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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

GEORGE 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 JOHN HENRY PROWSE, Esquire, M.P., Senator WALTER LESLIE DUNGAN; Senator HAROLD EDWARD ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.; Senator CHARLES STEPHEN McHUGH; FRANK ANSTET, Esquire, M.P.; ALFRED CHARLES SHABROOK, Esquire, M.P.; GEORGE EDWIN YATES, Esquire, M.P.

GREETING :

KNOW YE that We do by these Our Letters Patent, issued in Our name by Our Deputy of 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 and report upon the effect of the operation of the Navigation Act 1912-1920 upon Australian trade and industry and upon the development of the Commonwealth and the Territories (including Mandated Territories) of the Commonwealth.

AND WE APPOINT YOU, the said JOHN HENRY PROWSE, Esquire, M.P., to be the Chairman of the said Commissioners.

AND WE DIRECT that for the purpose of taking evidence four Commissioners shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum, and may proceed with the inquiry under these Our Letters Patent.

AND WE REQUIRE you with as little delay as possible to report to Our Governor-General of Our said Commonwealth the result of your inquiries into the matters intrusted 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.

(L.S.) WITNESS Our Trusty and Well-beloved SIR WILLIAM HILL IRVINE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Deputy of the Governor-General in and over Our Commonwealth of Australia, this seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourteenth year of Our Reign.

W. H. IRVINE,  
Deputy of the Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,  
L. ATKINSON,  
for Acting Prime Minister.

Entered on record by me, in Register of Patents, No. 25, page 233, this eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

W. N. ROWSE

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