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#### No. 1.

Lieut.-Colonel Gudgeon to His Excellency the Governor.

Cook Islands: The Residency, Rarotonga, 13th June, 1899. I have the honour to inform you that during my recent visit to Mangaia an influential chief, Daniela Tangitoru, presented a piece of land of perhaps 5 acres to Her Majesty Queen

I explained to him that I had no authority to receive presents on behalf of Her Majesty, but that I would submit the matter to you for your decision. You will probably remember that Daniela was the only Mangaian chief at Rarotonga during your visit to that place.

I enclose two letters from him, with translations.

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

I have, &c., W. E. Gudgeon, Resident.

# Enclosures.

# [Translation.]

Mangaia, Oneroa, 17th May, 1899. HERE are the words, O mighty chief of all people. First, I know that you are the root of knowledge of all people. From the heart of an Aanau I, Tangitoru Daniela, give to you a piece of land called "Ariari," situated in the settlement of Oneroa, in the district of Keia.

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