

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Aitutaki, 19th August, 1905.

I have the honour by direction of the Aitutaki Island Council to forward for your approval Aitutaki Ordinance No. 3, and to explain as follows:—

Section 2. The pigs here have a fairly extensive run, and no excuse can be offered for permitting the damage done by them to continue. The Council have caused every one to plant food, and it seems it is no one's business to look after the pigs that destroy the work of months in an hour or two.

Section 3 has been drawn as a fair solution of the cattle difficulty, which has been continually cropping up during the past three years. The vote was unanimous. Several violent solutions were suggested, for the cattle are in the hands of a very few owners, who take little notice of complaints; but the Council consider this section will meet the case, and gradually get rid of them all but a very few. Any beast worth keeping is worth £1 a year. There is no room in Aitutaki for many cattle, and when they break inland they do a large amount of damage.

Section 4 explains itself. The women who cannot get through their washing, &c., before 4 p.m. do not deserve consideration, as they have little else to do, and the men are kept very dirty for want of a bath. The men do all the planting, &c.

Section 5 cancels section 12 of the Aitutaki Ordinance No. 1. The parents consider they can look after their daughters, and the husbands their wives, and the R.M. is always at hand if necessary to assist them.

I have, &c.,

J. C. CAMERON.

Lieut.-Colonel Gudgeon, C.M.G., Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

Sub-enclosure.

AITUTAKI LOCAL ORDINANCE No. 3.—AITUTAKI ORDINANCE No. 3.

BE it enacted by the Island Council of Aitutaki:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be "The Aitutaki Ordinance No. 3."

2. No pig shall be allowed to run at large on Aitutaki except in the "Lagoon-side Enclosure"; and any person who finds a pig loose and devouring or destroying the food in any plantation or kainga may kill such pig there and then, and shall at once give notice to the constable of the district that he has done so.

3. On and after the 1st January, 1906, all cattle on Aitutaki shall be subject to a yearly tax of twenty shillings per head, payable in January of each and every year; but no calf shall be liable to be taxed until it shall have attained the age of one year. Owners of cattle are liable for any and all damage done by their cattle; and those owners who refuse or neglect to pay the above tax may have their cattle destroyed by order of the Council. No person shall be allowed to import cattle into Aitutaki unless by special permission of the Council.

4. And whereas the women of Aitutaki now occupy the several bathing and washing pools of Aitutaki from daylight to dark, to the exclusion of the men, who are thus unable to bathe until night: From and after the passing of this Ordinance the bathing and washing pools shall be at the disposal of the women from early morning until four p.m. on each and every day, at which hour every woman shall have finished her washing, &c., and shall leave the waters for the use of the men only.

Any woman offending against this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not exceeding five shillings for each offence.

5. Section 12 of Aitutaki Island Ordinance No. 1, being inexpedient and unnecessary, is hereby rescinded, cancelled, and declared null and void, and no longer in force in Aitutaki.

6. All tea-shops shall be closed between the hours of nine o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m.; and children under the age of thirteen years shall not be allowed to congregate or wait about or in any tea-shop, except when in charge of their parents.

Any tea-shop licensee who neglects to see the provisions of this section attended to shall be liable to have his license cancelled or suspended; and it shall be the duty of the police to assist in seeing that this section is enforced.

J. C. CAMERON,

President, Aitutaki Island Council.

19th August, 1905.

[Assented to by the Governor, 23rd September, 1905.]

No. 50.

SIR,—

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 24th August, 1905.

I have to inform you that 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 previous Order in Council dealing with this matter, which was passed on 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, Rarotonga.

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