

From the MATAIAPOS of ARORANGI.

To the Chairman and to all the Members of Parliament :

SALUTATIONS to you. Our Member is never coming again, because his word is never approved. Enough.

From the MATAIAPOS and RANGATIRAS of Arorangi.

### Enclosure No. 8.

STATEMENT of OFFICERS appointed by the Government, and submitted to Parliament in accordance with Section 14, Act No. 1, 1891.

July 2, 1891 : Collector of Revenue, Chief Postmaster, and Shipping-master—J. H. Garnier.  
Clerk to Government and Paymaster—Makea Daniela.  
Auditor—J. Scard.  
Chief Judge—Tepou o te Rangi.  
Revenue Officers—Ngatama, Rota, Tetupu, Vairakau, Vaipai, Samuela, and Ngania.  
Postmasters—Ngatama, Rota, and Tetupu.  
July 17, 1891 : Registrar of Deeds—J. Scard.

MAKEA, Ariki.

### Enclosure No. 9.

ADDRESS of WELCOME from the PARLIAMENT of the COOK ISLANDS to His Excellency the Earl of GLASGOW, G.C.M.G.

To His Excellency the Earl of Glasgow, Governor of New Zealand : Long may you live, with God's blessing.

WE, the Parliament of the Cook Islands, have just heard of your arrival in New Zealand as the Governor of that country. May New Zealand prosper under your rule ; and may you and your wife and family live long, and have all the happiness this world can give.

We wish to let you know our affection for Her Majesty the Queen, and our love for the flag which she has given to us for our protection in these Islands. We are now one people ; and this is the Parliament that the Seven Islands have sent to make laws for all. It is the second year that we have met, and we now understand the good work that is being done for us by the British Resident, Mr. Moss, who was sent to show us the way. We ask of you, Lord Glasgow, to send us a man-of-war sometimes, so that we may show our love for the Queen and her people. Enough.

From the Parliament of the Cook Islands, and signed by its order.

Rarotonga, 9th July, 1892.

TEPOU O TE RANGI, Chairman.

### Enclosure No. 10.

ADDRESS of THANKS from the PARLIAMENT to the BRITISH RESIDENT.

To our Chief, Mr. Moss, British Resident.

WE, the Parliament of the Cook Islands, make known to you our thoughts of the work done and now at an end for this year. On the first meeting of Parliament, last year, we were not very clear ; and now, having ended this, our second meeting, we are no longer in doubt. Our forefathers did not understand this good work, and, until Queen Victoria gave us her protection, we did not see light. We thank you, our Head, for leading us into light. We now see that it is a great work you are doing, making us of many islands one people, and teaching us how to govern ourselves. The work is good, and will abide ; and your name will be remembered by us and our children in the time to come in these Islands. Enough.

From the Parliament of the Cook Islands, and signed by their order.

Avarua, Rarotonga, 9th July, 1892.

TEPOU O TE RANGI, Chairman.

### Enclosure No. 11.

REPLY of the BRITISH RESIDENT to the PARLIAMENT.

To the Parliament of the Cook Islands : Salutations to you.

I HAVE come to thank you for the address you have been kind enough to send me : I shall value it very highly, as a proof that you believe I am only working for the good of the people in the Cook Islands, whom you represent in this Parliament.

I am sorry to be told that the member for Arorangi has resigned, and that the Mataiapos have written to you to say that Arorangi will not in future have anything to do with the Parliament. The reason given is that the voice of their member was not listened to. That is the old system. One Ariki, or a few men of rank, could stop a good thing being done if they objected. You the Parliament have nothing to do with that system. You decide by voting, and when many are of one opinion the few against it must give way and accept the decision. The member for Arorangi is a great man, but he cannot expect, when he stands alone against the whole of the rest, that they shall sit still and do nothing merely to please him.

Whatever laws a majority of the Parliament may make, and the British Resident approve, must be obeyed by all the people until they can get the law changed.

You have been in session now for more than three weeks, and during that time have fully mastered the work before you. You will go home able to explain it, and the nature of the Federal Government, to all your people. The people govern themselves by their own separate laws within each island ; but you will have learned something from your knowledge of Parliament and be able to help them with good advice if they wish to have it. Good-bye to you all, and God's blessing go with you to your homes and people.

Avarua, 9th July, 1892.

FREDERICK J. MOSS, British Resident.