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Commonwealth of Australia.

**G**EORGE THE FIFTH, 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 Trusty and Well-beloved

GEORGE MASON ALLARD, Esquire;  
 RUDOLPH CHENEY, Esquire;  
 HARRY COLLINS GIBSON, Esquire;  
 JOSEPH ANTHONY HARPER, Esquire;  
 ERNEST EDWARD KEEP, Esquire;  
 THOMAS CLETUS MAHER, Esquire; and  
 ALBERT BATHURST PIDDINGTON, Esquire, K.C.

GREETING :

Know ye that We do by these Our Letters Patent, issued in Our name by Our Governor-General of Our Commonwealth of Australia acting with the advice of Our Federal Executive Council and in pursuance of the Constitution of Our said Commonwealth, the *Royal Commissions Act 1902-1912*, and all other powers him thereunto enabling, appoint you to be Commissioners to inquire into the following matters:—

1. The actual cost of living at the present time, according to reasonable standards of comfort, including all matters comprised in the ordinary expenditure of a household, for a man with a wife and three children under fourteen years of age, and the several items and amounts which make up that cost :
2. The actual corresponding cost of living during each of the last five years :
3. How the basic wage may be automatically adjusted to the rise and fall from time to time of the purchasing power of the sovereign :

And We appoint you the said Albert Bathurst Piddington to be the Chairman of the said Commissioners :

And We direct that at any meeting of the said Commissioners four Commissioners shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum, and may proceed with the inquiry under these Our Letters Patent, notwithstanding the absence of the other Commissioners :

And We further direct that in the event of the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the said Commissioners, the Commissioners present may appoint one of their number to act as Chairman during such absence :

And We further direct that in the event of the votes given on any question at any meeting of the said Commissioners being equal, the Chairman, if present, and, if the Chairman is not present, then the Commissioner appointed to act as Chairman in his absence, shall have a second or casting vote :

And We require you, with as little delay as possible, to report to Our Governor-General in and over Our said Commonwealth the result of your inquiries into the matters entrusted to you by these Our Letters Patent :

In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of Our said Commonwealth to be thereunto affixed.

Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, a Member of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia, this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and in the tenth year of Our reign.

R. M. FERGUSON, Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES.

