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## PROCLAMATION

AUSTRALIA TO WIT.

HOPETOUN.

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By His Excellency the Right Honorable the EARL OF HOPETOUN, a Member of His 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.

**W**HEREAS by The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit: And whereas by the said Act it is further enacted that the Parliament shall sit at Melbourne until it meet at the seat of Government: And whereas it is expedient now to appoint the time for holding the first Session of the Parliament of The Commonwealth: Now therefore I, JOHN ADRIAN LOUIS, EARL OF HOPETOUN, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Thursday, the ninth day of May instant, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, and all Officers of the said Parliament, are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Melbourne, in the building known as the Exhibition Building, at the hour of Twelve o'clock noon, on the said Thursday, the ninth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and one.

Given at Melbourne this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's command,

EDMUND BARTON.

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WHEREAS by an Imperial Act intituled "An Act to Constitute the Commonwealth of Australia," it is amongst other things enacted that until the Parliament otherwise provides, but subject to that Constitution, the laws in force in each State for the time being relating to elections for the more numerous House of the Parliament of the State shall, as nearly as practicable, apply to Elections in the State of Members in the House of Representatives: And whereas by an Act of the Parliament of Tasmania, passed in the sixtieth year of Her late Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Law relating to the Election of Members of the Parliament of Tasmania," it is amongst other things enacted that no election should be void in consequence only of any delay in the return of the Writ, provided that such election shall, within thirty days from the day on which such Election was held, be declared by the Governor-in-Council not to be invalid for any such cause as aforesaid: And whereas a writ was issued for the election of Members to serve in the House of Representatives for the State of Tasmania, which writ was made returnable on the eleventh day of April instant: And whereas the Returning Officer duly appointed for such State has certified, in accordance with the provisions of the last recited Act, that the Right Honorable Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon, the Honorable Sir Philip Oakley Fysh, Donald Norman Cameron, King O'Malley, and Frederick William Piesse, Esquires, were chosen by majorities of votes to be Members for that State to serve in the House of Representatives, but the said Writ was not returned within the period therein prescribed: Now therefore I, JOHN ADRIAN LOUIS, EARL OF HOPETOUN, as such Governor-General aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation, issued with the advice of the Executive Council, declare that the election of the said Right Honorable Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon, the Honorable Sir Philip Oakley Fysh, Donald Norman Cameron, King O'Malley, and Frederick William Piesse, Esquires, to serve in the said House of Representatives for the State of Tasmania, is valid, notwithstanding the delay in the return of the said Writ of Election.

Given under my Hand and Seal this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of the reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

By His Excellency's Command,

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WHEREAS by an Imperial Act intituled "An Act to Constitute the Commonwealth of Australia," it is amongst other things enacted that, until the Parliament otherwise provides, but subject to that Constitution, the laws in force in each State for the time being relating to Elections for the more numerous House of the Parliament of the State shall, as nearly as practicable, apply to Elections in the State of Members of the House of Representatives: And whereas by an Act of the Parliament of the State of New South Wales, passed in the fifty-sixth year of Her late Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Districts, and for the subdivision of such districts; for remodelling the franchise and the law applicable to elections to the Legislative Assembly; for determining the number of Members to serve in the said Assembly; for the periodical adjustment of Electoral Districts; and for other purposes in futherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects," it is amongst other things enacted that no election should be void in consequence only of there having been no Returning Officer at the

time of the issue of the Writ, or of any delay in the "return" of the Writ; and where accidental or unavoidable impediment, misfeasance, or omission should have happened the Governor might take all such measures as might be necessary for removing such impediment or rectifying such misfeasance or omission, or might by Proclamation declare any or all of the proceedings at or for any election valid as to and notwithstanding such impediment, misfeasance, or omission, and every such Proclamation should state specifically the nature of the impediment, misfeasance, or omission, and should be forthwith published in the *Gazette*: And whereas Writs were issued for the election of Members to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral Divisions of Gwydir and Riverina, in the State of New South Wales, which Writs were made returnable on the fifteenth day of April instant: And whereas the Returning Officers duly appointed for such Electoral Divisions have certified, in accordance with the provisions of the said last-recited Act, that George Alexander Cruickshank, Esquire, and John Moore Chanter, Esquire, were chosen by majorities of votes to be Members for the Electoral Divisions of Gwydir and Riverina respectively to serve in the House of Representatives, but the said writs were not returned within the period therein prescribed: Now therefore I, JOHN ADRIAN LOUIS, EARL OF HOPETOUN, as such Governor-General aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation, issued with the advice of the Executive Council, declare that the election of the said George Alexander Cruickshank, Esquire, and John Moore Chanter, Esquire, to serve in the said House of Representatives for the Electoral Divisions of Gwydir and Riverina respectively, is valid, notwithstanding the delay in the return of the said Writs of Election.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Melbourne, this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

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