

No. 22.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 17th May, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th April last, with reference to the establishment of a system of registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the various Islands of the Cook Group.

I approve of your proposal to appoint the various Resident Agents to be also Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; and I suggest that a simple form of registration should be prescribed in the first instance until the Natives have become familiar with the system.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

I have, &c.,

J. CARROLL.

No. 23.

PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF A CERTAIN EXTRACT OF COD-LIVER OIL.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 18th July, 1911.

Referring to previous correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Warrant, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, prohibiting the importation into the Cook Islands of a medical preparation called or known as "Wampole's Extract of Cod-liver Oil," except under conditions.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

J. CARROLL.

Enclosure.

ORDER PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION INTO THE COOK ISLANDS OF A MEDICAL PREPARATION CALLED OR KNOWN AS "WAMPOLE'S EXTRACT OF COD-LIVER OIL," EXCEPT UNDER CONDITIONS.

ISLINGTON, Governor.

WHEREAS by paragraph (b) of section seventeen of the Cook Islands Government Act, 1908, it is provided that the Governor may from time to time, by Warrant or Order, either absolutely or subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, prohibit the importation into the Cook Islands of arms or other munitions of war, intoxicating liquors, opium, or any other article of any kind which in his opinion is likely to be injurious to the inhabitants; and by paragraph (c) of the said section seventeen it is further provided that the Governor may impose fines for the breach of any such Warrant or Order, and may make provision for the recovery of any such fine by forfeiture of the ship or goods or otherwise: And whereas in the opinion of the Governor the importation of a medical preparation stated to contain seventeen per cent. of alcohol, and called or known as "Wampole's Extract of Cod-liver Oil," prepared by Henry K. Wampole and Co. (Incorporated), Philadelphia, United States of America, into the said islands is likely to be injurious to the inhabitants by reason of their using the same as drink of an intoxicating nature:

Now, therefore, I, John Poynder, Dickson-Poynder, Baron Islington, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, and of every other power and authority enabling me in this behalf, do hereby order that, from and after the date of the publication of this Order in the *Cook Islands Gazette*, the importation of the preparation called or known as "Wampole's Extract of Cod-liver Oil," prepared by Henry K. Wampole and Co. (Incorporated), Philadelphia, United States of America, shall be prohibited, except subject to the following conditions:—

1. Any person desiring to import the said preparation shall apply in writing to the Collector of Customs at Rarotonga for permission so to do, and such application shall be accompanied by a medical certificate that such preparation is required for use by the person so applying medicinally, and shall also state the amount of such preparation proposed to be imported. The said Collector of Customs may thereupon, if he thinks fit, give permission in writing for such importation.

2. The said preparation shall be imported only at Rarotonga, and in separate packages addressed to the importer (being the person to whom permission has been given as aforesaid), through the said Collector of Customs.

3. The said preparation so imported may, as the said Collector of Customs thinks expedient, either be delivered to the importer or be stored in the King's Bond, or some other place of safe custody under the control of the said Collector of Customs, for delivery to the importer from time to time, in such quantities as the said Collector of Customs thinks fit; provided that delivery shall not be given until all duties and charges payable to the Crown have been duly paid.

4. Any person importing any of the said preparation except in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, which shall be recoverable in the High Court of the Cook Islands, and, in addition, the said Collector of Customs may seize and forfeit for the benefit of the Crown all of such preparation imported contrary to the provisions of this order.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

J. CARROLL.