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## PROCLAMATION

AUSTRALIA TO WIT.

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HOPETOUN.

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.

WHEREAS it is enacted by the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act* that, until the Parliament of the said Commonwealth otherwise provides, the Parliament of any State may make laws for determining the Divisions in each State for which Members of the House of Representatives may be chosen, and further that, until the Parliament of the said Commonwealth otherwise provides, but subject to the Constitution established by the said Act, the laws in force in each State for the time being relating to elections for the more numerous House of the Parliament for the said State shall, as nearly as practicable, apply to Elections in the said State of Members of the House of Representatives: And whereas by an Act of the Parliament of the State of Queensland intituled *The Parliament of the Commonwealth Elections Act and the Elections Act 1885 to 1898 Amendment Act of 1900* it was enacted that the said State should, for the purposes of the Election of Members of the House of Representatives be divided into nine Electoral Divisions, comprising, amongst others, the Electoral Divisions of Herbert, Kennedy, Maranoa, and Oxley, and that each of the said nine Divisions should return one such member: And whereas I, the Governor-General of the said Commonwealth, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in pursuance of the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act* and the Acts of the Parliament of the said State intituled *The Elections Act 1885 to 1898* did, by Order in Council, dated the eighteenth day of February, 1901, appoint certain persons to be Returning Officers for the said several Electoral Divisions, and appoint amongst other places the following places to be polling places for the respective Electoral Divisions following, that is to say:—Ebagoolah, Mein Telegraph Station, Musgrave, and Walsh Telegraph Station, for the said Electoral Division of Herbert, Camooweal, Conodie, Floraville, Gregory Downs, Lawn Hill Silver Mines, Moreston Downs, and Talawanta for the said Electoral Division of Kennedy; and Bedourie, Camoola Park, Urandangie, and Wyandra for the said Electoral Division of Maranoa: And whereas I, the Governor-General aforesaid, did on the said eighteenth day of February, in pursuance of the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act*, cause Writs to be issued and directed to the said Returning Officers for the Election of Members for the House of Representatives for the said several Electoral Divisions; and did in the said Writ, directed to the Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Oxley aforesaid, appoint South Brisbane to be the place, and Wednesday, the twentieth day of March, 1901, to be the date of nomination of candidates for the said Election, and the said Writ, directed to the Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Herbert aforesaid, did appoint Saturday, the twentieth day of April, 1901, to be the day on or before which the said Writ should be returned to me, the Governor-General aforesaid, duly indorsed by the said Returning Officer, and did in all the said Writs so issued appoint the same day, to wit, Saturday, the thirtieth day of March, 1901, to be the day on which the poll should be taken in the said several Electoral Divisions: And whereas it is by *The Elections Acts 1885 to 1898* aforesaid enacted that if the number of persons who are duly nominated as candidates exceeds the number of Members to be elected, then the Returning Officer shall at noon on the day and at the place named in the Writ for the delivery of the nomination papers publicly announce the names of the persons who have been duly nominated as candidates, and that a poll will be taken: And whereas it is by the said last-mentioned Acts further enacted that no election shall be liable to be questioned by reason of any formal error or defect in any publication made under the said Acts

or intended to be so made, nor by reason of any such publication being out of time, and further that no election shall be void in consequence solely of any delay in holding the election at the time appointed, or in taking the poll, or in the return of the Writ, or in consequence of any impediment of a merely formal nature, and that the Governor in Council may adopt such measures as may be necessary for removing any obstacle of a merely formal nature by which the due course of any election might be impeded, provided that the validity of the election and the measures so taken shall be forthwith declared by the Governor in Council by Proclamation: And whereas two persons were duly nominated as candidates for the Electoral Division of Oxley aforesaid, but owing to the inclemency of the weather and other sufficient causes the Returning Officer of the said Electoral Division was prevented from attending at South Brisbane aforesaid, at noon precisely, on the said twentieth day of March, to publicly announce the names of the said candidates, and that a poll would be taken, but shortly afterwards, to wit, at the hour of two o'clock, or thereabouts, on the afternoon of the said day, did there attend and duly make the public announcement aforesaid. And whereas by reason of floods and other sufficient causes the poll appointed to be taken in and for the Electoral Division of Herbert aforesaid at the several polling places hereinbefore mentioned, to wit—Ebagoolah, Mein Telegraph Station, Musgrave, and Walsh Telegraph Station, was prevented from being taken on the said thirtieth day of March, and the said poll was directed to be taken at the said several polling places on the sixth day of April, 1901, and was so taken accordingly. And whereas the Returning Officer for the said Electoral Division has duly certified that Frederick William Bamford has been duly elected a Member of the House of Representatives for the said Electoral Division, but the Writ issued by me as Governor-General aforesaid, and directed to the said Returning Officer, was by reason of tempestuous weather not returned to me within the period prescribed in the said Writ, but was received by me on the third day of May, 1901. And whereas by reason of floods and other sufficient causes the poll appointed to be taken in and for the Electoral Division of Kennedy aforesaid at the several polling places hereinbefore mentioned, to wit—Camooweal, Conobie, Floraville, Gregory Downs, Lawn Hill Silver Mines, Moreston Downs, and Talawanta, was prevented from being taken on the said thirtieth day of March, and the said poll was directed to be taken at the said several polling places on the tenth day of April, 1901, and was so taken accordingly: And whereas by reason of floods and other sufficient causes the poll appointed to be taken in and for the Electoral Division of Maranoa aforesaid at the several polling places hereinbefore mentioned, to wit—Bedourie, Camoola Park, and Urandangie, was prevented from being taken on the said thirtieth day of March, and the said poll was directed to be taken at the said polling places on the respective days following, namely:—At Bedourie on the fifteenth day of April, 1901; at Camoola Park on the twenty-fourth day of April, 1901; and at Urandangie on the nineteenth day of April, 1901, and was so taken at the said places on the said days accordingly: And further the poll appointed to be taken in and for the said Electoral Division at Wyandra aforesaid on the said thirtieth day of March was delayed owing to the absence of sufficient materials until the first day of April, 1901, on which day the said poll was taken. Now therefore I, JOHN ADRIAN LOUIS, Earl of Hopetoun, the Governor-General aforesaid, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Australia do, by this my Proclamation, declare that the elections of—

RICHARD EDWARDS,  
FREDERICK WILLIAM BAMFORD,  
CHARLES McDONALD, and  
JAMES PAGE,

who have severally been duly certified to be elected as Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia for the respective Electoral Divisions of Oxley, Herbert, Kennedy, and Maranoa aforesaid, are and each of them is valid notwithstanding any delay in any announcement or publication, or in the return of any Writ, or in the taking of the poll at the several polling places aforesaid, and that the measures taken as hereinbefore set out in consequence of the obstacles hereinbefore mentioned were and each of them was duly taken and are and each of them is validated.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Melbourne, this seventh day of May, 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,

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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HOPETOUN.

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.

WHEREAS by an Imperial Act intituled "An Act to Constitute the Commonwealth of Australia," it is amongst other things enacted that until the Parliament provides otherwise, 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 the State of Western Australia, passed in the sixty-second year of Her late Majesty's Reign, intituled "The Electoral Act of 1899," it is amongst other things enacted that "any delay, error, or omission in the return of any Roll, Writ, . . . may be remedied, removed, rectified, and supplied by Proclamation, specifying the matter dealt with, and providing for the course to be followed, and such course shall be valid and suffice:"

And whereas Writs were issued for the election of Members for the Electoral Divisions of Swan, Perth, Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, and Fremantle, in the State of Western Australia, which Writs were made returnable on the ninth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and one: 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

The Right Honorable Sir JOHN FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.; and  
JAMES MACKINNON FOWLER,  
HUGH MAHON,  
JOHN WATERS KIRWAN, and  
ELIAS SOLOMON, Esquires,

were chosen by majorities of votes to be Members for the said Electoral Divisions of Swan, Perth, Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, and Fremantle respectively, to serve in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.; and James Mackinnon Fowler, Hugh Mahon, John Waters Kirwan, and Elias Solomon, Esquires, to serve in the said House of Representatives for the Electoral Divisions of Swan, Perth, Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, and Fremantle respectively, is valid, notwithstanding the delay in the return of the said Writs of Election.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Melbourne, this fourth day of May, 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,

EDMUND BARTON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Commonwealth of Australia,  
Prime Minister,  
May, 1901.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General, in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the following appointments to the Federal Parliamentary Reporting Staff, namely:—

Principal Parliamentary Reporter,  
BENJAMIN HARRY FRIEND;

Second Parliamentary Reporter,  
DANIEL FRASER LUMSDEN.

Such appointments to take effect from the 1st of April, 1901.

Parliamentary Reporters,  
CHARLES HERBERT PALMER ROBINSON,  
SAMUEL KIRKLAND JOHNSTONE,  
ERNEST SCOTT,  
WILLIAM MARLOW ADMANS,  
CHARLES ARROWSMITH BERNAYS,  
OSCAR BAILEY, and  
CHARLES GEORGE.

Such appointments to take effect from the 1st of May, 1901.

Typist,  
ALLAN DOWLING.

Appointment to take effect from the 1st of April, 1901.

EDMUND BARTON.

Department of Defence,  
29th April, 1901.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the following officer for service in South Africa, with the *Sixth South Australian Contingent*, namely:—

NORMAN WILLIAM STIRLING

to be Lieutenant.

JOHN FORREST,  
Minister of State for Defence.

Department of Defence,  
29th April, 1901.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the resignations of the following officers being accepted:—

*Queensland Defence Force (Marine).*

Reverend JOSEPH PYKE, Chaplain, and  
RALPH HERBERT PAUL, Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

JOHN FORREST,  
Minister of State for Defence.

Department of Defence,  
29th April, 1901.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the resignations of the following officers being accepted:—

*Victorian Military Forces.—Chaplains' Department.*

The Venerable Archdeacon PETER TEULON BEAMISH, LL.D., of his Commission dated 4th September, 1885, as Chaplain;

The Reverend JOSEPH ALLEN of his Commission dated 22nd July, 1887, as Chaplain; and

The Reverend HENRY CHARLES EDWARD MORRIS of his Commission dated 26th April, 1895, as Chaplain.

JOHN FORREST,  
Minister of State for Defence.

Department of Defence,  
29th April, 1901.

VICTORIAN DEFENCE FORCE.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the formation of Rifle Clubs in the undermentioned districts:—

KANEIRA,  
MANSFIELD,  
MELBOURNE (*The Age and Leader*).

JOHN FORREST,  
Minister of State for Defence.

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