

No. 4.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 30th July, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th June last, reporting the visit of His Excellency the Governor to the Cook Islands.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,
J. CARROLL.

RESIDENT AGENTS APPOINTED.

No. 5.

SIR,—

Eastern Pacific, Rarotonga, 20th July, 1909.

I have the honour to inform you that the Chief Tararo, who was Resident Agent for the Island of Mauke, died on the 28th May last, and the enclosed translation of a letter from Te Ariki Strickland will disclose the necessity for appointing a new man with the least possible delay.

I have conferred with Captain Smith, and he agrees with me that Tamuera Tangata should be appointed Resident Agent *vice* Tararo, deceased, and Te Ariki Strickland should be Clerk of the Island Court.

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

The Hon. James Carroll, Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Mauke, 22nd June, 1909.

I have to notify you of the death of our Resident Agent and Ariki Tararo Ariki, which took place on the 28th May. On the 5th June I went to arrange the Court books and put them under proper care: but Tapoki would not allow me to do so: he said I had no authority to do so, and, as Tararo was dead, he was now the Clerk of the Court, and that his brother Noo was the Judge, and they have been carrying on Courts and fining people since Tararo's death. I told them they had no authority to do this, and Tapoki told me he was the mana. I therefore ask you if this is correct. When I told Tapoki he was wrong he turned me out of Court. I want you to inform me if I shall carry on the Court duties, as I am the Clerk of Court: and when you come here we shall know what we are to do.

That is all.

Colonel Gudgeon, Chief Judge of Courts.

TE ARIKI STRICKLAND.

No. 6.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 10th August, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th July last, and, in reply, to forward to you the accompanying warrant under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, appointing Tamuera Tangata to be Resident Agent at Mauke, in place of Tararo, deceased.

The proposed appointment of Te Ariki Strickland to be Clerk of the Island Court is also approved.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,
J. CARROLL.

No. 7.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Rarotonga, 15th October, 1909.

With reference to the recent rearrangement of Resident Agents in the Group, I shall be glad if you will have the following appointments notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*:—

PERCY BROWN, Resident Agent, Aitutaki, to be Licensing Officer, Postmaster, Officer in Charge of Customs, and Magistrate.

JOHN CHEONNETH CAMERON, Resident Agent, Mangaia, to be Licensing Officer, Postmaster, Officer in Charge of Customs, and Magistrate.

JOHN THOMPSON LARGE, Resident Agent, Atiu, to be Magistrate, Postmaster, and Officer in Charge of Customs.

NOTE.—As Atiu is not a license district, no appointment as Licensing Officer in that case is necessary.

I have, &c.,

J. EMAN SMITH,
Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. James Carroll,
Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration, Wellington.