

3. Any prisoner who shall have been sentenced to hard labour on the public roads may be lawfully employed either in fencing the Ariki's or other public lands, or in the making of island produce, whether limejuice or copra :

Provided always that any person employing prisoners in the making of such produce, or in the planting or clearing of land, shall pay into the Treasury one shilling per diem for each man so employed.

4. And whereas the industries of the island suffer by reason of wandering pigs and horses, and it is advisable that enclosures of coral rock should be erected by each "tapere," in order to keep the animals within bounds, it shall be the duty of each District Ariki, assisted by his Mataiapos, to set aside public reserves for this purpose.

5. Each public reserve of this nature shall be authorised by the Federal Council, and shall by Proclamation in the *Cook Islands Gazette* authorise the Ariki of the district to fence the reserve and call out all of the people of the "tapere" for that purpose.

6. Any person refusing or neglecting to aid in work done or ordered under the provisions of this Ordinance shall on conviction be liable to a fine of two shillings, or, in default, two days' hard labour for each day's default.

*No. 10.—An Ordinance to Impose a Tax upon all Dogs within the Cook and other Islands.*  
(7th July, 1902.)

BE IT ENACTED by the Cook and Other Islands Federal Council :—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance is "The Dog-tax Ordinance, 1902."

2. On or after the first day of January in each year there shall be collected a dog-tax on every dog within the limits of the Cook and other Islands. The amount of the tax shall be fixed by the Island Council of each island, and shall be payable to the Inspectors appointed under this Ordinance.

3. Every person owning a dog or dogs within the limits of the said islands shall register such dog in accordance with the Schedule hereto, at the office of the Resident Agent or such other person as may be appointed for the purpose by the Resident Commissioner; and any person in whose custody, charge, or possession, or in whose house or premises, any dog or dogs shall be found or seen shall, unless the contrary be proved, be deemed to be the owner of such dog or dogs for the purpose of this Ordinance.

4. Any person owning a dog or dogs who shall on the first day of June of any year have failed to register such dog or dogs, or to pay the fee under this Ordinance, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding six shillings, or, in default of payment, to imprisonment with hard labour not exceeding six days, but such penalty or imprisonment shall not act as a discharge of the obligation to register and pay the fee therefor in accordance with the provisions of section three hereof.

5. The Inspector or any island policeman may take charge of any dog that does not appear to belong to any person, and may detain such dog until the owner has claimed the same and paid all the expenses incurred by reason of such detention :

Provided that when any dog taken in pursuance of this Ordinance has been detained for seven days, and during such period shall not have been claimed, the Inspector shall cause the dog to be destroyed.

6. The Resident Commissioner shall appoint one or more Dog-tax Inspectors for each island.

7. Section twenty of "The Au Empowering Act, 1890," is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

No. \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby registered in accordance with the provisions of "The Dog-tax Ordinance, 1902," as the owner of the dog described below.

Sex :

Colour :

Marks (if any) :

Rarotonga, \_\_\_\_\_, 190 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Resident Agent [or Inspector].

No. 19.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 17th July, 1902.

No. 13. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No. 37) of the 19th June, reporting the establishment of Island Councils at Penryhn, Rakahanga, Manihiki, and Palmerston Islands.

I am particularly pleased to hear of the friendly action of the people of the Omoko Village in presenting the Government with land and buildings, and a portion of the lagoon, for which you will be good enough to thank them.

I have, &c.,

J. CARROLL,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

For the Premier.

No. 20.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 22nd July, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that it has been decided by the Government that for the future the Hon. C. H. Mills shall have charge of the administration of the Cook and other Islands, and to request, therefore, that you will be good enough to address your communications to that gentleman.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

Acting-Premier.