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Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Commissions of Inquiry Law.

Power of Governor to appoint Commission and invest it with powers.

2. (1) The Governor shall have power—
- (a) to appoint, by Order, a Commission of Inquiry, consisting of one or more Commissioners, to consider such questions as may be referred to it by the Governor and to report thereon to him;
 - (b) to invest the Commission with powers as in this Law provided.

(2) Every Order made under this section shall be published in the Gazette.

Contents of Order of appointment.

3. Every Order made under the preceding section shall contain—

- (a) the name or names of the member or members of the Commission ;
- (b) the appointment, in cases where more than one Commissioner is appointed, of the Chairman of the Commission ;
- (c) the terms of reference to the Commission ;
- (d) the names of any persons who by reason of their expert knowledge of the subject matter of the inquiry or otherwise may be required by the

Governor to sit as assessors with the Commission ;

- (e) the powers with which the Commission is invested in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

4. It shall be the duty of each Commissioner appointed under this Law to make and subscribe an oath that he will faithfully, fully, impartially, and to the best of his ability discharge the trust, and perform the duties devolving upon him by virtue of such Commission, which oath may be taken before the Governor, or before such person as the Governor may appoint, and shall be deposited with the Administrative Secretary.

Oath of office by Commissioner.

5. If the Commissioners shall, in any case, be equally divided on any question that arises during the proceedings of the Commission, the Chairman of the Commission shall have a second or casting vote.

Division of opinion of Commissioners.

6. The services of any assessors shall be consultative only ; assessors shall be entitled to be present at every meeting of the Commission, but they shall not sign the report of the Commission.

Assessors.

7. A Commission appointed under the provisions of this Law shall have such of the following powers as are conferred upon it by the Order of appointment required by section 2 of this Law—

Powers with which a Commission may be invested.

- (a) to procure all such evidence, written or oral, and to examine all such persons as witnesses as the Commission may think it necessary or desirable to procure or examine ;
- (b) to require the evidence, whether written or oral, of any witness to be made on oath or declaration, such oath or declaration to be that which could be required of the witness if he were giving evidence in a Court of law ;
- (c) to summon any person residing in the Colony to attend any meeting of the Commission to give evidence or produce any document in his possession and to examine him as a witness or require him to produce any document in his possession, subject to all just exceptions ;
- (d) to issue a warrant to compel the attendance of any person who, after having been summoned to