

The Governor in Council is hereby empowered to make such regulations as to the form and manner of such registration, and the fees to be payable in respect thereof, as he may deem necessary or expedient.

Regulations as modified.

1. Any person desiring to register an adoption under the provisions of the said section shall lodge with the Registrar of the Cook and other Islands Land Titles Court, or with the Resident European Magistrate or Agent at any island, on behalf of and for transmission to the Registrar, a notice in the Form A in the Schedule hereto. Such notice shall be signed by the adopting party in the presence of, and be attested by, two witnesses, one of whom shall be a European Judge of the High Court of the Cook Islands, or of the Cook and other Islands Land Titles Court, Registrar of either of the said Courts, Resident Magistrate, authorised interpreter, or European Postmaster.

2. Any person desiring to register the revocation of an adoption shall lodge with the said Registrar of the Cook and other Islands Land Titles Court, or with the Resident European Magistrate or Agent at any island, on behalf of, and for transmission to, the Registrar, a notice in the Form B in the Schedule hereto. Such notice shall be signed and attested in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided with regard to a notice in Form A.

3. On the receipt of any notice as aforesaid, and on payment of the fee hereinafter prescribed, the Registrar or the Resident European Magistrate or Agent shall indorse thereon the date of reception thereof, and such notice when so indorsed and verified by the signature of the Registrar and the seal of the Cook and other Islands Land Titles Court shall be deemed to be duly filed and registered: Provided that, except by leave of the Chief Judge of the aforesaid High Court, or, in the case of Niue, the Niue Island Judge of the Land Titles Court, no notice of adoption or revocation of adoption shall be registered unless lodged within two months from the date thereof.

4. Every such notice, unless in the Native language, shall have indorsed thereon a certificate by an authorised interpreter that the contents thereof have been explained by him to the party signing the same, and that he appeared to fully understand the meaning thereof.

5. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to notify in the *Cook Islands Gazette*, as soon as may be after the registration thereof, particulars of every adoption or revocation registered under the said section, and to post notice thereof by letter to the person by whom the notice of adoption or revocation purports to have been given.

6. The fee payable for registering any adoption or revocation of any adoption shall be five shillings, and shall be paid before registration is effected. All fees shall be paid by the Registrar into the Cook Islands Treasury, except in Niue Island, in which island the fees shall be paid into the Niue Island Revenue Account.

Schedule to Regulations.

Form A.—Form of Notice of Adoption.

To the Registrar of the Cook and other Islands Land Titles Court.

I, _____, of _____, hereby give notice that I have taken _____, a child of _____, to be my adopted child according to Native custom, and I request that such adoption be registered under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901," of New Zealand, as modified.

As witness my hand, this _____ day of, 190 ____.

Signed by the said _____, in the presence of—

Form B.—Form of Notice of Revocation of Adoption.

To the Registrar of the Cook and other Islands Land Titles Court.

WHEREAS _____ is registered as my adopted child under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901," of New Zealand, as modified; and whereas I am desirous of putting an end to the said adoption: Now, therefore, I hereby revoke the authority heretofore given for registration thereof, and request that this notice may be registered under the provisions of the said section.

As witness my hand, this _____ day of, 190 ____.

Signed by the said _____, in the presence of—

J. F. ANDREWS,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

No. 95.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 29th October, 1904.

The Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Bill has now passed, and I enclose three copies of the Act herewith. I have also sent a copy each to Messrs. Large, Cameron, and Nagle.

You will notice that clauses 3 and 4 of the Bill as sent you have been struck out, and a new clause inserted which embodies the provisions of subsection (10A) of section 10 of the Order in Council establishing the Land Titles Court. This clause gives power to take land for specified public purposes and pay compensation therefor. The land so acquired, being Crown land, can then be dealt with under section 15 of the principal Act. The Order in Council has been amended by the deletion of subsection (10A) of section 10, and three copies of the amending Order are enclosed herewith.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.