

ment. Certain Europeans, whose hostility to Government or naturally-mischievous bent continually impels them to press their advice and opinion upon natives, contributed to the danger of the moment. One of these persons has apparently relieved his mind in print (*vide* annexure), and it serves the purpose of indicating the fact that it is not only a voice in the ordinary affairs of the Colony to which some of the settlers aspire, and to something more than a voice in the matter of the appointment of European officers, but that this class seek the power of interfering in every and all directions—the right of exercising the fullest freedom of speech, no matter how calamitous may be the results of doing so among 125,000 natives, controlled solely by the moral power attaching to a Government unsupported by physical force.

Knowing as I well do what is meant by the desire expressed in the fourth section of the 18th paragraph of the petition, I do not hesitate to say that the “relief” actually prayed for is utterly inconsistent with the “existing rights and privileges of the native races, inhabitants of the colony,” and equally inconsistent with the public safety. As to the manner in which the danger of this interference should be avoided, I have long since expressed my opinion; but when, as in the *Fiji Times* of the 6th October, we learn that the promoters of this petition have only abstained from stirring up excitement among the native population out of consideration for the Government, it may be well to reflect upon what might happen in the future when no such generous consideration may be exercised.

JOHN B. THURSTON.

17th November, 1883.

Allardyce, W. L., Stipendiary Magistrate; *Allen, J., Assistant Gaoler; Anson, H., Agent-General of Immigration; *Beauclerc, G. A. F. W., Inspector of Immigrants; *Bentley, H., Supernumerary Clerk, Treasury; *Bentley, R., Clerk to Attorney-General; *Bertram, G., Storeman; *Brunn, L. W. J., Clerk to Registrar-General; Brown, H. G., Clerk, Audit Office; Bureau, A., Accountant, Provincial Office; *Blyth, Hon. J., Commissioner, Native Affairs; Blyth, D., Medical Officer; Beith, R., Medical Officer; *Ball, E. R., Government Surveyor; *Carew, Hon. W. S., Stipendiary Magistrate; *Chisholm, D. J., Assistant Auditor; *Cocks, R., Harbourmaster, Levuka; *Cocks, J., Assistant Native Commissioner; Cornelius, F., Hindustani Interpreter; Collet, W., Inspector of Immigrants and Assistant to Native Commissioner; *Coxon, W., Clerk and Interpreter; *Cox, J., Gaoler, Suva; Corney, B. G., Medical Officer; *Cogan, J., Customs Officer; Davidson, W. H., Hindustani Interpreter; Davidson, J., Hindustani Interpreter; Dods, M., Clerk, Executive Council; De Silva, A., Hindustani Interpreter; Eastgate, A., Stipendiary Magistrate; Emberson, H. G. C., Registrar-General; Eyre, H., District Inspector; Fleming, A., Accountant, Immigration Department; Forster, J., Sub-Agent of Immigration; Fowler, J., Inspector of Police; Friend, P. S., Chief Clerk, Provincial Department; Gardiner, G., Customs Officer; Ghio, C., Medical Officer; Gibb, W., Clerk, Treasury; Gray, A., Customs Officer; Gordon, W. M., Acting Resident Commissioner, Rotumah; Groom, W. O., Clerk, Customs Department; Halkett, F. C., Stipendiary Magistrate; Hansen, C., Foreman, Government Works; Hedstrom, N., Harbourmaster, Suva; Heffernan, E. O. B., Stipendiary Magistrate; Hunter, H., Chief Police Magistrate; Irvine, C. H. H., Registrar, Supreme Court; Keaney, T., Government Surveyor; Langford, J., Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary; Langton, A., Clerk, Colonial Secretary; Lomborg, E., District Inspector; Leese, H., Master, schooner “Zephyr”; Lee, J., Storekeeper, A.N.C.; Marriott, S. F., European Officer, A.N.C.; Marriott, A., Clerk and Interpreter; *Milne, H. T., Depot-keeper; Michael, H. M., Hindustani Interpreter; *Martin, G. F., Government Surveyor; *Mackay, A. R., Government Vaccinator; *Moore, G., Staff Surveyor; *Moore, E. J., Draughtsman; *Molloy, J., Court-keeper; *McFadyen, J. A., Clerk, Post Office; *McFadyen, J., Clerk, Provincial Office; *Murray, W. L., District Inspector; *Otway, F., Inspector of Immigrants; Patullo, W., Medical Officer; Paul, D., Accountant, Post Office, Suva; Pounds, F. J., Medical Officer; *Rego, G., Assistant Storekeeper; *Reeve, H., Staff Surveyor; Ross, J. K. M., Stipendiary Magistrate; *Sabben, F., Customs Officer; *Schemmel, J., Government Surveyor; *Scott, R., Accountant, Treasury; *Smart, D. H., Collector, Customs; Sutherland, Wm., Stipendiary Magistrate; Stewart, J., Postmaster, Levuka; *Swayne, C. R., Stipendiary Magistrate; *Spence, F., Clerk, Lands Office; *Spence, Frank, Second Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office; *St. Julian, J., Stipendiary Magistrate; *Swann, F., Dispenser; *Taylor, A., Stipendiary Magistrate; *Thomson, T., Bond-keeper; *Thomson, J. P., Government Surveyor; Trezevant, R. D., Hindustani Interpreter; Tabone, V., Medical Officer; Turner, E. C., Customs Officer; Tripp, H. L., Superintendent, Industrial School; Vaughan, J. D. W., Government Storekeeper; Walker, L. J., Colonial Postmaster; West, J., Customs Officer; Wilson, S., Customs Officer; Wilson, R., District Inspector; Woodford, C. M., Clerk, Treasury; Wright, A. G., Hindustani Interpreter.

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AN ORDINANCE (enacted by the Governor of the Colony of Fiji, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof) to provide for the Temporary Management of the Town of Suva.

(L.S.) G. W. DES VŒUX, 18th January, 1881.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the Management and Improvement of the Town of Suva while in progress of building, and before a Town Board can be advantageously constituted:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:—

I. This Ordinance shall continue in force until the establishment in the Town of Suva of a Town Board, and no longer.

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, during the continuation of this Ordinance, to appoint a Warden of Suva, hereinafter called the Warden, who, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties of a Warden and Town Board, or either of them, under the Towns Ordinance, 1877, and shall have all the means of

* Nearly every one marked * was in the Colony prior to annexation.