

me by the Chiefs of Aitutaki. Also, at Aitutaki they complained about Regulation No. 5, which enacts that Rarotonga will be the only island at which ships can enter or clear in the Cook Group.

To me there appears reason for complaint about this rule. If it were possible, the simplest and best plan would be to annex all the islands, give them the British instead of the disputed Federation flag, and put the Queen's head on their stamps.

A copy of this letter will, in due course, be sent to Rear-Admiral Charles F. Hotham, C.B., Commander-in-Chief on this station.

Frederick J. Moss, Esq., British Resident, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,

E. Rooke, Captain.

Enclosure No. 2.

[TRANSLATION.]

From JOHN PAKOTI, Chairman of the Government of Aitutaki, to Mr. F. J. Moss.

To F. J. Moss, British Resident.

Aitutaki, 30th September, 1892.

SALUTATIONS.—We have received your letters. They were read out to the Government and the Council, and they were very pleased with the contents therein.

We held a meeting on the 15th of September to elect members for the coming year, as directed by law.

We have not settled for payments to be made to the officers as yet. We were interrupted by the vessel loading oranges, but will do so on the 3rd October.

Another thing. We have commenced with a Government House, and Daniel has gone with the Amuri vessel to Penrhyn Island to get some lumber for the house.

Is it true? Israela tells me you wish me to come to Rarotonga. I am in doubt whether it is true or not. Had you written, I would not have doubted it, and would have come immediately at your bidding. Enough.

From your friend,

JOHN PAKOTI.

Enclosure No. 3.

Mr. F. J. Moss to JOHN PAKOTI.

John Pakoti, Aitutaki.

Rarotonga, 2nd October, 1892.

SALUTATIONS.—I have your second letter of the 30th September, and am glad to hear that all is well. Israela must have misunderstood me about your coming here. I am leaving for New Zealand by the "Richmond," and shall be away about two months. Good-bye for the present to you, and to all in Aitutaki.

From your friend,

FREDERICK J. Moss, British Resident.

Enclosure No. 4.

[TRANSLATION.]

The CHIEF JUDGE, Aitutaki, to Mr. F. J. Moss.

Mr. Moss, Governor.

Aitutaki, 30th September, 1892.

SALUTATIONS.—I received your letter of the 24th September, and also one book. I send you a copy of fines levied under the law to the end of this month. As to the trouble about Ellis, there is no one who complains but Arona, his father-in-law. He said Ellis also complained. I sent for Ellis, and he denies ever saying anything to Ellis.

Another thing. The police of Arorangi are here after some Aitutaki people who were fined in Rarotonga. The Council of Arikis and the Governors will not let them go, and the police of Arorangi are troubled about it. I think they are clear from fines, as the ocean has cleansed them. I now ask you what is to be done? I am in darkness. You tell me as to what is right. Enough.

From TE TAURA,

Chief Judge, Arutanga, Aitutaki.

Enclosure No. 5.

Mr. F. J. Moss to the CHIEF JUDGE, Aitutaki.

To Te Taura, Chief Judge, Aitutaki.

Rarotonga, 2nd October, 1892.

SALUTATIONS.—I have received your letter of the 30th September. Only the list of fines was in the letter.

As to the police from Arorangi: it is for you to do what you think is right. You are the Judge of Arutanga, and no one from any other island can judge or fine people in Arutanga. That is for you only. I am going to New Zealand by the "Richmond," and will be away about two months. Good-bye to you, and to all at Aitutaki.

From your friend,

FREDERICK J. Moss, British Resident.