

No. 188.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 11th April, 1906.
I forward herewith the following Warrants of appointment, signed by His Excellency the Governor:—

WILLIAM JAMES STEVENSON, Postmaster at Rarotonga.
WILLIAM JAMES STEVENSON, Collector of Customs at Rarotonga.
PERCY BROWN, Inspector of Fruit, &c., at Rarotonga.
PERCY BROWN, Auditor to the Government of the Cook Islands.
HUGH McCRONE CONNALL, Chief Surveyor and Civil Engineer for the Cook and other Islands.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.

No. 189.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 11th April, 1906.
Referring to the application made by the Levers Pacific Plantations (Limited) for an extension of their lease of Suwarrow Island, I have to state that the application was submitted to Cabinet, together with your recommendations in the matter, and it was decided that no extension could be granted. A letter has since been received from the Sydney office of the company relative to the possibility of securing a new lease, but Cabinet has decided that it cannot see its way to grant any further lease. The company has been advised accordingly.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.

No. 190.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 11th April, 1906.
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd March, and note that the work already arranged for the "Countess of Ranfurly" will prevent her returning to New Zealand until about the middle of June, when you hope to send a full cargo of limejuice and copra. I recognise the difficulty of utilising the vessel for the carriage of fresh fruit, but at the same time regret that nearly all the shippers have decided not to try the experiment.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.

No. 191.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 12th April, 1906.
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th March, forwarding for the Governor's assent the Mangaia Island Ordinance No. 1 (amended), and the Mangaia Regulation Ordinance, 1906 (No. 2 of the Mangaia Island Council).
The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.

No. 192.

SIR,— Niue Island Administration, Niue, 13th April, 1906.
I have the honour to enclose to you herewith the Niue Island Revenue Account for the Quarter ending the 31st March, 1906, together with a statement of the Niue Island account current at the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland; also a summary of the total funds to the credit of this Administration as shown by our books at the expiration of the period.

The receipts from all sources for the quarter amounted to £185 5s. 8d., and the expenditure totalled £178 3s. 5d., the cash balance on hand amounting to £553 4s.

The approximate balance in the bank to credit of Niue Island current account amounted to £993 8s. 6d., and the total funds to the credit of this Administration as on the 31st March, 1906, amounted to £2,246 12s. 6d.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister in Charge
Cook and other Islands, Wellington

I have, &c.,
C. F. MAXWELL,
Resident Commissioner.