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SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 24th October, 1905.
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st September, forwarding a draft notice taking roads at Avarua, as under: (1) The Victoria Road, (2) the Takuvaie Valley Road, (3) the Ara Metua (Ancient) Road, (4) the Avatiu Valley Road.

I now enclose a notice, duly signed by His Excellency the Governor, for publication in the *Cook Islands Gazette*. I have &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

C. H. MILLS.

Enclosure.

LANDS TAKEN FOR ROADS AT AVARUA, RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS.

PLUNKET, Governor.

WHEREAS the lands respectively mentioned 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 roads at Avarua, Rarotonga, Cook Islands:

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 respectively mentioned in the schedule hereto are hereby taken for the purposes of roads.

Schedule.

All that piece of land, known as Victoria Road, 10 meters wide, in the District of Avarua, Island of Rarotonga, starting at the southern side of the Main Beach Road at a point 175 meters easterly from the north-east corner of Section 44; thence southerly 262 meters to the northern side of the Ara Metua.

All that piece of land, known as Takuvaie Road, 10 meters wide, in the District of Avarua, Island of Rarotonga, starting at the north-west corner of Section 1 on the southern side of the Main Beach Road; thence southerly 352 meters, to the northern side of the Ara Metua near concrete block 122, and starting again from the southern side of the Ara Metua near concrete block 122A, with a width of 5 meters; thence south-easterly 282 meters, to concrete block 123; south-easterly 217 meters, to concrete block 124; south-easterly 227 meters, to concrete block 125.

All that piece of land, known as Ara Metua, 5 meters wide, in the District of Avarua, Island of Rarotonga, starting at the western side of Section 52; thence south-westerly 402 meters, to the eastern side of Section 51; westerly 704 meters, to concrete block 122; thence south-westerly 137 meters, to concrete block 122A, westerly 155 meters, to the western side of Section 95; north-westerly 147 meters, to concrete block 47; north-westerly 396 meters, to concrete block 48; south-westerly 276 meters, to concrete block 120; westerly 414 meters, to concrete block 121 on the eastern side of the Avatiu Road; westerly 239 meters, to concrete block 126; north-westerly 571 meters, to concrete block 131; westerly 274 meters, to concrete block 132; westerly 239 meters, to concrete block 133; thence westerly 608 meters, to concrete block 134; westerly 895 meters, to concrete block 135; westerly 322 meters, to concrete block 136; south-westerly 358 meters, to concrete block 137; south-westerly 312 meters, to concrete block 138, on the boundary between the Districts of Avarua and Arorangi.

All that piece of land, known as Avatiu Road, 10 meters wide, in the District of Avarua, Island of Rarotonga, starting from the western side of the Main Beach Road near concrete block 6; thence westerly 161 meters; south-westerly 336 meters, to the northern side of the Ara Metua near concrete block 121; thence with a width of 5 meters starting from the south side of the Ara Metua near concrete block 121; thence south-westerly 376 meters, to concrete block 127; south-westerly 346 meters, to concrete block 128; south-westerly 473 meters, to concrete block 129; southerly 487 meters, to concrete block 139; south-easterly 258 meters, to concrete block 140.

The said lands are more particularly delineated in the plan deposited in the office of the Cook and other Islands Land Titles Court at Avarua, Rarotonga.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this 23rd day of October, 1905.

C. H. MILLS.

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No. 82.

SIR,—

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 24th October, 1905.
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th September, in reference to the proposal that the Government should lease all the available unoccupied lands in the Group, and sublease to European settlers.

I referred the matter to the Solicitor-General for his views on the legal aspect of the proposal, and he is of opinion that legislation is necessary, but that an Ordinance of the local Council will meet the case. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will endeavour to have an Ordinance passed dealing with the matter on the lines of your suggestions.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

C. H. MILLS.