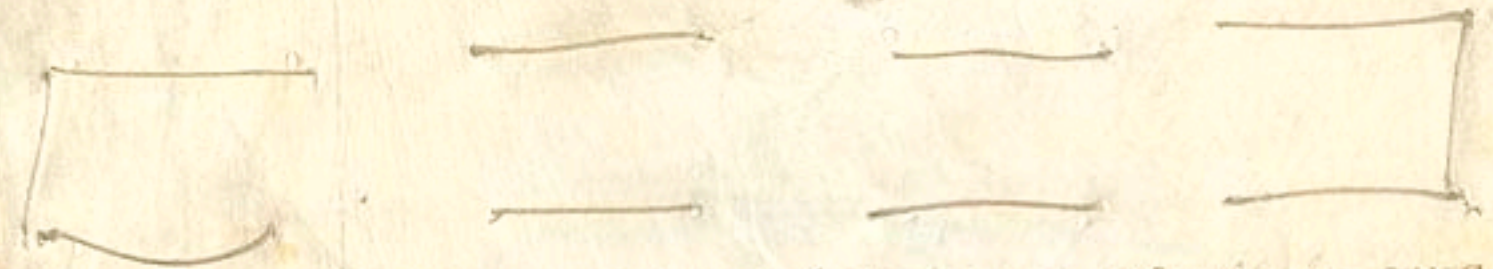


Letters Patent bearing
in the name of Queen Victoria
and appointing Sir George
Fagnou as Governor
in Chief of the same

Victoria by the State of God
of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland Queen Victoria
of the faith To Our trusty and
well beloved Sir George Fagnou
Governor General and Commander of Our
most distinguished Order of Saint

(21.)

Edward and Saint George creating Victoria by
a certain Bill of the Legislature of New
South Wales passed in the seventeenth year
of Our reign as amended by an Act passed
in the Session of Parliament holden in the
eighteenth and nineteenth years of Our reign
entitled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to
assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature
of New South Wales to confer a Constitution
on New South Wales and to grant a Civil
List to Her Majesty" it was enacted that nothing
therein contained should be deemed to prevent us
from altering the boundary of the Colony of
New South Wales on the North in such manner
as to us might seem fit And it was further
enacted by the said last recited Act that if
we should at any time exercise the power
given to us by the said recited Bill of
altering the northern boundary of Our said Colony
it should be lawful for us by any Letters
Patent to be from time to time issued under
the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland to erect into a separate
Colony or Colonies any Territories which might be
separated from Our said Colony of New South
Wales by such alteration as aforesaid of the
Northern boundary thereof and in and by such
Letters Patent or by Order in Council to make
provision for the Government of any such separate
Colony and for the establishment of a Legislature
therein in manner as nearly resembling the form
of Government and Legislature which should be at
such time established in New South Wales as
the circumstances of such separate Colony would



allow and that full power should be given
by such Letters Patent or Order in Council
to the Legislature of such separate Colony to

and that full power should be given
by our Letters Patent or Order in Council
to the Legislature of our said Colony to
make further provision in that behalf
And you that we have in pursuance of the powers
vested in us by the said Bill and Act
and of all other powers and authorities in us
in that behalf vested separated from our Colony
of New South Wales and erected into a separate
Colony so much of the said Colony of New
South Wales as lies northward of a line commencing
on the sea coast at Point Danger in latitude
about twenty eight degrees eight minutes north
and following the range thence which divides the
waters of the Tweed stream and Clarence River
from those of the Logan and Adirondack Rivers
westerly to the great dividing range between the
waters falling to the east coast and those of
the River St Mary following the great dividing
range southerly to the range dividing the waters
of Centerville Creek from those of the main
head of the Dumaresq River following that range
westerly to the Dumaresq River and following that
River (which is locally known as the Severn)
southward to its confluence with the St Mary's
River thence following the St Mary's River which lower
down becomes the Shannon southward to the twenty
minute parallel of south latitude and following that
parallel westerly to the One hundred and forty
first meridian of east longitude which is the
eastern boundary of South Australia together with
all and every the adjacent islands their members
and appurtenances in the Pacific Ocean And so
by these presents separate from our said Colony
of New South Wales and erect the said Territory
so described into a separate Colony to be called
the Colony of Queensland And whereas we have
by an Order made by us in our Privy Council
bearing even date herewith made provision for the
Government of our said Colony of Queensland and
we deem it expedient to make particular provision
for the Government of our said Colony of New
South Wales you that we reposing especial trust and
confidence in the prudent courage and loyalty
of you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen
of our especial grace certain knowledge and mere
motion have thought fit to constitute and appoint
and so by these presents constitute and appoint
you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen to
be during our will and pleasure our Captain
General and Governor in Chief in and over our
said Colony of Queensland and of all forts
and Garrisons erected and established or which shall
be erected and established within our said Colony
or in its members and appurtenances And we
do hereby authorize empower require and command
you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen in due
manner to do and execute all things that shall
belong to you said Governor and the trust we
have reposed in you according to the several powers
provisions and directions granted or appointed you
by virtue of our present Commission and of the
said recited Bill as amended by the said recited
Act and according to our Order in our Privy
Council bearing even date herewith and to such
Instructions as are herewith given to you or which
may from time to time hereafter be given
to you 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 according to such laws and ordinances as
are now in force in our said Colony of

By Our Order in Our Privy Council or by us
through one of Our principal secretaries of state

and according to such laws and ordinances as
are now in force in Our said Colony of
New South Wales and its dependencies and as
shall hereafter be in force in Our said Colony
of Queensland And whereas it is Ordered by
Our said Order made by us in Our Privy
Council bearing even date herewith that there shall
be within Our said Colony of Queensland a
Legislative Council and a Legislative Assembly to be
severally constituted and composed in the manner
in the said Order prescribed and that we shall
have power by and with the advice and consent
of the said Council and Assembly to make laws
for the peace welfare and good government of
Our said Colony in all cases whatsoever And it
is provided by the above recited Act that the
provisions of the Act of the fourteenth year of
Her Majesty Chapter fifty nine and of the Act
of the sixth year of the reign of Her
Majesty Chapter seventy six intituled "An Act
for the government of New South Wales and
Van Diemens Land" which relate to the passing
and withdrawing of Her Majesty's Assent to Bills
and the revocation of Bills for the signification
of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon and the instructions
to be conveyed to Governors for their assent
in relation to the matters aforesaid and the
enactment of Bills by Her Majesty shall apply
to Bills to be passed by the Legislative Council
and Assembly constituted under the same recited
Bill and Act and by any other Legislative
body or bodies which may at any time hereafter
be substituted for the present Council and Assembly
Now we do by virtue of the power in
us vested thereby require and command that you
do take especial care that in making and passing
such Laws with the advice and consent of
the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly
the provisions regulations restrictions and directions
contained in the said Acts of Parliament and
in Our said Order made in Our Privy Council
bearing even date herewith and in Our instructions
under Our sign manual accompanying the said
Commission or in such future Orders as may be
made by us in Our Privy Council or in
such further instructions under Our sign manual
and signet as shall at any time hereafter be
issued to you in that behalf be strictly complied
with And whereas it is expedient that an
Executive Council should be appointed to advise
and assist you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen
in the administration of the government of Our said
Colony Now we do declare Our pleasure to be that
there shall be an Executive Council for Our said
Colony and that the said Council shall consist of
such persons as you shall by instrument to be
passed under the Great Seal of Our said Colony in
Our name and on Our behalf from time to time
nominate and appoint to be members of the said
Executive Council in which persons shall hold their
places in the said Council during Our pleasure but
we do expressly enjoin and require that you do
transmit to us through one of Our principal secretaries
of state exemplifications of all such instruments as
shall be by you so issued for appointing the
members of the said Council and we do hereby
authorize and empower you the said Sir George Ferguson
Bowen to keep and use the Great Seal of Our
said Colony for sealing all things whatsoever that
shall pass the Great Seal of Our said Colony

and we do hereby give and grant to you the
said Sir George Ferguson Bowen full power and

and Colony for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the great seal of Our said Colony.

and we do hereby give and grant to you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen full power and authority by and with the advice of the said Executive Council to grant in Our name and on Our behalf any waste or unsettled lands in the wotches within Our said Colony which said Grants are to be passed and sealed with the Great Seal of Our said Colony and being entered upon record by such public Officer or Officers as shall be appointed hereunto shall be effectual in law against us Our heirs or successors provided nevertheless that in granting and disposing of such lands you do conform to and observe the provisions in that behalf contained in any law which is or shall be in force within Our said Colony or within any part of Our said Colony for regulating the sale and disposal of such lands and we do hereby give and grant unto you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen full power and authority as you shall see occasion in Our name and on Our behalf to grant to any offender convicted of any crime in any Court or before any Judge Justice or Magistrate within Our said Colony a pardon either free or subject to lawful conditions or any remission of the execution of the sentence of any such offender for such period as to you may seem fit and to remit any fines penalties or forfeitures which may become due and payable to us but subject to the regulations and directions contained in the instructions under Our Royal sign Manual and signet accompanying this Our Commission or in any future instructions as aforesaid and we do hereby give and grant unto you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen full power and authority upon sufficient cause to you appearing to suspend from the exercise of his office within Our said Colony any person exercising any office or place under or by virtue of any Commission or warrant granted or which may be granted by us or in Our name or under Our authority which suspension shall continue and have effect only until Our pleasure therein shall be made known and signified to you and we do hereby strictly require and enjoin you in proceeding to any such suspension to observe the directions in that behalf given to you by our present or any future instructions as aforesaid and in the event of the death or absence of you the said Sir George Ferguson Bowen out of Our said Colony of Queensland and its dependencies we do hereby provide and declare Our pleasure to be that all and every the powers and authorities herein granted to you shall be and the same are hereby vested in such person as may be appointed by us by warrant under Our sign Manual and signet to be Our Lieutenant Governor of Our said Colony or in such person or persons as may be appointed by us in like manner to administer the Government in such contingency or in the event of there being no person or persons within Our said Colony so commissioned and appointed by us as aforesaid then Our pleasure is and we do hereby provide and declare that in any such contingency the powers and authorities herein granted to you shall be and the same are hereby granted to the Colonial Secretary of Our said Colony for the time being and such Lieutenant Governor or such person or persons as aforesaid or such Colonial Secretary as the case may be shall exercise all and every

the powers and authorities herein granted until Our further pleasure shall be signified therein and

persons as aforesaid or such Colonial Secretary as
the case may be shall exercise all and every

the powers and authorities therein granted until our
further pleasure shall be signified therein And
We do hereby require and command all our officers
and Ministers Civil and Military and all other
the Inhabitants of our said Colony of Queensland
to be obedient aiding and assisting unto you the
said Sir George Ferguson Bowen or in the event
of your death or absence to such person or
persons as may under the provisions of this
our Commission assume and exercise the functions
of Captain General and Governor in Chief of our
said Colony And We do declare that these presents
shall take effect so soon as the same shall
be received and published in the said Colonies
In witness whereof we have signed the sixth day of June
By our Majesty's Command.