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, declare by Proclamation that, on and after the First day of January One thousand nine hundred and one, the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, and also Western Australia, should be united in a Federal Commonwealth under the name of the Commonwealth of Australia: And whereas by the said recited Act certain powers, functions, and authorities were declared to be vested in the Governor-General: And whereas We are desirous of making effectual and permanent provision for the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Commonwealth of Australia, without making new Letters Patent on each demise of the said Office: Now know ye that We have thought fit to constitute, order, and declare, and do by these presents constitute, order, and declare, that there shall be a Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief (herein-after called the Governor-General) in and over Our Commonwealth of Australia (herein-after called Our said Commonwealth), and that the person who shall fill the said Office of Governor-General shall be from time to time appointed by Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet. And We do hereby authorise and command Our said Governor-General to do and execute, in due manner, all things that shall belong to his said command, and to the trust We have reposed in him, according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed him by virtue of "The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, 1900," and of these present Letters Patent and of such Commission as may be issued to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet, and according to such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him, under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council, or by Us through one of our Principal Secretaries of State, and to such laws as shall hereafter be in force in Our said Commonwealth.

II. There shall be a Great Seal of and for Our said Commonwealth which Our said Governor-General shall keep and use for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the said Great Seal. Provided that until a Great Seal shall be provided, the Private Seal of our said Governor-General may be used as the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Office of  
Governor-General and  
Commander-in-Chief  
constituted.

Governor-General's  
powers and authorities.

Great Seal.

III. The Governor-General may constitute and appoint, in Our name and on Our behalf, all such Judges, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, and other necessary Officers and Ministers of Our said Commonwealth, as may be lawfully constituted or appointed by Us.

Appointment of Judges, Justices, &c.

IV. The Governor-General, so far as We Ourselves lawfully may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, may remove from his office, or suspend from the exercise of the same, any person exercising any office of Our said Commonwealth, under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which may be granted, by Us in our name or under Our authority.

Suspension or removal from office.

V. The Governor-General may on Our behalf exercise all powers under the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, 1900, or otherwise in respect of the summoning, proroguing, or dissolving the Parliament of Our said Commonwealth.

Summoning, proroguing, or dissolving the Commonwealth Parliament.

VI. And whereas by "The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, 1900," it is amongst other things enacted, that We may authorise the Governor-General to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of Our Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during the pleasure of the Governor-General, such powers and functions of the said Governor-General as he thinks fit to assign to such Deputy or Deputies, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Us: Now We do hereby authorise and empower Our said Governor-General, subject to such limitations and directions as aforesaid, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of Our said Commonwealth of Australia, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he may deem it necessary or expedient to assign to him or them: Provided always, that the appointment of such a Deputy or Deputies shall not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function.

Power to appoint Deputies.

VII. And we do hereby declare Our pleasure to be that, in the event of the death, incapacity, removal, or absence of Our said Governor-General out of Our said Commonwealth, all and every the powers and authorities herein granted to him shall, until Our further pleasure is signified therein, be vested in such person as may be appointed by Us under Our Sign Manual and Signet to be Our Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Commonwealth; or if there shall be no such Lieutenant-Governor in Our said Commonwealth, then in such person or persons as may be appointed by Us under Our Sign Manual and Signet to administer the Government of the same. No such powers or authorities shall vest in such Lieutenant-Governor, or such other person or persons, until he or they shall have taken the oaths appointed to be taken by the Governor-General of Our said Commonwealth, and in the manner provided by the Instructions accompanying these Our Letters Patent.

Succession to the Government.

VIII. And We do hereby require and command all Our Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the inhabitants of Our said Commonwealth, to be obedient, aiding, and assisting unto Our said Governor-General, or, in the event of his death, incapacity, or absence, to such person or persons as may, from time to time, under the provisions of these Our Letters Patent, administer the Government of Our said Commonwealth.

Proviso. Oaths of office to be taken.

IX. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to us or them shall seem meet.

Officers and others to obey and assist the Governor-General.

X. And We do further direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places as Our said Governor-General shall think fit within Our said Commonwealth of Australia.

Power reserved to Her Majesty to revoke, alter, or amend the present Letters Patent.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the twenty-ninth day of October, in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

Publication of Letters Patent.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual.  
MUIR MACKENZIE.

LETTERS PATENT constituting the Office of  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL and Commander-in-Chief of the  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

COMMISSION passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, appointing the Right Honourable The Earl of Hopetoun, P.C., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

VICTORIA R.

Dated 29th October, 1900.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India; To Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, John Adrain Louis, Earl of Hopetoun, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Greeting.

WE do, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, appoint you, the said John Adrain Louis, Earl of Hopetoun, to be, during Our pleasure, Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Commonwealth of Australia, with all the powers, rights, privileges, and advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining.

Appointment of the Right Hon. the Earl of Hopetoun, P.C., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. as Governor-General.

II. And we do hereby authorise, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in Our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-ninth day of October, 1900, constituting the said Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief, or in any other Our Letters Patent adding to, amending, or substituted for the same and according to such Orders and Instructions as you may receive from Us.

Recites Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor-General.

III. And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said Commonwealth, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Officers, &c., to obey the Governor-General.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's this Twenty-ninth day of October, 1900, in the Sixty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

COMMISSION appointing  
The Right Honourable the EARL of HOPETOUN, P.C., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,  
to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Government House, Sydney,  
1st January, 1901.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that the undermentioned gentlemen have this day been chosen and summoned to be Members of the Federal Executive Council, and have been sworn as Executive Councillors, viz. :—

THE RIGHT HONORABLE EDMUND BARTON, P.C.  
THE HONORABLE ALFRED DEAKIN.  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR GEORGE TURNER, P.C., K.C.M.G.  
THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM JOHN LYNE, K.C.M.G.  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE CHARLES CAMERON KINGSTON, P.C.  
THE HONORABLE SIR JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, K.C.M.G.  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR JOHN FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.  
RICHARD EDWARD O'CONNOR, ESQUIRE, Q.C.  
THE HONORABLE NEIL ELLIOTT LEWIS.

By His Excellency's Command,  
EDMUND BARTON.

Government House, Sydney,  
1st January, 1901.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that His Excellency, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, has established the following Departments of State of the Commonwealth, viz. :—

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS.  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.  
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.  
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

By His Excellency's Command,  
EDMUND BARTON.

Government House, Sydney,  
1st January, 1901.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that he has this day appointed the undermentioned Members of the Federal Executive Council to administer the Departments of State respectively set opposite their names, viz. :—

The Department of External Affairs—  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE EDMUND BARTON, P.C. ;  
The Attorney General's Department—  
THE HONORABLE ALFRED DEAKIN ;  
The Department of Home Affairs—  
THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM JOHN LYNE, K.C.M.G. ;  
The Department of The Treasury—  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR GEORGE TURNER, P.C., K.C.M.G. ;  
The Department of Trade and Customs—  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE CHARLES CAMERON KINGSTON, P.C. ;  
The Department of Defence—  
THE HONORABLE SIR JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, K.C.M.G. ;  
The Postmaster General's Department—  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR JOHN FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.

By His Excellency's Command,  
EDMUND BARTON.

Government House, Sydney,  
1st January, 1901.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that he has been pleased to appoint the following Officers to his Staff:—

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S STAFF.

Captain H. W. WALLINGTON, 3rd Oxfordshire Light Infantry,  
to be Private Secretary;

Mr. C. SAVILE GORE,  
to be Assistant Private Secretary;

Major The Hon. CLAUDE WILLOUGHBY, 9th Lancers,  
to be Military Secretary;

Captain BERTRAM D'CORBET, Reserve of Officers,  
to be Aide-de-Camp;

Lieutenant R. W. DUFF, Forfar and Kincardine Artillery,  
to be Extra Aide-de-Camp.

EDMUND BARTON.

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Chief Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 1st January, 1901.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that arrangements have been made for publishing the "COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE."

By His Excellency's Command,

EDMUND BARTON.

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NEW SOUTH WALES:

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