

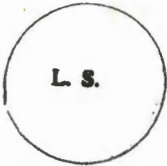
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GUYANA

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COMMISSION

A COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DERAILMENT OF A TRAIN OF THE TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT ON THE WEST COAST OF DEMERARA ON 29TH OCTOBER, 1970.



By His Excellency MR. ARTHUR CHUNG,
President of Guyana and Commander-in-Chief
of the armed forces of Guyana.

A. CHUNG.
President.

WHEREAS it is provided by the Commissioners of Inquiry Ordinance, Chapter, 59, that it shall be lawful for the President whenever he shall deem it advisable to issue a commission appointing two or more Commissioners and authorising such Commissioners or any quorum of them therein mentioned to inquire, inter alia, into any matter in which an inquiry would, in his opinion, be for the public welfare;

AND WHEREAS I am of opinion that it would be for the public welfare that an inquiry should be held into the circumstances surrounding the derailment of a train of the Transport and Harbours Department on the West Coast of Demerara on 29th October, 1970;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the powers conferred by the said Ordinance and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby issue this Commission and appoint Mr. WILTON GILFORD EDWARDS, COLONEL GAVIN BROWN THOMSON, and MR. PHILLIP ARTHUR PAYNE, to be Commissioners under the said Ordinance and I hereby authorise the said Commissioners:—

“to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the derailment of a train of the Transport and Harbours Department on the West Coast of Demerara on the 29th October, 1970 with particular reference to determine the cause of the derailment, the person or persons, if any, responsible therefor and to make any recommendations which they consider to be relevant thereto.”

I DIRECT that MR. WILTON GILFORD EDWARDS shall be the Chairman of the Commissioners:

AND I FURTHER DIRECT that the inquiry shall be held at Georgetown and at any other place to which the inquiry may from time to time be adjourned by the Commissioners:

Given under my Hand and the Seal of Guyana at
Guyana House, Georgetown, this 12th day of
June, 1971, and in the second year of the Republic.

By His Excellency's Command

C. R. JARVIS,
Secretary to the Office
of the President.