

5. In all cases when persons visit the said Island of Morokai for the purpose of taking food or clothes to their relations, they shall be accompanied by a policeman, who will see that instructions are given to the person in charge of the said Island of Morokai to distribute such food and clothing in the proper quarter. After the food and clothing are landed, the boat with all visitors shall immediately return to the settlement.

6. This Ordinance must be strictly adhered to, and the person in charge of the said Island of Morokai shall in all ways assist the Island Council in obtaining a conviction of any person infringing the provisions of this Ordinance.

Passed by the Penrhyn Island Council, this second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Approved.

E. F. HAWK,
President.

J. EMAN SMITH, Resident Commissioner.

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

22nd October, 1910.

ISLINGTON, Governor.

No. 15B.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 7th November, 1910.

Referring to previous correspondence, I have the honour to return to you Ordinance of the Penrhyn Island Council, the Penrhyn Village Regulation Ordinance, 1910, No. 2, duly assented to by His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

J. CARROLL.

Enclosure.

PENRHYN ISLAND LOCAL ORDINANCE NO. 2.—AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE VILLAGE LIFE WITHIN THE ISLAND OF PENRHYN.

BE IT ENACTED by the Island Council of Penrhyn:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be "The Penrhyn Village Regulation Ordinance, 1910."

2. With the written consent of the Resident Commissioner, a bell shall be sounded at each village at 9 p.m. every evening, after which all noises shall cease and the villagers retire to their houses. The Island Magistrate may fine any offender under this section not exceeding five shillings.

3. The Resident Agent may by notice in writing direct any owner or occupier of any house or premises in a dirty state to clean or cause same to be cleaned within time specified in such notice, and if after receiving such notice any person neglects to comply with same, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty shillings.

4. It shall not be lawful for pigs to wander at large within the village. The owner of any pig who shall allow such pig to wander shall be guilty of an offence against this section, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five shillings.

5. Any person fighting or making use of obscene language or otherwise disturbing the peace of the village shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five shillings.

6. The ancient law of the Rahui shall devolve upon the Island Council of Penrhyn, and, subject to the approval of the Resident Commissioner, the said Council may impose such restrictions upon the gathering of the nuts as they deem advisable, in order to prevent theft, and to enable the widows and the weaker members of the community to gather their nuts without hindrance.

7. Any person found trespassing on land under Rahui without permission may be prosecuted by order of the Resident Agent, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding forty shillings.

8. It shall be the duty of the police to see that this Ordinance is strictly observed. Any person obstructing the police in the execution of their duty shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty shillings, or, in default of payment, to twenty days' hard labour.

Passed by the Penrhyn Island Council, this second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Approved.

E. F. HAWK,
President.

J. EMAN SMITH, Resident Commissioner.

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

22nd October, 1910.

ISLINGTON, Governor.

MARAERENGA LAGOON.

No. 16.

SIR,—

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 9th November, 1910.

I forward for your information copy of a question addressed to me in Parliament on the subject of the Maraerenga Lagoon.

In Colonel Gudgeon's report of the 31st March, 1909, he states, "The continuous rains of the last fifteen months have prevented all work on the Maraerenga Lagoon. This work must, however, be finished during the present year, and may cost anything up to £200. Urgent."

I shall be glad if you will furnish me with a report as to the position of the matter.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

J. CARROLL.