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NEW ZEALAND.

# PACIFIC ISLANDS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH RESIDENT, RAROTONGA.

[In continuation of Parliamentary Paper A.—3, 1894.]

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency the Governor.*

## No. 1.

Mr. F. J. Moss to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

My LORD,—

British Residency, Rarotonga, 14th July, 1894.

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Federal Parliament met on the 5th, and to enclose (1) the opening address from the Chief of the Government; (2) Messages recommending grants towards an agricultural show, and to make roads and give other aid to the school for teaching English, now being built by the London Missionary Society.

A Bill for substituting British currency for the present Chilian dollar, as the only legal tender in these islands, has also been laid before Parliament. I enclose a copy for your Excellency's information; but no action has yet been taken upon the Bill, as the Parliament adjourned in the absence of the Aitutaki members, who have since arrived.

The session will be resumed on the 17th instant.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK J. MOSS,  
British Resident.

His Excellency the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G.,  
Governor of New Zealand.

## Enclosure No. 1.

From the GOVERNMENT to the PARLIAMENT of the COOK ISLANDS.

SALUTATIONS. We now inform you of the principal events of the past year, and of some of the work which we are of opinion you should consider in your present session.

### *The Revenue*

For the year ending 30th June, 1894, is ... .. \$8,309 06

This is more than was estimated; but we must not forget that much of the money comes from the sale of postage-stamps to collectors. This cannot be relied upon for more than year to year.

### *The Expenditure,*

Including actual payments and liabilities, for which provision must be made, is ... \$7,353 10

Full accounts of revenue and expenditure will be laid before you.

### *The Imports*

Of all kinds (except specie) amount to ... .. \$136,829 00

This includes goods shipped to islands beyond the Federation and landed free of duty here in order to encourage trade with those islands.

### *The Exports*

Have been as follows:—

|                             |     |     |     |     |     |              |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Produce of the Cook Islands | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | \$122,411 00 |
| Produce of other islands    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,170 00     |

\$128,581 00

In accordance with the Import Duty Amendment Act, passed by you last session, the currency dollar is valued in the above figures at the same rate (3s. to the dollar) for both imports and exports. The returns to be laid before you will therefore be more clear.