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ROYAL COMMISSION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency The Honourable Sir John
TO WIT, } Patrick Dwyer, Knight Commander of the Most
JOHN PATRICK DWYER, } Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Lieutenant-Governor and } Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor and Adminis-
Administrator. } trator in and over the State of Western Aus-
[L.S.] } tralia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth
of Australia.

To Geoffrey James Rodger, Esquire, of 38 Lyington Street, Tusmore, in the State of South Australia, formerly Director General, Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau:

I, the said Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator, acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council do hereby appoint you Geoffrey James Rodger to be a Royal Commission to enquire into and report upon—

- (1) the causes, origins and development of the bush fires (of the kind contemplated by the Bush Fires Act, 1954-1958) which commenced to burn within the said State at or near—
 - (a) Dwellingup, on or about the 19th day of January, 1961;
 - (b) Karridale, on or about the 27th day of February, 1961;
 - (c) Gidgegannup, on or about the 25th day of February, 1961; and
 - (d) Chittering, on or about the 15th day of December, 1960

(each of which fires continued to burn for some days) and also of any other bush fire or bush fires (if any) which burned in the said State at any time during the first three months of 1961 and concerning which you consider it desirable to enquire into for the purposes of this Commission;

- (2) in regard to each such bush fire, the measures taken to prevent its outbreak and spread and to protect life and private and public property;
- (3) the measures which are necessary or desirable to be taken by any and what persons, corporations and bodies—
 - (a) to prevent the outbreak of bush fires in the said State or to prevent the spreading of such fires; and
 - (b) to protect life and private and public property in the said State from the consequences of such fires;
- (4) the basic requirements for an effective State Fire Emergency Organisation to handle major fire emergencies and to co-ordinate and ensure the taking of measures as aforesaid

and I hereby declare that by virtue of this Commission you may in the execution hereof do all such acts, matters and things and exercise all such powers as a Royal Commission or the Chairman or members of a Royal Commission may lawfully do and exercise whether under or pursuant to the Royal Commissioners' Powers Act, 1902-1956, or otherwise.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 27th day of April, 1961.

By His Excellency's Command,

DAVID BRAND,
Premier.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ! !