

VIII.—New
Hebrides.

Enclosure 1.

MEMORANDUM from the CHIEF INSPECTOR of CUSTOMS to the Hon. the COMMISSIONER of CUSTOMS.

DYNAMITE, I find, is beginning to be exported from New Zealand to some of the South Sea Islands. During last quarter, 112 lb. were shipped to the Navigators, and 300 lb. to Cook Islands. It is used, I understand, for fishing purposes; but so dangerous a substance is not fit to be trusted in the hands of ignorant natives. In addition to the danger to the traders themselves, which might result from the use of it by treacherous savages, as pointed out by Mr. Consul Layard, it is quite possible to imagine that it might be used by unscrupulous Europeans with devastating effect against the lives of natives, if quarrels should arise with them, when crowding round a vessel in their canoes. I submit, therefore, that it is worthy of consideration whether this dangerous explosive should not be prohibited from being exported to the islands. This could be done by Proclamation or Order in Council, under the 123rd section of "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858."

2nd October, 1879.

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Enclosure 2.

Exportation of Dynamite to South Sea Islands prohibited.

HERCULES ROBINSON, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of November, 1879.

Present:—HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858," it is, amongst other things, enacted that any goods, whatever may, by Proclamation or Order of the Governor in Council, revocable from time to time, be prohibited to be exported, and, if any goods shall be exported from the colony contrary to any such prohibition, or be waterborne to be so exported or carried, they shall be forfeited, and any person offending against the provisions of any such Proclamation or order shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred pounds:

And whereas it is advisable to prohibit the exportation of dynamite to the South Sea Islands:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth, in pursuance of the hereinbefore-recited provisions of the said Act, by this present order, absolutely prohibit the exportation of dynamite from New Zealand to any of the South Sea islands.

FORSTER CORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

No. 7.

The Right Hon. Sir M. E. HICKS BEACH to Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 29th January, 1880.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 74, of the 3rd December.

I have learned with satisfaction that an Order in Council has been issued, prohibiting the exportation of dynamite from New Zealand to any of the South Sea Islands.

I have, &c.

Governor Sir Hercules Robinson.

M. E. HICKS BEACH.