

No. 4.

SIR,—

British Residency, Rarotonga, 23rd April, 1902.

I have the honour to forward attached a plan of a building now in course of erection at Niue as a Customhouse, Post-office, and residence for the Agent at that place.

The coral foundation for the house has been finished and most of the heavy timber squared, but operations must shortly be suspended unless doors, windows, and iron for the roof, is supplied. I have therefore the honour to request that you will authorise the sum of £100 for this purpose, either as a free grant, or as a loan against future revenue. I will see that the material is transported to Niue by the island schooner at very small expense.

The Natives of Niue have behaved exceedingly well in this matter, for not only are they building this house, but by subscriptions they have purchased a piece of land as a gift to His Majesty, for which they have paid £50.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Right Hon. the Premier, New Zealand.

No. 5.

SIR,—

British Residency, Rarotonga, 24th April, 1902.

As the communication between this group and Niue is uncertain, I have directed Mr. Maxwell to correspond direct with you on all important matters, merely sending me copies of such despatches, so that valuable time may be saved, and local Ordinances receive confirmation without delay. I have every faith in Mr. Maxwell's judgment, and that he will not attempt to pass vexatious on unnecessary Ordinances.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Right Hon. the Premier, New Zealand.

No. 6.

SIR,—

British Residency, Rarotonga, 30th April, 1903.

In accordance with the instruction contained in your letter, No. 23 of the 22nd March, I have the honour to report that the Marriage and Divorce Act of Niue is a simple and useful measure which is approved by the Rev. Mr. Lawes as necessary under the present circumstances of the island. There are one or two matters which should be avoided when the Act is re-enacted, and I have pointed out these to Mr. Maxwell, viz.: To avoid any reference to New Zealand laws which may or may not exist, but which have not been applied to the island; to give the Resident Agent only the judicial powers under the Act; and, lastly, to make all ministers registered in New Zealand, and the resident missionary or missionaries of the London Mission, the marriage ministers under the Act.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Right Hon. the Premier, New Zealand.

No. 7.

COOK AND OTHER ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for Nine Months ending 31st March, 1902.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Cash in Treasury, 30th June, 1901	1,301	3	1	By Expenditure as per schedule	2,295	12	3
Revenue—				Suspense Account	39	15	0
Customs and shipping ...	1,923	3	5	Cash in Treasury—			
Post Office: stamp sales and money order commission	292	16	7	Bank of Australasia	1,596	19	11
Trade licenses ...	217	3	4	Less unpre-sented cheque	3	2	2
Court fees and fines ...	194	2	1		1,593	17	9
Miscellaneous receipts ...	59	12	7	Cash in hand	134	12	6
Refunds, contingent expenditure	44	17	0				
Public Works Account	30	19	5				
	<u>£4,063</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£4,063</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>

A. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct—E. BLAINE, Auditor.