

The fact is that no passage is of any use unless it has 6 ft. of water at the lowest tide, and therein lies the difficulty; in effect, unless the passage is very good and deep, the reef is much safer.

In any case a really experienced man is required with good boring apparatus, or the money will be wasted, since dynamite will be required by the ton.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister administering the Islands, Wellington.

No. 155.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 7th March, 1906.

Memo. for the Hon. the Postmaster-General.

No. 105.

REFERRING to your memo. of the 30th December, No. O.R. 1923, I have to say that the matter was submitted to the Resident Commissioner at Rarotonga for his consideration, and I have now received his reply. From this it appears that it is desirable that a money-order office be established at Mangaia, and I shall be glad therefore if you will give the matter your favourable consideration. If the change is decided upon, Mr. J. T. Large, Resident Agent on Mangaia, should be appointed Postmaster.

I shall be glad if you will let me know when the matter is decided.

C. H. MILLS.

No. 156.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 7th March, 1906.

No. 132.

SIR,— I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th January with reference to the proposal to establish a money-order office at Mangaia, and the appointment of Mr. Large Postmaster, &c.

I agree with you that such an office is desirable on the island, and I have written the Hon. the Postmaster-General advising that the contemplated change be made. I will advise you as soon as the matter has been decided.

I have, &c.,

C. H. MILLS.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

No. 157.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 7th March, 1906.

No. 128.

SIR,— I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th January with reference to the freezing plant established at Rarotonga by Messrs. Donald and Edenborough, and, under the circumstances mentioned, I approve of the subsidy from your Government being increased from £50 to £75 per annum.

I have, &c.,

C. H. MILLS.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

No. 158.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 7th March, 1906.

No. 134.

SIR,— I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th February, and in reply have to say that I approve of Mr. Percy Brown being appointed auditor of the accounts of your Administration for the current year. The appointment by Governor's Warrant will follow in due course.

I have, &c.,

C. H. MILLS.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

No. 159.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 7th March, 1906.

SIR,— I have to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. W. J. Stevenson, J. T. Large, J. C. Cameron, and M. J. Nagle to be officers who may sell or supply liquor under the provisions of section 22 of "The Licensing Acts Amendment Act, 1904," in the Islands of Rarotonga, Mangaia, Aitutaki, and Penrhyn respectively. I forward herewith four copies of the *New Zealand Gazette* containing the appointments.

I have, &c.,

C. H. MILLS.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.