

right that we should meet here face to face and discuss matters of interest to you. When we go back to New Zealand we shall know of your desire, and we shall be able to explain to the Government of New Zealand what your wishes are. These papers you have given us to-day will be laid before the Government of New Zealand, and they will be carefully considered by that Government. With regard to the meeting-house and the election of Arikis, my word to you is that these things are fixed by the law. If any wrong has been done, then a way will be found to remedy it. I say to you therefore, hold fast by the law always. Now I shall not say anything more to-day. You have heard what His Honour the Chief Justice has said. I thank you very much for your reception, and also for the handsome presents you have given us, which we value very much as a mark of your affection. Greetings to you all!

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ADDRESSES DELIVERED AT AVARUA ON THE 21ST JUNE, 1911.

Taravare.—Welcome to you all! Here are the Arikis, the Mātaiapos, the Rangatiras, and all the people: they welcome you on your visit to their place. Here also is something else. In that message which was given to us by you before the Government Buildings when you told us what you had to say, you told us to tell you anything we had to say. This is the day on which we shall say what we have to say. We wish to say it in your presence so that you may know. Greetings to you! [Written addresses handed in.]

His Honour the Chief Justice.—I greet the Arikis, Mataiapos, Rangatiras, and people of this district. I am pleased to see them here to-day, and I thank them for the warm welcome that they have given to me. I am glad to see that they have one custom that we have among our own people—namely, that they allow their women to occupy a high position in the community. We have had many queens in England, and you have had a queen in Rarotonga, and you have Arikis here to-day. You have Karika Ariki and Pa Ariki, and that shows you honour women as the English do, and you are aware that in New Zealand we allow women the same rights as men. They have great ability.

You have asked us about several things in your addresses. You ask about a Judge for the Court. That will receive careful consideration from us, and I have no doubt careful consideration from the Government. Of course, we cannot say anything, and as the matter has to be considered by the Government in New Zealand it would not be proper for us to say what we think until the whole matter has been considered properly; but I think I can say that any representation coming from the Natives will receive very careful consideration. Then you have asked about the powers of the Arikis and other Judges. Of course, our great chief is King. He is chief over us as he is chief over you, but we have recognized in the laws that have been passed that the Arikis and chiefs have certain rights. The Arikis have the majority in the Federal Council, and they have a majority in the Island Council. In fact, your Arikis have far more power than our Arikis have, and I hope the power of your Arikis will last long and that the Government will be properly administered by them. I am sure the Arikis will strive to better the health of their people, and I am sure, from their generous and kindly ways, that they will do what they can to help their own people. I am pleased to hear what you say about your Resident Commissioner, and that he has your sympathy, and that you have no fault to find with him. I am also pleased to hear you say that if you had fault to find with him you would not keep it back. I am also pleased to see the great strides that your island has made. You have many things that in some parts even of New Zealand they have not got. I am sure the great New Zealand chief Te Heu Heu, one of your brothers, will tell you that. You have got good roads, and I hope in time you will have something that will go even faster than a horse. If you go to Arorangi it will take you perhaps half an hour, but I hope soon you will be able to send messages in a second. You will be able to go into a room and speak to a man in Arorangi as if he were before you. That will be a very wonderful thing. I notice also that you have water at your settlements. Many of the Maori settlements in New Zealand have not good roads or water. You have been greatly blessed by Nature. The Maoris in New Zealand cannot send away thirteen thousand boxes of oranges as you did last week. I hope that in the future you will be strong and happy and prosperous. I again thank you for your greeting, and assure you all that your representations will be carefully considered.

Mr. Waldegrave.—Arikis, chiefs, and people, I greet you all. We have met here to-day to discuss the matters you wish to lay before the Government of New Zealand. It is right that we should thus meet here on your own ground and that we should speak freely to each other. The Government of New Zealand is your friend, and wishes you to become a strong and enlightened people. You have heard what His Honour the Chief Justice has said about the powers of the Arikis. I agree with what he has said, and therefore I shall say nothing more about that. Another request that has been made by you to-day and at various other times is with regard to a school. It is right that you should have a school. Without education you will never rise to the level of other nations. I will ask the Government to help you to have schools, perhaps one at a time. I am sure His Honour the Chief Justice will also support that request. You must be patient for a little time, and not expect everything to come at once. We have first to find a man who is suitable to teach you, not only to teach you English, but to teach those things to your children that will be useful to them. Then, when we have found a man we have to find the money to pay him. These are all matters for the consideration of the Government of New Zealand, and they will be laid before them on our return. Then, I am going to ask the Government to send you