

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Alofi, Niue, 17th March, 1904.

You are aware that we have a large unvaccinated population on this island. In the event of small-pox being introduced here there would inevitably be a great mortality. It is therefore expedient to have the people vaccinated. Small-pox is now prevalent in New Zealand, and it is quite possible for it to be introduced here. I have been informed that in both German and United States Samoa the population have been vaccinated since the establishment of the new rule.

I would therefore suggest that you ask the authorities (Public Health Department) to send us a sufficient supply of glycerinated calf-lymph. I fear the humanised lymph (or arm-to-arm vaccination) would not be suitable here lest syphilis, &c., might be increased among a population whose physical condition is now by no means satisfactory.

C. F. Maxwell, Esq.

Yours, &c.,

S. H. DAVIES.

No. 153.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington,
18th March, 1904.

SIR,—

Replying to your letter of the 5th February No. 7/1904, I am glad to hear that you think No. 142. there will be no more trouble at Mangaia. I quite realise the force of what you say with regard to the Arikis' Courts, and the sooner we can establish a European Court at each island the better for the Natives. Do I understand you to say that the Islands of Atiu, Mitiaro, and Mauke are not yet sufficiently self-supporting to warrant the appointment of Magistrates?

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

C. H. MILLS.

No. 154.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington,
18th March, 1904.

SIR,—

Your letter of the 8th February is to hand, forwarding two alternative Ordinances, No. 4, No. 143. dealing with the liquor question. These will be discussed in Cabinet as soon as possible, and I will then advise you as to what course is decided upon.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

C. H. MILLS.

No. 155.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington,
18th March, 1904.

SIR,—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th February, No. 13/1904, with reference to a No. 140. house for Mr. Large at Mangaia. The plan forwarded seems to be a most suitable one, and I have no doubt that in your hands the work will be carefully carried out. Please have it proceeded with as soon as possible. With regard to the site, I can only leave the selection of this to yourself. I agree with you that the Resident Agent's office should be in the position most suitable for carrying on his work. I have communicated with the Union Company's agent here, Mr. W. A. Kennedy, with reference to sending 15 tons of cement down from Auckland by one of the company's steamers, and when he has stated what the charge for freight will be I will send you a wire.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

C. H. MILLS.

No. 156.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington,
18th March, 1904.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th February, No. 6/1904, with No. 137. reference to remitting a portion of the duty on claret. I will write you again on this matter.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

C. H. MILLS.

No. 157.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington,
19th March, 1904.

SIR,—

When in Aitutaki last year the question of the wharf was mentioned. It was stated that it was desired to raise it and improve it, and some monetary assistance was asked for. Mr. Large also, in a report made since my visit, referred to the necessity for building up the wharf another 3 ft. in height, so as to protect it against damage from the heavy swells that come in from the westward. I shall be glad to hear what you consider is necessary to make the wharf really serviceable, and what you estimate the cost of the work would be.

I have, &c.,

Mr. J. C. Cameron, Resident Agent, Aitutaki.

C. H. MILLS.