

4. That the Paymaster shall not issue any cheques, nor the Auditor countersign the same, unless the services to be paid for are certified by the head of the department as having been properly performed, or the works to be paid for certified by the Inspector of Works as having been properly done.

5. That the name of the Inspector of Works shall be notified to the Auditor by the Clerk of the Government.

6. That, in this Act, the dollar shall be equivalent to three shillings of British money for all salaries payable from first January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and to two shillings and threepence in British money for all public works. It shall be lawful for this financial year to advance the salary for the six months from first January to thirtieth June to all who desire to take it.

Dated at Avarua, this 25th day of October, 1894.

Passed by the Arikis' Council, 26th October, 1894.

Approved. To come into operation forthwith.

FREDERICK J. MOSS, British Resident.—29th October, 1894.

SCHEDULE.

Vote. No.	Service.	Voted. 1894-95.
		\$ c.
1	Clerk to Council and Government	50 00
2	Paymaster	50 00
3	Auditor	50 00
4	Rent of Bond	36 00
5	Clerks to Courts, three districts	210 00
6	Police, three districts	480 00
7	Interpreter, and clerical assistance	250 00
8	Fixed Appropriations: Arikis and Mataiapos	670 00
9	Fixed Appropriations: Judges, three districts	440 00
10	Maintenance of roads, three districts	400 00
11	Expenses of Council	80 00
12	General contingencies	150 00
13	Inspector of Works	60 00
14	Roads and bridges	1,600 00
		\$4,526 00

Dated at Avarua, 19th October, 1894.

No. 19.

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

MY LORD,—

British Residency, Rarotonga, 12th February, 1895.

I have the honour to enclose the annual trade report for the year ending 31st December, 1894.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK J. MOSS,

British Resident.

His Excellency the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G.
Governor of New Zealand.

Enclosure.

REPORT on the TRADE of the COOK ISLANDS for the YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1894.

Shipping and Navigation.

THERE is little change to note in the returns of this year as compared with 1893. The entries inwards for 1894 were 82 vessels, of 20,299 tons; and the entries outwards 81 vessels, of 20,221 tons (Table I.). Of these entries the mercantile tonnage, in and out, was 36,198, against 36,474 for the year 1893. The entries of vessels owned and worked by natives of the Cook Islands were, in and out, 58, and the tonnage 2,599, against 59 entries with a tonnage of 2,665 for the previous year. Two of the native schooners made voyages to New Zealand; but their trade is with the Cook and adjacent islands.

The mail steamer "Richmond" has called regularly at Rarotonga, and has occasionally visited other of the Cook Islands on her monthly round between New Zealand and Tahiti.

There has been no alteration in the port charges. Vessels anchoring in either of the harbours pay a pilotage of 18s. up to 50 tons, with 3s. for every 10 tons additional. An old-established royalty to the chief who owns the harbour, of 12s. for every vessel using it, is the only other charge.