

No. 7.

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

Government House, 20th July, 1898.

SIR,—

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Hamilton Hunter will proceed to Rarotonga towards the end of the month, in H.M.S. "Royalist," to act as Judicial Commissioner.

Owing to postal arrangements I regret that an earlier intimation could not be sent to you, but should my despatch reach you prior to Mr. Hamilton Hunter's arrival it would be well if the parties interested in the Rarotonga cases were informed immediately.

I have, &c.,

RANFURLY.

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

No. 8.

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

Cook Islands: British Residency, Rarotonga, 22nd July, 1898.

My LORD,—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's despatches of the 30th June, and place my resignation in your Excellency's hands as British Resident in these islands.

I have been proud to hold this office, small in itself, but bringing with it work in which I felt deeply interested.

I have to thank the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, your Excellency, and your Ministers for the kind expression of praise to which my work has been accorded.

I agree, at the request of your Excellency and your Ministers, to remain "pending appointment and arrangements" as to my successor; but, unless there is certainty of the speedy arrival of the long-expected Judicial Commissioner, I beg that I may be relieved with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK J. MOSS,
British Resident.His Excellency the Earl of Ranfurly, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of New Zealand.

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No. 9.

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

Government House, Wellington, 5th August, 1898.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 19/98, dated the 22nd July, 1898, tendering me your resignation.

I thank you for having consented to remain until the arrangements were completed regarding your successor. These arrangements I have now completed, and accept the same as from the 12th September.

2. I have, further, the honour to inform you that Major W. E. Gudgeon has been appointed British Resident at the Cook Islands as from the 12th September, 1898. He will arrive on that day, on or about noon, in H.M.S. "Tauranga." I should be glad if you will have his appointment published in your *Gazette*.

On the day of his arrival the Senior Naval Officer will, on my behalf, read a Proclamation from Her Majesty the Queen which I have received from England. I had intended to do this personally, but, owing to the session of Parliament, I find it impossible to leave the colony at the present time. I should be glad if you will have this notified to Makea, the Arikis, and inhabitants.

3. In conformity with the Colonial Regulations, you will be good enough to hand over to Major Gudgeon all despatches, documents, letters, &c., in your care.

I have, &c.,

RANFURLY.

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

No. 8.

No. 10.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Major GUDGEON.

Government House, Wellington, 19th August, 1898.

SIR,—

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day received a cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies appointing you British Resident at Rarotonga, Cook Islands, *vice* F. J. Moss, Esq., resigned.

I have, &c.,

RANFURLY.

Major W. E. Gudgeon.

No. 11.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Captain W. T. H. BROWNE.

Government House, Wellington, 26th August, 1898.

SIR,—

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for your information,—

1. A Proclamation from Her Majesty, which on the instructions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and with the sanction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Australian Station, I have to ask you to read to the inhabitants of the Cook Islands.

2. A Message from myself, as Governor of New Zealand, introducing the new British Resident, which I should be obliged if you would also deliver.