

No. 13.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 15th August, 1906.
I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th July, forwarding Federal Ordinance No. 18, "The Fruit Inspection and Fumigation Ordinance, 1906."

As indicated in the Hon. Mr. Mills's letter of the 4th instant, it is probable that the question of fumigating fruit for export from the Islands will be allowed to stand over for the present. I propose, therefore, to hold the Ordinance in abeyance until the question is finally settled.

I have, &c.,
The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga. JAMES MCGOWAN.

No. 14.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 28th September, 1906.
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, dated respectively the 16th and 21st August last.

As previously stated in my letter of the 15th August, I propose to hold the Fruit Inspection and Fumigation Ordinance in abeyance for the present.

I am anxious to see how the present arrangements for the inspection of fruit work out before taking any further steps, and I shall be obliged if you will furnish me with a report on the matter a little later on.

I have, &c.,
The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga. JAMES MCGOWAN.

No. 15.

SIR,— Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 25th July, 1906.
I have the honour to forward for the assent of His Excellency the amended form of the Manganian Local Ordinance No. 1.

I have, &c.,
W. E. GUDGEON,
Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister administering Islands.

No. 16.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 15th August, 1906.
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th July, forwarding the Manganian Local Ordinance No. 1 ("Mangaia Village Regulation Ordinance, 1905"), approved by the Council in the printed form in which it was returned to you.

I now beg to forward this Ordinance duly assented to by His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,
The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga. JAMES MCGOWAN.

No. 17.

SIR,— Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 29th April, 1907.
I have the honour to forward enclosed three Ordinances passed by Island and Federal Councils respectively—viz., Federal Ordinance No. 20, extending jurisdiction of Resident Agents' Courts; Local Ordinance No. 6, water-supply; Federal Ordinance No. 19, immigrants restriction.

No. 20 defines the duties of the most important Courts in the Islands, and confers powers that were hitherto wanting.

No. 6 enables the local Government to fix a water rate and carry out the scheme to its natural limit.

No. 19 is probably of greater importance than the other two Ordinances, since it provides machinery to aid in insuring the health and well-being of the people of these Islands, and will enable us to prevent the spread of loathsome and contagious diseases from Tahiti.

I have therefore the honour to request the approval of His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,
The Hon. the Minister administering the Islands. W. E. GUDGEON,
Resident Commissioner.

Enclosures.

FEDERAL ORDINANCE No. 19.—IMMIGRANTS RESTRICTION ORDINANCE, 1907.

AN ORDINANCE to prevent the landing in the Cook and Northern Islands of Persons suffering from Diseases.

BE IT ENACTED by the Federal Council of the Cook and Northern Islands as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be "The Immigrants Restriction Ordinance, 1907."
2. It shall not be lawful for any person suffering from a contagious or infectious disease which is loathsome or dangerous to be brought to or to land in the said Islands.