

From the statement made by the Arawa chiefs who gave evidence before the Committee, it would appear that Rota and his people are now leasing and selling to the Government against the wish of the other sections of the Arawa Tribe, and that the large majority of the tribe are entirely opposed to the granting of the prayer of this petition.

The Committee consider that the best solution of the difficulty is that set out in their report on the petitions from the Arawa Tribe, namely, that the restrictions at present existing should be removed, so that the tribe may dispose of their lands to the best advantage; and they recommend accordingly.

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