

No. 43.

Niue, 22nd August, 1905.

SIR,—

I beg to hand to you for your consideration a letter from the Secretary to the General Trust Board, Auckland, with reference to receiving three Niue boys into St. Stephen's School, Parnell, Auckland; also a letter sent to Uea, Native teacher at Alofi, on a similar subject.

In this letter the Board intimated that the cost of maintenance would be £18 a year for each lad. This appears very reasonable.

As there will be no vacancies until next year there is ample time to make any arrangements necessary.

At the higher rate of £25 per annum £100 a year would probably cover cost of clothing as well as tuition for the three boys.

The money would be well spent, and if the scheme meets with your approval it would only be necessary to ascertain whether the diminished revenue of this island will admit of the expenditure.

I have, &c.,

C. F. MAXWELL,

Resident Commissioner, Niue.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister in Charge
Cook and other Islands, Wellington.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

The Diocesan Office, Shortland Street, Auckland, N.Z., 16th June, 1905.

I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th May last, stating that the Niue Island Administration desired to send three boys to St. Stephen's School, and asking what would be the cost of their maintenance.

In answer, I am desired to inform you that the Board will receive three boys on payment of a sum of £25 a year each. The Board will not be in a position to accept them until the beginning of next year (1906).

I have, &c.,

W. S. COCHRANE, Secretary.

C. F. Maxwell, Esq., Resident Commissioner, Niue.

No. 44.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 23rd August, 1905.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st July, with a Return of Exports from Niue for the Quarter ending the 30th June, 1905. I note that the return shows a considerable increase as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, which is very satisfactory.

I have, &c.,

C. H. MILLS.

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

No. 45.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 23rd August, 1905.

SIR,—

I have to inform you that, in accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of the 15th April, an Order in Council has been issued reducing to 1s. a pound the duty on black twist tobacco imported into the Cook and other Islands where the invoice value does not exceed 1s. per pound, and revoking the Order in Council dealing with this matter dated the 10th December, 1903. I have posted to you a number of printed copies of the new Order for distribution should you deem this necessary.

I have, &c.,

C. H. MILLS.

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

Enclosure.

REVOKING ORDER IN COUNCIL of the 10th December, 1903, and reducing to 1s. the Pound the Duty on Black Twist Tobacco imported into the Cook and other Islands where the Invoice Value at the Time of Importation does not exceed 1s. the Pound.

PLUNKET, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this second day of August, 1905.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by "The Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1902," and "The Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1903," and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby modify the New Zealand Customs tariff in its application to goods imported into the Cook and other Islands aforesaid by declaring and directing as follows:—

1. On the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and five, the Order in Council of the tenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and three (reducing to one shilling the pound the duty on certain tobacco imported into the said islands), shall be and be deemed to be revoked.