

## No. 77.

## THE COOK AND OTHER ISLANDS LAND TITLES COURT.

SIR,—

Registrar's Office, Rarotonga, 12th October, 1905.

No. 73.

I have the honour, in the absence of the Resident Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th September, enclosing notices taking land for township purposes at Avarua, and also notice taking lands for roads at Avarua, which will be duly published in the *Cook Islands Gazette*.

The matter of the draft regulations for the township land will doubtless be dealt with by the Resident Commissioner on his return to Rarotonga.

I have, &amp;c.,

E. BLAINE, Registrar.

Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister for the Islands, Wellington.

## No. 78.

SIR,—

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 16th October, 1905.

No. 37.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th August, and now beg to forward herewith notices signed by His Excellency the Governor, taking the lagoons at Penrhyn and Manihiki for the purposes of public pearl-shell fisheries.

As it was not clear that the lagoons could be regarded as Crown lands, it was deemed advisable to take them under section 3 of "The Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1904," and when you have had the notices gazetted, the reserves can be proclaimed in accordance with section 15 of the Act of 1901. You will be appointed to administer the reserves, and when you think the time is opportune, you can issue the necessary regulations under section 4 of the Act of last session, for the Governor's approval.

I have, &amp;c.,

C. H. MILLS.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

## Enclosures.

## LAND TAKEN FOR PUBLIC PEARL-SHELL FISHERIES AT PENRHYN.

PLUNKET, Governor.

WHEREAS the lands included within the boundaries described in the schedule hereto are required to be taken under "The Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1904," for certain public works, to wit, for public pearl-shell fisheries at Penrhyn.

Now, therefore, I, William Lee, Baron Plunket, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities in me vested by the said Act, and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby notify that on the date of the publication hereof in the *Cook Islands Gazette* the lands included within the boundaries described in the schedule hereto are taken for the purposes of public pearl-shell fisheries at Penrhyn.

## Schedule.

All the inland sea or lagoon enclosed by the reef and islands of the Penrhyn atoll, excluding only the islands within the reef. Commencing on the south side of the Taruia entrance; thence south-east and east to the Omoka Village; thence by the shores of the lagoon east, north, and west to the Village of Te Tautua; and thence west and south by the island known as Morokai to the point of commencement.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this 13th day of October, 1905.

C. H. MILLS.

## LAND TAKEN FOR PUBLIC PEARL-SHELL FISHERIES AT MANIHIKI.

PLUNKET, Governor.

WHEREAS the lands included within the boundaries described in the schedule hereto are required to be taken under "The Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1904," for certain public works, to wit, for public pearl-shell fisheries at Manihiki:

Now, therefore, I, William Lee, Baron Plunket, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities in me vested by the said Act, and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby notify that on the date of the publication hereof in the *Cook Islands Gazette* the lands included within the boundaries described in the schedule hereto are taken for the purposes of public pearl-shell fisheries at Manihiki.

## Schedule.

All the inland sea enclosed by the reef and islands known as Manihiki. Commencing at the Village of Tauhunu; thence by the shores of the lagoon to the Village of Tukao; and thence by the reef and islands along the shore of the lagoon to the point of commencement: excluding, however, all the islands within the lagoon.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this 13th day of October, 1905.

C. H. MILLS.