

order, that the Mau is to be dispersed. Now, as you state, the discussions of the Mau are slow, because we have discussed things carefully, slowly, and surely. Now you want us to disperse, and how are we to discuss matters you have put before us; and we have also put our matters before Your Excellency for discussion; and at the same time you have said we are to disperse, and how are we, the Mau, to discuss and consider your matters? So put before us plainly and tell us exactly whether you have the full power to settle and redress our grievances and our troubles. We notice in your remarks that you have charged us and blamed us, and how about you? You have not treated us properly until some of us were killed, and that caused us more dissatisfaction.

With regard to that proposed fono which you wish for, our request in that matter is that that fono is to be held between Your Excellency and the Mau alone, a meeting that would be held only between Your Excellency and the Mau. Do not make us join together with those Samoans who have supported you, because we have not got yet what will satisfy us. Those sections of the Samoans who are not with us are quite satisfied with you, but we, the Mau, are not satisfied with you, with anything. That is our reply this morning to your remarks. Soifua.

*His Excellency the Administrator:* I think there is nothing more to be said this morning. We will stand by what we have already arranged—the giving up of the wanted men. I am sorry to know that those who have broken the law are among your principal leaders. We will stand by that, and no doubt you will arrange for that to be done straight away. You will require a little further time to disperse. We fixed originally for the truce to end at 8 o'clock this morning. We will make it end now at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning in order to give you any additional time that may be needed, and with regard to the proposal which I have made of a meeting you will be able to discuss that in your own villages and districts, and I will keep in touch with such of your leaders as are my neighbours, Tamasese, and Faumuina if he is in Lepea, and I trust that we will be able to have such a meeting as I have suggested. If there are any details that you wish to discuss such as Faumuina has alluded to, we may possibly be able to arrange for separate meetings, but that is a matter which I can consider and think over in due course. Meanwhile this fono must end. I remind you of what I have said on previous occasions here. I am glad we have had this meeting because it enables us possibly to understand one another better.

There is one matter that I had forgotten for the moment. Faumuina has asked if I have the power to settle any points that may arise in the course of our discussions—I have. I have that power vested in me as Administrator on behalf of the New Zealand Government, and as the representative of His Majesty the King. I need not say any more on that question.

I am glad to see you here, and I am glad to have had this further opportunity of meeting with you, and once again I offer you my best wishes and I trust that the affairs of Samoa may prosper.

*Faumuina:* The Mau will not disperse. They will discuss matters for the fono, but they will not disperse, and you can do what you wish with the Mau.

*His Excellency the Administrator:* Yes; well, I will rely on Faumuina to do what they have already promised.

Meeting concluded.

*Letter handed to Administrator by Faumuina and other Members of the Mau.*

[Translation.]

Vaimoso, 7th March, 1930.

SIR,—

In the name of the Mau of Western Samoa, I wish to reply to your dispatches received from the firmament in the printed leaflets which were scattered among us to say that you wished to meet the leaders of the Mau and that those required by the Government to submit to trial by the Court be handed over, as follows:—

1. All the complaints of the Samoans against the New Zealand Government, and her control of Samoa have been submitted from the beginning of this controversy in petitions and other declarations to the Government in Samoa, the New Zealand Government, the League of Nations, the Prince of Wales, and even to His Majesty the King of Great Britain. The Mau still awaits reply to the matters mentioned in such petitions and other declarations as explained therein.

2. If to not one subject mentioned in such petitions and other declarations has there been no favourable consideration given, then the Mau can see no useful purpose in the meeting or conference with Your Excellency.

3. If one or more subjects contained in such petitions and other declarations have received favourable consideration by Your Excellency or the New Zealand Government then why have we not been told of them before or be told of them now?

4. The meeting or conference required by Your Excellency with the leaders of the Mau, why should we not be told of the matters which may be discussed?

5. If Your Excellency will tell us of the matters you wish to discuss at such meeting, will Your Excellency permit of subjects which the Mau require to deliberate on at such meeting being submitted to you?

6. Your Excellency is aware that some of the Mau leaders are included in the list of those required by the Court. Is it possible to erase their names from that list, except such as may be known to have committed a serious crime such as murder?

7. How can such a meeting be held on an equal footing to the two sides unless all punishments imposed by the Government on Samoans and Europeans arising out of this controversy have been wiped out?