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DISPATCHES have been received from Captain Hobson, R. N. Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, enclosing the following Proclamations, which have been issued by virtue of the powers confided to him by Her Majesty, and in pursuance of the instructions he received from the Marquess of Normanby, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State:

PROCLAMATION,

In the name of Her Majesty, Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, by William Hobson, Esq. a Captain in the Royal Navy, Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand.

Whereas by a Treaty, bearing date the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty, made and executed by me, William Hobson, a Captain in the Royal Navy, Consul, and Lieutenant-Governor in New Zealand, vested for this purpose with full powers by Her Britannic Majesty, of the one part, and the Chiefs of the Confederation of the United Tribes of New Zealand, and the Separate and Independent Chiefs of New Zealand, not members of the Confederation, of the other; and further ratified and confirmed by the adherence of the Principal Chiefs of this island of New Zealand, commonly called the Northern Island, all rights and powers of Sovereignty over the said Northern Island

were ceded to Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, absolutely and without reservation;

Now, therefore, I, William Hobson, Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, do hereby proclaim and declare to all men, that, from and after the date of the above-mentioned Treaty, the full Sovereignty of the Northern Island of New Zealand vests in Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her heirs and successors, for ever.

Given under my hand, at Government-house, Russell, Bay of Islands, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty:

(Signed) **WILLIAM HOBSON,**
Lieutenant-Governor.

By His Excellency's command,
(Signed) **WILLOUGHBY SHORTLAND,**
Colonial Secretary.

PROCLAMATION,

In the name of Her Majesty, Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, by William Hobson, Esq. a Captain in the Royal Navy, Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand.

Whereas I have it in command from Her Majesty Queen Victoria, through Her Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to assert the Sovereign rights