

*Electors and Officers.*

1. That every male over 21 (twenty-one) years of age, born and brought up in Aitutaki, has the right to vote in any election or to hold any public office. Others may be admitted to the same rights by a law of the Council, in which law every one so admitted shall be specially named.

*Districts.*

2. Each of the six districts into which Aitutaki is now divided shall manage its own roads, and make provision for the maintenance of order and cleanliness within the district. For these purposes the people of the district shall meet on the 15th day of September in every year and elect three overseers to carry out the decisions to which the meeting may come. The overseers may at any time call together the people of the district, and they shall be obliged to do so on the written request of any seven electors of the district.

*The Council of Aitutaki.*

3. There shall be a Council, whose duty is to make laws for the whole island, such as the laws affecting intoxicating liquor, the laws against theft, and similar matters which concern all alike and not only the people of any particular district.

4. The present Council consists of those appointed at the public meeting held on the 28th day of September, 1891—namely: For Amuri—Davida, Tangaroa, and Mareko; for Vaipae—Pitomaki, Teuma, and Rima; for Arutanga—Tekii, Kupa, jun., and Tepaki; for Reureu—Daniela, Iseraela, and Teariki Vao; for Nikaupara—Taakoi, Paku, and Koro; for Tautu—Taamaru, Simona, and Ngapo; and the four *ariki*—namely: Vaeruarangi—Iripa; Tamatoa—Opura; Teurukura—Ama; Manarangi—Uriae; being in all twenty-two members.

5. The eighteen elected members shall hold office till the 30th day of September, 1892, and be eligible for re-election.

6. The election of members shall take place in every district on the 15th day of September in each year. The overseers of the district shall see to the elections, and send the names of those elected to the Government.

7. In case of a vacancy occurring among the *ariki*, all the Governors of the island shall meet and decide who shall succeed him as *ariki*.

8. The Council shall meet regularly on the first day of October in each year, in Arutanga, at ten o'clock in the day. It may also be called together by the Government at any time that the Government may think necessary, and the Government shall be bound to call the Council together on the written request of any six members.

9. The Council shall elect a Chairman to preside at its meetings, and to see that a proper record be kept of its proceedings.

10. All laws made by the Council shall be subject to the approval of the British Resident. In every law the date shall be stated at which it is to come into operation.

*The Government.*

11. The Government shall consist of the four *ariki* before named, together with six other persons, which six persons shall be elected each year by the Council. Vaka-te-Urukura shall also be a member of the Government, but at every election of members the *ariki* of the island shall meet and say whether he is to continue or another fill his place. The number of the Council in all is eleven.

12. The duty of the Government shall be to see that the laws made by the Council are properly carried out, and to prepare for the consideration of the Council any measures that may be necessary. This is not to prevent any member of the Council from also bringing forward any measures which he may desire.

13. The Government shall elect as its chief one of its members, who shall see that the business is properly conducted, and a record kept of its proceedings.

14. The Government shall have the power to reduce or remit fines or penalties imposed by the Judges.

*The Judges.*

15. The Judges shall be appointed by the Council, and shall only be removed by a law specially passed for that purpose.

16. The Judges shall try all cases in the day-time, and their Courts shall be held publicly. They shall give to every person brought before them an opportunity of confronting his or her accuser, and shall keep a proper record of all judgments given by them.

*The Police.*

17. The police shall be appointed by the Government, which is responsible that the police perform their duty properly. Every appointment of a policeman shall be entered in the records of the Government, and no one shall act as a policeman who is not so recorded. The Government only shall have the power to dismiss a policeman.

18. It is forbidden to all Judges, policemen, and others to attempt by any means or in any way to extort criminating confessions from accused persons. To do so is an evil work, merely tempting the accused person to tell lies.

*General.*

19. When the day on which a meeting is to be held or any public act to be done, under this or any other law, falls on Sunday, the next day shall be substituted.

20. All laws made by the Council, and all notifications by the Government, shall be posted in some place or places to be appointed by the Government, and this shall be sufficient publication.

21. This law is to come into operation forthwith.