

*Details of Item 6, Contingent Expenditure, Land Titles Court, 1905-6.*

|                                 | £    | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|------|----|----|
| Travelling-expenses ... ..      | 26   | 19 | 7  |
| „ allowance, Chief Judge ... .. | 100  | 0  | 0  |
| Salary, Native Judge ... ..     | 26   | 5  | 0  |
| Stationery ... ..               | 17   | 16 | 3  |
| Chainman (wages) ... ..         | 6    | 0  | 0  |
| Labour (wages) ... ..           | 42   | 17 | 0  |
| Materials for survey ... ..     | 9    | 9  | 8  |
| Buggy-hire ... ..               | 9    | 11 | 0  |
| Interpreting fees ... ..        | 2    | 10 | 0  |
| Assistant cadet ... ..          | 18   | 15 | 0  |
|                                 | £260 | 3  | 6  |

Rarotonga, 9th April, 1906.

W. J. STEVENSON, Treasurer.

**No. 37.**

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 21st September, 1906.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th August, forwarding, as requested details of contingent expenditure for the *whare manuhiri*, High Court, and Land Titles Court for the year 1905-6.

The details of general contingencies were received with your annual report and statement.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

JAMES MCGOWAN.

**No. 38.**

SIR,— Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 2nd November, 1906.

I have the honour to report, for your information, that during the first year's existence of the *whare manuhiri* at Rarotonga the total expenditure has been £541 8s. 9d., and the receipts for the same period £519 16s. The loss, therefore, has only been £21 12s. 9d.—at least £80 less than I had anticipated.

I attach a schedule showing the actual receipts and expenditure for each month, from which it will be seen that during the visitors' season, from June to September, the house will pay very well. It must, however, be run at a small loss when there are only the local boarders.

The value of the *whare* cannot, however, be estimated at a money-value only. The island, during the months of May to November inclusive, has one of the finest climates in the world, but no one could enjoy the benefit of the climate without this *whare*.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister administering Islands.

W. E. GUDGEON,  
Resident Commissioner.**No. 39.**

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 27th November, 1906.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, forwarding schedule of receipts and expenditure at *whare manuhiri*, Rarotonga, for the year ended the 31st August, 1906.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

JAMES MCGOWAN.

**APPOINTMENT OF NATIVE MAGISTRATES, ETC.****No. 40.**

SIR,— Eastern Pacific, Rarotonga, 11th September, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed Pokino, of Tamarua, and Puroku, of Ivirua, the Native Magistrates of their respective districts in the Island of Mangaia, to succeed Oruru, dismissed for misconduct, and Kiripaoa, deceased. These men have no jurisdiction except when sitting with the European Magistrate; but the fact of their sitting with the Magistrate is sufficient to show that the *mana Maori* is not altogether a thing of the past.

As I shall be absent from these Islands for three weeks, I have exercised the powers conferred on me by subsection (2) of section 3 of "Powers of Resident Commissioners," and have appointed the Collector of Customs to act for me as Resident Commissioner, and Mr. Blaine, Registrar of High Court, to act as Magistrate during my absence.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,  
Resident Commissioner.

• The Hon. James McGowan, Minister administering Islands.