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THE Queen has been pleased to issue the following additional instructions, under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, to the Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand, for altering the royalty to be reserved on minerals raised from waste lands in that colony:

Whereas, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, made and enacted in the ninth and tenth years of Our reign, intituled, "An Act to make further provision for the government of the New Zealand Islands," We did, by certain letters patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, bearing date at Westminster, the 23d day of December 1846, in the tenth year of Our reign, execute certain of the powers in Us by the said Act vested; and whereas, in further pursuance of the said Act, and in exercise of the powers thereby in us vested, and in exercise of all and every other the powers in Us in that behalf vested, We did further issue certain instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet, approved in Our Privy Council, being the instructions accompanying or referred to in such letters patent, as relation being had unto the said letters patent and instructions will more fully and at large appear; and whereas it is directed by the thirtieth section of the thirteenth chapter of the said instructions, being the chapter entitled "On the settlement of the waste lands of the Crown," that it shall be competent to the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of any of the provinces of the said New Zealand Islands to demise, for any term of

years not exceeding twenty-one, any rural allotments supposed to contain any valuable minerals, reserving to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, a royalty of not less than fifteen per centum on the minerals to be raised upon and from any such lands; and whereas by the said recited Act it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for Us, from time to time, to amend, and for that purpose to add to, or, if necessary, to repeal, any such instructions as aforesaid; and whereas it hath appeared to Us expedient to amend Our said instructions, so far as they relate to the amount of the royalty thereby directed to be reserved to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, on minerals to be raised upon and from lands so demised as aforesaid; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power in Us by the said Act vested, We do hereby repeal so much of Our said instructions, but no further, as directs, that a royalty of not less than fifteen per centum be reserved for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, on minerals to be raised from such rural allotments as shall be demised by the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of any of the provinces of the said New Zealand Islands as aforesaid; and the same is hereby repealed accordingly. And We do hereby declare Our will and pleasure, that the royalty so to be reserved to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, on minerals to be raised upon and from any rural allotments hereafter to be demised by the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of any of the provinces of the said New Zealand Islands as aforesaid, shall be one-fifteenth of the said mineral.

We, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby, under the authority of an Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the ninth and tenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the Customs," hereby appoint Chester to be a port in that part of the United Kingdom called England, and do hereby declare that the limits of the said port shall commence at the eastern end of the old bridge across the river Dee, in the city of Chester, then continued along the eastern side of the river Dee, in the county of Chester, to the Red Stones at Hoylake, in the said county, and from thence, in a direct line to the river Voryd or Clwyd river, and so continuing along the sea shore and the west side of the river Dee, in the county of Flint, to the western end of the said old bridge, and including the whole of the rivers Dee and Voryd or Clwyd, and the mouths of all rivers, brooks, and water courses falling therein:

And we do hereby appoint the following place, within the said port of Chester, to be a legal quay for the lading and unlading of goods, and do hereby declare the bounds and extent of such quay to be as follows, that is to say, all that open place extending from the new railway bridge over the river Dee, in the city of Chester, along the east side of the said river, downwards to the sluice or run of water on the same side of the river running into the said river Dee, near the Cheese Stage, and