

Enclosure No. 4.

AITUTAKI, COOK ISLANDS.

*Minutes of Government Meeting held on Saturday, 3rd October, 1891.**Present:* Vaeruarangi—Iripa, Teurukura—Ama, Tamatoa—Opura, Manarangi—Uriae; Vaka, Tepakere, Paremo, Taai, Kavea, Eleazara, John Pakoti.

Elected as Clerk: John Pakoti.

Elected as Chairman: John Pakoti.

Resolved: The place of posting up public notifications shall be at the schoolhouses in each district.

The police appointed by the Government are: For the District of Tautu—Tepare, Poiva, Mau, Poro, Kake, Tataia—in all, 6. For the District of Vaipae—Diporo, Mevai, Ruaakau, Arenau, Tepoti, Titoru, Ua, Poa, Temauri, Tausini, Taa, Ngaa—in all, 12. For the District of Arutanga—Tiraa, Peni, Taiteua, Putoko, Opura, Tuanu, Takaa, Peni, Iti, Tuiariki, Tuariki, Tapua, Tuaine, Raa, Raka, Upu—in all, 16.

It was decided that the Council shall make a collection of the old laws of the land in force before the present Council, and send them to the British Resident.

JOHN PAKOTI, Chairman.

No. 5.

Mr. F. J. Moss to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(No. 22/91.)

MY LORD,—

Rarotonga, 16th October, 1891.

I have the honour to enclose returns for the quarter ending 30th September, viz.:—

Imports	...	...	...	...	...	\$34,489
Exports	...	...	...	...	...	\$46,281
Shipping inwards (tons)	...	...	...	...	...	3,827
Shipping outwards (tons)	...	...	...	...	...	3,778

The import duty has yielded \$1,896, but the next two quarters cannot be expected to yield at all in proportion, as the coffee season is now past.

The Shipping Office has yielded very little so far.

The Post Office is still an agency of the New Zealand Office, and brings no revenue to the Cook Islands. I hope to make arrangements on this subject when in New Zealand.

These are the only sources of Federal revenue, and it is clear now that the estimate for the year will on the whole be probably exceeded.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK J. MOSS,
British Resident.

His Excellency the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G.,
Governor of New Zealand, &c.

Enclosures.

RETURN showing QUANTITY and VALUE of EXPORTS, the Produce of the COOK ISLANDS, for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1891, shipped from the Port of Rarotonga.

Articles.	To New Zealand.		To Tahiti.		Total.	
	lb.		lb.		lb.	
Cotton	18,194	\$2,274·00	6,875	\$488·00	25,069	\$2,762·00
Copra	547,911	12,276·62	...	...	547,911	12,276·62
Coffee	69,694	13,039·06	29,432	4,786·00	99,126	17,825·06
Limejuice	gals. 6,413	1,214·94	...	...	gals. 6,413	1,214·94
Oranges	...	5,627·88	...	...	...	5,627·88
Cocoanuts	...	284·85	...	...	...	284·85
Timber	...	24·25	...	...	...	24·25
		\$34,741·60	...	\$5,274·00	...	40,015·60
<i>From other Islands. Exported at Rarotonga.</i>						
Pearl-shell	lb. 39,201	6,125·40	...	...	...	6,125·40
Beche-de-mer	2,240	90·00	...	...	...	90·00
		\$6,215·40			Total	\$46,231·00
Total exported—To New Zealand						
" " Tahiti				...	...	\$40,957·00
				...	...	5,274·00
						\$46,231·00

J. H. GARNIER, Collector.