

No. 13.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Rarotonga, 5th December, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th November last (No. 199) forwarding me a copy of a question addressed to you in Parliament by Mr. Wright, M.P., with reference to the proposed erection of new offices; and in reply to inform you that the proposed new offices are to be additions to the present Government Buildings, which are far too small for the requirements of the officers.

The Post-office has to be increased as there is not sufficient room at the present moment to transact the increased postal work. In addition to this, police cells are to be erected, and additional offices, all of which are absolutely required.

I have, &c.,

J. EMAN SMITH,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. the Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration, Wellington.

FEDERAL AND ISLAND COUNCIL'S ORDINANCES.

No. 14.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Rarotonga, 8th December, 1910.

I have the honour to forward to you herewith in duplicate, Federal Ordinance No. 31, the short title of which is the Public Health Ordinance, 1910, containing provisions which I deem to be necessary for the protection of the health of the inhabitants of the Group. The Ordinance is respectfully submitted for the assent of His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,

J. EMAN SMITH,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. the Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration, Wellington.

No. 15.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 3rd February, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th December last, forwarding Federal Ordinance No. 31, the Public Health Ordinance, 1910; and, in reply, to return the Ordinance herewith duly assented to by His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,

J. CARROLL.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

Enclosure.

FEDERAL ORDINANCE No. 31.—AN ORDINANCE DEALING WITH NUISANCES AND OTHER MATTERS INJURIOUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance is the Public Health Ordinance, 1910.
2. Where on the report of the Chief Medical and Health Officer, or other officer appointed under this Ordinance, it appears that by reason of not being cleansed any house, or any outbuilding, stable, yard, privy, drain, or other appurtenance belonging to the house, is in such a filthy or unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance or dangerous to health, the Resident Commissioner may, by requisition to the owner or occupier of the house, require him to cleanse the house or appurtenances in the manner and within the time specified in the requisition. If default is made in duly complying with the requisition within the time specified therein, the owner or occupier shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds for every day thereafter until the requisite works are duly done. If such default occurs the Resident Commissioner shall cause the requisite work to be done at the expense in all things of the owner or occupier.
3. A nuisance shall be deemed to be created where any animal is so kept as to be injurious to health, or where there exists any stable, stall, or pig-sty, or any accumulation or deposit which is offensive to the public or injurious to health.
4. Where on the report of the Chief Medical and Health Officer, or other officer appointed under this Ordinance, it appears that any such nuisance exists, the Resident Commissioner may require the owner or occupier of the place on or in which the nuisance exists to effectually abate such nuisance or prohibit the recurrence of the same, or both require the abatement and prohibit the recurrence of the nuisance, and specify the works to be done in order to abate the nuisance or prevent its recurrence, and the time within which they shall be done. Any person who makes default in duly complying with any requisition under the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds for every day on which the default occurs. If the default consists of not doing the works necessary in order to effectually abate the nuisance or prevent its recurrence, the Resident Commissioner shall cause the works to be done at the expense in all things of the defaulting person or persons.