

The expenditure of this large sum out of the limited resources of the Niue Island Administration has proved rather a strain on our finances. The buildings might have been erected at a much less cost, but, having regard to future maintenance, I deemed it advisable to construct them as substantially as possible, in order that they may resist the ravages of the white ant and other deteriorating influences peculiar to these Islands.

I have, &c.,

H. CORNWALL,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. James Carroll,

Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration, Wellington.

No. 41.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 3rd September, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 16, of the 14th August, reporting the opening of the Tufu School.

I have read your report with much interest, and am gratified to learn that so much interest is taken in the school, and that it starts with such favourable prospects of success.

I have, &c.,

J. CARROLL.

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

ELECTION OF MEMBER OF ISLAND COUNCIL.

No. 42.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 31st August, 1909.

I have the honour to inform you that Puletagaloo, member of the Niue Island Council for Hakupu, died on the 18th April last, and that Likalika was elected on the 19th May to succeed him.

I have, &c.,

H. CORNWALL,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. James Carroll,

Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration, Wellington.

No. 43.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 8th October, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st August last, reporting the death of Puletagaloo, member of the Niue Island Council for Hakupu, and the election of Likalika as Puletagaloo's successor.

I have, &c.,

J. CARROLL.

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

NIUE ISLAND ORDINANCES.

No. 44.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 4th September, 1909.

I have the honour to forward herewith two copies each of the English and Niue versions of the Niue Island Undesirable Immigrants and Vagrancy Ordinance, 1909, which was passed by the Niue Island Council on the 31st ultimo.

It is sought by this Ordinance to bring the Niue laws into line with those of most of the neighbouring islands, and thus prevent Niue from becoming a refuge for undesirables.

When assented to by His Excellency the Governor, I shall be pleased if you will arrange to cause me to be supplied with 100 copies of each version of the Ordinance.

I have, &c.,

H. CORNWALL,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. James Carroll,

Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration, Wellington.

Enclosure.

ORDINANCE NO. 27.—THE NIUE ISLAND UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS AND VAGRANCY ORDINANCE, 1909.

BE IT ENACTED by the Niue Island Council as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance is the Niue Island Undesirable Immigrants and Vagrancy Ordinance, 1909.

2. No person who shall have been convicted at any place outside of Niue of an indictable offence, and no person of notoriously bad character, or of drunken habits, or of unsound mind, shall be brought to, or land, or remain in Niue.

3. The master of any vessel arriving at Niue shall forthwith report in writing to the Collector of Customs the names, and, as far as is known, the occupations of all passengers on board such vessel.