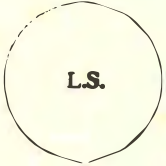


SEAL NO. 501/1968

GUYANA

COMMISSION

A COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE OPERATIONS ON THE WATERFRONT IN THE PORT OF GEORGETOWN.



By His Excellency SIR DAVID JAMES GARDINER ROSE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander in the Royal Victorian Order, Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Guyana.

D. J. G. ROSE,
Governor-General.

WHEREAS it is provided by the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance, Chapter 59, that it shall be lawful for the Governor-General 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 all aspects of the operations on the waterfront in the Port of Georgetown;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the powers conferred by the said Ordinance and of all powers enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby issue this Commission and appoint A. BISHOP, ESQUIRE, DR. H. LUTCHMAN, S. J. O. OPPENHEIMER, ESQUIRE, P. PARKER, ESQUIRE, ALPHONSO McLEAN, ESQUIRE, to be commissioners under the said Ordinance and I hereby authorise the said Commissioners —

- (1) to inquire into all aspects of the operations on the waterfront in the Port of Georgetown with a view to an improvement in its efficiency but more particularly, with reference to —
 - (a) the system of employment of dock labour and the need or otherwise for the establishment of a National Dock Labour Board to be responsible for the regulation of the employment of all dock workers having regard to the merits or otherwise, of the present port labour registration scheme;
 - (b) the method of cargo-handling and other conditions of work on ships and on wharves;
 - (c) the effect of the introduction of Labour saving devices on productivity and on the employment of dock labour, having

regard to the need for an efficient and competitive system of operations on the waterfront and the unemployment situation in the country;

- (d) the system in operation in connection with wharfage and port-
erage charges in respect of services provided by the Shipping
Companies and other agencies engaged in the Shipping Indus-
try;
 - (e) the handling of timber;
 - (f) the levy stabilization fund;
 - (g) the adequacy or otherwise, of the existing machinery for deal-
ing with industrial relations matters;
 - (h) what consideration, if any should accrue to the waterfront
workers following the loss of employment through the transfer
of the handling of sugar by the Demerara Sugar Terminal;
 - (i) the method and adequacy or otherwise of remuneration of
the employees;
- and to make recommendations.

- (2) to furnish the Governor-General a full statement of the proceedings of
the Commission and of the reasons leading to the conclusions so
reported.

I DIRECT that A. BISHOP, ESQUIRE, shall be the Chairman of the Com-
missioners:

AND I FURTHER DIRECT that the Chairman and any two Commis-
sioners shall constitute a quorum under the said Ordinance:

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

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of Guyana at
Guyana House, Georgetown, Guyana this 18th day of
December, 1968, and in the seventeenth year of Her
Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

R. A. CHEONG,
Secretary to the Office of the Governor-General.