

people are endeavouring to obtain your Majesty's consent and permission to introduce and sell intoxicating liquors in your beautiful island. We have witnessed the terrible effects which have followed their use here, and the poverty, crime, and other evils which always attend their sale. We therefore pray you, as Queen, to exercise your power, and forbid the landing and sale of intoxicating liquors in your dominions."

APPENDICES NOS. 3 AND 4.

Reply from Queen Makea and her Secretary.

SIR,—

Rarotonga, 18th July, 1890.

Your petition reached us, and we are pleased to know that you are so willing to help us in our trouble about the intoxicating liquor. Our laws do not permit liquor to be imported here, but in spite of our endeavours it is brought here, and the Acting Consul (Mr. R. Exham), being manager of a trading firm, does not give us any help, he bringing liquor here. We ask you to help us to stop its coming here by speaking to your Government to make a law to stop its exportation from New Zealand to this group. You speak good, and we are pleased with you, and hope you will succeed on our behalf. We send a petition to the Governor of New Zealand to the same purport as this. We want no liquor here at all. Hoping to hear that you have been successful in this,

We remain, your friends,

Sir Wm. Fox, President, New Zealand Alliance.

MAKEA ARIKI.

SIR,—

I am desired by Queen Makea and the chiefs of this island to express to you their thanks for your kind encouragement in their endeavours to prohibit the importation of liquor here. Enclosed you will find seven copies of the address we send your Alliance, and we would ask you to kindly forward them on to their correct destinations, and hope your valuable aid will be given to not only stay the export from New Zealand, but also from Tonga, Samoa, and Tahiti, to this place. We propose to send a petition to the authorities of the places named, and have asked Lord Onslow to communicate with those places upon the matter. Please add your Alliance's influence in the same direction.

I remain, &c.,

Sir Wm. Fox, President, New Zealand Alliance, Auckland.

H. ELLIS, Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 5.

Letter to Sir John Thurston from New Zealand Alliance.

SIR,—

New Zealand Alliance Office, Auckland, New Zealand, 30th May, 1890.

On behalf of the New Zealand Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, I have the honour to call your attention to a report which is current here, apparently on good authority, to the effect that an agitation is on foot to procure the repeal of the prohibitory law against the importation of alcoholic liquors in force in the Island of Rarotonga, and which we believe is embodied in the political Constitution of that island, and has been hitherto rigidly enforced. We would not presume to interfere in the affairs of that independent island were it not that it is understood that the attempt to obtain the repeal of this law is being promoted mainly on account of certain commercial parties in this colony who have an interest in the sale of liquors among the islands, which so far involves the colonists of New Zealand in responsibility for what is being done. There has always been a great interest taken here in the inhabitants of Rarotonga, who appear to be of the same genealogy as the Maoris, and who have frequently visited this colony, and, in the person of their Queen, only a few months ago have been received with much sympathy by both races of its inhabitants.

We are not aware how far your official functions may enable you to interfere in a case of this sort, but we feel assured that, whether officially or in your private capacity, you must be able to influence decision of the Rarotongan Government. We beg, therefore, most respectfully, that you will exert your influence to prevent, if possible, so great a calamity as the repeal of the law would undoubtedly be to Rarotonga.

I am, &c.,

W. Fox.

APPENDIX No. 6.

Letter from the High Commissioner to Sir W. Fox.

SIR,—

High Commissioner's Office, Western Pacific, Suva, Fiji, 21st August, 1890.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th of May last, having reference to the repeal of the prohibitory laws of Rarotonga against the introduction of alcoholic liquors.

His Excellency desires me to say that he has received similar communications from other sources, and that, so far as in him lies, he will do all in his power to prevent the repeal of such salutary laws as those referred to.

The High Commissioner has no jurisdiction at present over natives of the Pacific; but he believes his counsel and advice to the native authorities of the Hervey Group would not be without weight.

I am to add that Sir John Thurston has long sought, and still hopes, to attain an international agreement by which trade in liquor and arms among the Pacific-islanders may be entirely suppressed. And in this question, as it from time to time arises, His Excellency invites the influence and support of the Alliance over which you preside.

I have, &c.,

WILFRED COLLETT, Secretary.