

nance, 1908," passed by the Niue Island Council, in which the sale of the land is confirmed and ratified, and the proposals of the New Zealand Government agreed to.

The two parts of the deed of conveyance will, I presume, be filed in Wellington; therefore I have retained copies for future reference.

Will you kindly cause the "Niue Island Public School Ordinance, 1908," to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, for the assent of the Crown, and, when completed, supply me with 100 copies of each version thereof.

The Native version of the Ordinance has been reviewed and corrected by the Rev. F. E. Lawes, and may therefore be printed as it is written, without further revision.

I have, &c.,

H. CORNWALL,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. J. McGowan, Minister administering Islands, Wellington.

No. 76.

SIR,—

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 2nd June, 1908.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th April last, forwarding the Niue Island Public School Ordinance passed by the Island Council, and also deed of conveyance, in English and Niuean, from the Native owners to His Majesty the King, of a piece of land as a site for a public school at Niue Island.

The deeds will be filed here for safe custody, and the Ordinance will be submitted to His Excellency for his assent.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

JAMES MCGOWAN.

No. 77.

SIR,—

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 17th June, 1908.

Referring to previous correspondence, I have the honour to return to you "The Niue Island Public School Ordinance, 1908," duly assented to by His Excellency the Governor.

I also forward 100 copies of the Ordinance printed in English and Niuean.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

JAMES MCGOWAN.

Enclosure.

ORDINANCE NO. 22.—NIUE ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL ORDINANCE, 1908.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to establish a public school at Niue, and that land should be acquired as a site therefor, and a public schoolhouse, schoolmaster's residence, and other necessary buildings be erected.

And whereas a suitable piece of land has been selected, being part of a block of land known as "Tufu," in the district of South Alofi.

And whereas the said piece of land has been purchased from the owners thereof for the sum of £108, which sum was collected by public subscription by the Native people of Niue, and paid by them to the said owners, who, on the 1st day of April, 1908, executed a deed of conveyance of the said piece of land to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, his heirs and assigns.

And whereas by the law of Niue no land can be alienated by sale.

Be it therefore enacted by the Niue Island Council as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance is "Niue Island Public School Ordinance, 1908."

2. The sale and conveyance of the piece or parcel of land at South Alofi, Niue, being part of the block of land known as "Tufu," the particulars whereof are set out in the deed of conveyance hereinbefore referred to, dated the 1st April, 1908, and delineated on the plan attached thereto, is, notwithstanding the beforementioned law of Niue, hereby ratified and confirmed, without reserve or condition.

3. That, in consideration of the New Zealand Government providing and paying the salary of a qualified schoolmaster, the cost of erecting a public schoolhouse, schoolmaster's residence, and other necessary buildings and conveniences, and also the subsequent maintenance thereof, be paid out of the Niue Island revenue.

The foregoing "Niue Island Public School Ordinance, 1908," was passed by the Niue Island Council, at Alofi, on the second day of April, 1908.

TOGIA,

President of Niue Island Council.

Approved.

H. CORNWALL,

Resident Commissioner, Niue.

Assented to in the name and on behalf of His Majesty.

13th June, 1908.

PLUNKET,

Governor.