

the amount of the award is fully paid, which I have little doubt will be within the reasonable time they ask for, and which they may fairly claim. There was no malevolence or cruelty in their action towards Pearse. It was a blunder, done in the heat of passion and the absence of forms of procedure that would have given time for consideration. The penalty, too, falls upon many who are certainly not participators in the offence.

Immediately on receipt of this letter, I proceeded on board the "Torea," arriving in Rarotonga on the 26th, after a short passage of twenty hours. This was fortunate, as her decks were so crowded that it was literally impossible to move about without passing over the prostrate forms of the passengers. As the little vessel crept along the reef towards the harbour, the people on board—Rarotongans and Mangaiaans—sang hymns to let those on shore know that they brought good news, and, as they entered the harbour, struck up "God Save the Queen," which they have learned to sing very well.

For my own part, I came back well satisfied with having settled this troublesome legacy of Pearse's expulsion without resort to force, and by means of the local Government, whose existence was thus made visible to all the people. With these views I respectfully submit my report for your Excellency's consideration.

The Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G.,
Governor of New Zealand, &c.

I have, &c.,
FREDERICK J. MOSS,
British Resident.

Enclosure in No. 1.

MEETING held in front of the House of JOHN (*Ariki*), Oneroa, on Friday, 31st July, 1891, at 1 p.m. Present—About three hundred in all. *Arikis*—John and Nooroa.

Tavaenga District: Turoua (Governor), Tua, Poiva, Matapuku, Kakerua, Pouvai.

Karanga: Pute (Governor), Rimataei, Takaiti, Tatau, Maaiti.

Ivirua: Vaipo (Governor), Makiamo, Ngaraoki, Angakiore, Maoti, Puroku.

Veitatei: Kiriiti (Governor), Tu, Meringatangi, Kavae, Mataiti, Aromaki.

Oneroa, Keia District: Ata (Governor), Ravaiti, Maumau, Teati, Tenioiti, Kumaiti.

Tamarua: Ngariu (Governor), Pareina, Patui Matau, Angai, Raavai, Pokino, Teaiti, Tearo, Ingatu, Kauarivai, Tepokione.

Mr. F. J. Moss (British Resident), presided. Prayers by Meringatangi. Mr. Henry Nicholas interpreted.

Aitutaki: Teurukura (*Ariki*), Hama (*Ariki*), Vaeruarangi (*Ariki*), John Mokoenga, M.P.

Rarotonga: Karika (*Ariki*), Papai.

Atiu: Iti, Utakea (chiefs).

Mr. Moss addressed the meeting, told them he had prepared in English what he had to say, and, as all present understood the Maori, would ask King John to read the translation prepared for this meeting.

Address read by King John, as follows:—

"Ki nga Ariki o te enua, e nga Kavana o Mangaia, e te ui Rangatira i roto i nga ono o Mangaia, e te tangata katoa i roto i nga puna:

Kia ora ana kotou katoa.

"E anoano toku kia aravei ia kotou i teia ra, kia akakite atu au ia kotou i toku manako. Tera toku anoano, kia kore takiri te pekaepa i rotopu ia kotou. I toku anoano e tauturu mai kotou ia ku, kia akarukeaia teia au pekaepa ki muri.

"Eaa te tumu o to kotou pekaepa? No roto paa i nga oire e toru, koia a Oneroa, Tamarua, e Ivirua. Peneiake ko Oneroa, paa e Tamarua, kua kapiti ia, e kua Takake a Ivirua. Tera toku anoano e kapiti nga oire ia okotai kotou, i raro i te Reva, Tamaru.

"Teia paa te ravenga kia okotai Uipaanga (koia te Council) o Mangaia nei, ei kimi ture meitaki, no te enua. E toku a Oneroa, a Tamarua, e Ivirua i to ratou tangata, tei tau ia kotou ei rave i taua angaanga, ka vai rai ta kotou ture i roto i te au Oire, na kotou rai e rave, ko te tara ra ia okotai ia.

"Te aiteanga teia o taua Uipaanga e kimi ture, ko te Council ei tangata tikai, tei tau ia kotou ei rave i teia angaanga kia marama tikai ta ratou rave i te au Ture auua e ekoko.

"Tera tetai ka akataka kotou i e toru Akavanui no nga oire, ei rave i ta kotou Ture, tei oti ia kotou i te akataka kia kite oki ratou e, e taoanga mataka ta ratou ka rave na te toku i te utunga tei tau no te ara i raveia.

"I nga tuatau ake nei i kapiti ana te au akonoanga Ture, e te Evangelia, te inangaro nei au e kia kite kotou, kia teitei te Evangelia, ma te au Orometua, no te mea e anganga maata e te meitaki ta ratou i te akakiteanga i te tuatua a te Atua kia kotou Nara, kua tae ki te tuatau e akatupu ei tatou i tetai ture tau tikai no te enua. No te mea, ko te akonoanga ture teia te akakite atu nei au kia kotou ko te tangata marama, ma te kite uatu ei aia i te tangata akarongo ka rave rai aia i te angaanga. Ture, ko te aronga rave Ture, me kitea tetai manga apa i rungao ia ratou, na te Ture kimi tona apa, me kitea, na te Ture e rave tona taoanga aua e riro te akonoanga. Ture ki roto i te Evangelia akataka i. E tama ma, e nee ke te Evangelia vao ia kia teitei ki runga ia tatou, auraka e riro te au pekaepa a te Ture, ki roto i te akonoanga Evangelia.

"Toku anoano e kimi mai kotou i aua nga manako nei taku i aka kite atu nei kia kotou, me kua taka ia kotou, e Uipa mai, nga Ariki, te au Kavana, ma to au Rangatira enua o nga oire a te Monide, kia tara tatou i te au mea ei meitaki no tatou, kia taka tetai Council, e kia tapa te au pekaepa ki muri ia tatou, e kia ta okotai tatou i roto i te Mesia nei.

"Akamaara meitaki kotou, e uipa tatou a te Monide i te ora tai ngauru i te avatea.

"Na to kotou oa,

"Na MORE,

"Friday, 31st July, 1891."

"British Resident,