

3. Any Customs officer, constable, or other person appointed for that purpose by the Resident Commissioner may detain and examine the contents of any package imported into the Cook Islands in respect whereof a violation of the provisions of section two hereof is reasonably suspected.

4. Immediately upon the publication of this Ordinance as aforesaid, all cartridges, cartridge-cases, gunpowder, bullets, shot, or other ammunition in the possession, custody, or control of any person within the said islands shall be delivered up by such person to such officer or officers in each island as may be appointed for that purpose by the Resident Commissioner, and in default of any such delivery any such officer may take possession of all cartridges, cartridge-cases, gunpowder, bullets, shot, or other ammunition in the possession, custody, or control of any person who fails to make such delivery as aforesaid, and for that purpose may enter into and upon any land, building, or other place. There shall be paid to the owner or owners of any cartridges, cartridge-cases, gunpowder, bullets, shot, or other ammunition delivered or taken as aforesaid such reasonable compensation as may be arranged between the said owner or owners and such officer as aforesaid. If such owner or owners and such officer do not agree as to the amount of compensation the same shall be fixed by the Resident Commissioner.

5. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, it shall be lawful for any officer or officers appointed for that purpose by the Resident Commissioner to import into the Cook Islands, and to sell or give to any person or persons, subject to such conditions as may from time to time be imposed by the Resident Commissioner, firearms and cartridges, cartridge-cases, gunpowder, bullets, shot, and other ammunition. Such officer shall keep a correct and true account of all firearms and ammunition imported or received by him on behalf of the Government, and of the names of all persons to whom any firearms or ammunition is sold or given as aforesaid.

6. Every person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this Ordinance is liable to a penalty for each such offence not exceeding twenty pounds, or in default to imprisonment with or without hard labour to a term not exceeding three months.

7. The word "firearms" where used in this Ordinance shall mean and include all weapons from which a shot is discharged by the force of an explosive substance or by compressed air.

Passed by the Federal Council this twentieth day of March, nineteen hundred and twelve.

S. SAVAGE,

Clerk to Council.

Approved.

J. EMAN SMITH,

Resident Commissioner.

Assented to in the name and on behalf of His Majesty.

25th May, 1912.

ISLINGTON, Governor.

NIUE ISLAND.

REPORT OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

No. 1.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 29th April, 1912.

I have the honour to forward herewith my report for the year ended the 31st March, 1912, together with Statement of Revenue, Statement of Expenditure (with substatements C, D, and E), Statement of Liquor Account, Return of Imports, and Return of Exports.

I have, &c.,

H. CORNWALL,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. the Minister, Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The receipts from all sources amounted to £1,797 3s. 5d., and the expenditure to £2,089 10s. 11d. The receipts were £353 8s. 11d. more than the preceding year, but they include a new item—viz., £150, "Contribution by Natives towards medical service." Apart from this, however, the receipts show an increase of £203 8s. 11d. over those for the year 1910–11. The expenditure amounted to £292 7s. 6d. more than the receipts. The establishment of the medical service and a considerable expenditure on public works accounted for this; but nevertheless the year ended with a balance of £1,489 16s. 11d. to the credit of the Administration.

The expenditure may be classified as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Permanent charges (salaries, medical service, school, &c.) ..	1,032	10	10
Public works, as per statement C	845	10	5
Other charges	211	9	8

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Full details of the revenue and expenditure will be found in statements A and B, and the supporting statements attached hereto,