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PROCLAMATION

Australia
to wit.
DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable WILLIAM HUMBLE, Earl of Dudley, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, 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 His Majesty has been graciously pleased, by Commission under his Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at St. James, the eighteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and eight, to constitute and appoint me, the Right Honorable William Humble, Earl of Dudley, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, 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 His Majesty's Commonwealth of Australia, I do hereby proclaim and declare that I have this day taken the prescribed Oaths before the Right Honorable Sir Samuel Walker Griffith, Chief Justice of the High Court 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 the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, this ninth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.)

ALFRED DEAKIN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Commonwealth of Australia.

COMMISSION PASSED UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN MANUAL AND SIGNET; APPOINTING THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF DUDLEY, P.C., G.C.V.O., TO BE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Dated 18th April, 1908.

EDWARD R. & I.

EDWARD the Seventh, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, William Humble, Earl of Dudley, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Greeting:

Appointment of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley, P.C., G.C.V.O., as Governor-General.

WE do by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet appoint you, the said William Humble, Earl of Dudley, 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.

His Duties and Powers.

II. And We do hereby authorize, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in certain 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 Letters Patent, adding to, amending, or

substituted for the same, and according to such Orders and Instructions as the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief for the time being hath already received, or as you may hereafter receive from Us.

Commission of 29th August, 1903, superseded.

III. And further, We do hereby appoint that, so soon as you shall have taken the prescribed Oaths and have entered upon the duties of your office, this Our present Commission shall supersede the Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet bearing date the twenty-ninth day of August, 1903, appointing Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved, Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote (now Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George), Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Commonwealth of Australia.

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

IV. 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.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's this eighteenth day of April, 1908, in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

GREWE.

COMMISSION appointing

The Right Honorable The EARL OF DUDLEY, P.C., G.C.V.O., to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.