

then, at about 10 p.m., nailed up the door of the house with a small piece of wood, and marked round the wood so nailed with lead pencil, thereby taking possession of the house and anything they may have left in it. I have not since disturbed the house, and have been compelled to refuse two offers of leasing it, as further trouble might ensue if I occupied it. The land on which the *Torea* building is erected is leased by me from Pori, the owner, one of the natives alluded to. The land rent is fully paid to date. The lease has been made out, registered, and published, in accordance with the laws and customs of the country in every respect.

Rangi Makea is a cousin of Makea, Ariki. Pori is also related to Makea, Ariki. Tekeu is a policeman. Pora is a man who holds no office to my knowledge. Piaputa and Puia also hold no office. Raea is pilot of the port, and is a man of some influence.

Rarotonga, 29th January, 1898.

HENRY NICHOLAS.

Witness to signature—FREDERICK GEORGE MOSS, Rarotonga.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS HENRY MALLETT.

Accompanied Mr. H. Nicholas to a picnic on the 17th January, and returned home with him at about 5 p.m. Saw Owen and some natives in Mr. Nicholas's yard. Had no conversation with any of them. After tea, at about 6 p.m., while washing my hands on the verandah of Mr. Nicholas's house, I saw Pora forcibly break open the door of the *Torea* house, using his hands and right foot. I also saw them removing property from the house. Owen was present, and assisting. The *Torea* house was not 10 yards distant, and in full view. Mr. Nicholas asked me if I had witnessed the proceedings. I told him I had.

THOMAS H. MALLETT.

Rarotonga, 29th January, 1898.

Witness to signature—FREDERICK GEORGE MOSS, Rarotonga.

This is the interpretation of letter marked "A":—

"Avarua, 17th January, 1898.

"These are sent to take the presses at Henry's. The names of the men: Rangi, Pora, Pori, Piaputa. Sufficient.

"TEPOU-O-TE-RANGI."

The above is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY NICHOLAS.

This is the interpretation of letter marked "B":—

"Avarua, 17th January, 1898.

"This is a right of Oscar Owen to break the *Torea* house, to take away the goods belonging to the Government—that is, the two presses—if Henry will not give them up.

"TEPOU-O-TE-RANGI."

This is a true interpretation, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY NICHOLAS.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY REMOVED (Marked "C").

29 cases for type, 8 chases, 3 composing-sticks, 1 bookbinder and bench, 1 printing-press, 2 rollers, 200 lb. long primer type, 200 lb. brevier type, 50 lb. pica type, 1 box wires for stitcher, 7½ lb. 2-line English black, 6 lb. pica black, 5 lb. fancy jobbing type, 2 lb. fitting letters, 40 lb. lead, 1 dotted rule, 1 pica reglet, 1 nonpareil reglet, 2 imposing-tables, 1 jar potash, small quantity of black ink, small quantity of red ink, 1 office table, 6 office clips, 2 lamps, 1 waste-paper basket, small quantity binding-cloth, small quantity marble-covered paper, 3 reams printing-paper, 6 roller stocks, 2,000 memo. forms, 9 galleys, 3 wood galleys, 1 wire-binder, 1 plough-knife, 1 ink-table, 1 ream paper, 1 brass rule, 1 perforating rule, 1 lot wood furniture, 3 office-stools, 1 copying letter-press, 6 office-files, 1 lamp-shade, 2 office-chairs, 1,000 bill-head forms, small quantity of letter-paper, 60 packages large cards, 2 dozen packages small cards, 1 fount combination border, 1 small quantity of side-sticks, small quantity wood quoins, 6 column-rules, 2 double frames, 1 blotting-pad, 1 brush, 1 shooting-stick, 1 single frame, 2 tin pans, 12 lots paste: of the total value of £100 sterling, as estimated by me.

This is the inventory of property removed from the *Torea* building on the 17th January, 1898, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

29th January, 1898.

HENRY NICHOLAS.

Witness to signature—FREDERICK GEORGE MOSS, Rarotonga.

No. 20.

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

MY LORD,—

Cook Islands, British Residency, Rarotonga, 3rd February, 1898.

I enclose, for your Excellency's information, certain translations of correspondence between Makea Takau, Chief of the Federal Government, and Tepou-o-te-rangi, who does not hold any position with the Federal Government at all.