

10. I regret to say that the position of Mr. Moss is not a satisfactory one. His salary is totally inadequate to the position, and he shrinks from the expense attendant in living in the residence which Queen Makea and her subjects propose to build for him. Moreover, the legal position of his salary is not unassailable, and I have therefore directed him to return here during the next session of the New Zealand Parliament in order that it may be seen how far it may be possible to meet his views.

11. I have the honour to enclose copies of my latest instructions to him, and of the Proclamation which I have directed him to read.

I have, &c.,
ONSLow.

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

Enclosure 1.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 14th April, 1891.

His Excellency Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Scott has received a reply to inquiries made of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty as to sending one of Her Majesty's vessels to the Cook Group, which is not within the limits of the Australian station, and has been authorised to send one.

2. His Excellency now proposes that H.M.S. "Goldfinch" shall proceed on Thursday next, the 16th instant, to Rarotonga, and she will carry this despatch.

3. The "Goldfinch" will be able to remain for about a fortnight in the group, and you will communicate with Lieutenant-Commander Kingswill as to the movements of his vessel. So far as you can, you will avail yourself of the presence of the man-of-war to visit the several islands, taking with you the Proclamation already furnished to you.

4. You should endeavour to make arrangements for representatives from the several islands to come up to Rarotonga when a council can most conveniently be held there, at which the various subjects upon which you have received my instructions can be discussed, especially the best means of raising some revenue to be applied to the purposes of the executive.

5. You will make a point of visiting the islands of Mangaia and Aitutaki, where the recent disturbances have taken place, and I am in hopes that the appearance of a man-of-war will convince the inhabitants of the authority which you now bear, and will enable you to effect a satisfactory settlement of all difficulties.

6. While the Proclamation is to be read in all the other islands, you will carefully avoid any such formality in the island of Aitutaki. The steps already taken, and the Proclamation read in that island by Captain Bourke need no modification.

F. J. Moss, Esq., British Resident in Cook Group.

I have, &c.,
ONSLow.

Enclosure 2.

PROCLAMATION TO THE ARIKIS, CHIEFS, AND PEOPLE OF RAROTONGA, MANGAIA, ATIU, MAUKE, MITIARO, HERVEY ISLAND.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India, having directed Captain Bourke, of H.M.S. "Hyacinth," on the 27th October, 1888, to hoist the British flag on the Cook Islands, and to declare to the inhabitants of those islands that Her Majesty had been pleased to grant to them the protection of the British flag:

Now, in respect to the island of _____, one of the said Cook Islands, I, William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, Governor of New Zealand, do declare to the *ariki* and people of _____ that I have received Her Majesty's commands to inform them that the aforesaid Proclamation of Captain Bourke does not render necessary the incorporation of the island of _____ into Her Majesty's dominions, or the transfer of the jurisdiction over the inhabitants generally, from the native rulers to the British Crown. For the present, at least, British authority in _____ will retain the form of a protectorate. Her Majesty has therefore duly authorised the appointment of Frederick Joseph Moss to be British Resident within the group. The British Resident has received from me full and definite instructions as to the action which he will take. Her Majesty's Government will not recognise any new laws unless countersigned by the British Resident, who is instructed at all times to give his assistance and advice to the *ariki* and people.

Signed at Government House, at Auckland, New Zealand, the 4th day of April, 1891.

ONSLow.

E TUATUA AKAKITE KIA KOTOU, NGA ARIKI, E TE AU MATAIAPo, E TE UI RANGATIRA O TE ENUA RA KO.

KO TE ARIKI VAINe, KO VICTORIA, e Ariki no Beretane, e Ekotia, e Ireland, e Ariki rai no India: Kua akakite aia ia kia Captain E. G. Bourke, e rangatira manua o te pai ra ko "Hyacinth," te ra 27 o Okatopa, 1888, e oatu kia kotou (koia oki ko Rarotonga, Mangaia, Atiu, Mitiaro, Mauke, e Manuai), te tangata enua o te Kukimotu, te reva tamaru Beretane:

E teianei, ko te tuatua teia no te enua ra ko ko au teia William Hillier, e Mataiapo ra no Onslow, Beretane, &c., &c., e Kavana katoa no Nu Tireni, te akakite nei au kia kotou, nga Ariki, te au Mataiapo e te ui Rangatira i te enua ra ko _____ kua karanga mai te Ariki Vaine of Beretane teia tuatua nei; ko te tuatua e akakite ia a Captain Bourke, kua tika rai, kare aia e rave te ture enua,