

WESTERN SAMOA.

APIA, 5TH MARCH, 1920.

FAIPULES' SPEECH OF WELCOME TO PARLIAMENTARY PARTY ON LANDING.

We, who are Faipules, representatives of all the districts of Western Samoa, have the greatest respect in addressing you. We, the Princes of Samoa, Malietoa, and Tupua, and the Acting-Administrator, are for the present under the rule of His Majesty George V, King of Great Britain. We had expected the visit of the New Zealand Government, under whose protection Western Samoa is now placed. As you have now arrived in good health it gives us great pleasure to welcome you to-day to these shores. We also thank that our Governor, Colonel Tate, has arrived. You are members of the Parliament of New Zealand. It is your earnest desire and real affection that Western Samoa should attain prosperity and every satisfaction. This has prompted you to come here. We hope that the climate of this country may suit you all during your stay, and that Western Samoa may profit as the result of your visit. We wish to meet your party in our meeting-house at Mulinuū this afternoon. May each of the party possess the best of health.

(Signed.)

AIONO.
TOELUPE.
MALUPO.
And 29 others.

The Hon. Sir JAMES ALLEN, on behalf of himself and the members of the Parliamentary Party, thanked the Faipules most sincerely for their welcome. He was sure that the visit would prove of mutual benefit to the peoples of Samoa and of New Zealand.

MEETING WITH FAIPULES AT MULINUU.

Present: Hon. Sir James Allen (Minister of External Affairs) and members of the Parliamentary Party; Colonel R. W. Tate (Administrator of Western Samoa); High Chiefs Malietoa and Tuimalaialufane; Faipules; and Asiata, Official Interpreter.

The following is a translation of the address read on behalf of the Faipules by their President:—

This is a very happy day, for it has brought you to meet with us. Your party have arrived in safety. We give thanks that our Governor, who has been on a visit to New Zealand, has returned with you. Your party at your arrival have found us with the Acting-Administrator and the Princes of Samoa in good health, therefore we must all join in rejoicing this day. You are the members of the Parliament of the New Zealand Government, and the party sent by the Governor-General of New Zealand; you are also taken as representatives of His Majesty George V, King of Great Britain, to visit our small islands in Western Samoa in order that you may obtain the right subjects to order the Constitution about to start for the protection and administration of Samoa by Britain according to the desires of the League of Nations. Therefore we now have to express the utmost thanks for your visit, which proves the fact that had led His Majesty and the British nation and Allies to the Great War just ended—that all nations of the world be treated alike, from the Great Powers to the small nations, as Samoa, so that all shall have every satisfaction and not be held under oppressive rules. Subsequently the great and difficult war has resulted in the coming to Western Samoa of the Government of His Majesty King George V. This day the father meets the son: the father will hear the desires of the son; the son will listen to the good words and kind advices of his father. Therefore the points we have arrived at in our meetings written above our signatures will be read out with due reverence. We have been authorized by the royal families of Samoa, and also representing the people of Western Samoa, to present these points for your consideration and the laying-out of the foundation of our Government, also for the commencement of the protection of Samoa by the British Government.

ADDRESS TO SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B. (MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS), AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT.

HONOURABLE SIRs,—It is with humility and earnestness that we, the President and members of the Samoan Council, do unanimously place before you the questions mentioned hereafter for your favourable consideration. We put forward these matters knowing that your desire is for the protection and betterment of the Samoan people and Western Samoa itself. Further, we ask, honourable sirs, that such consideration be given the undermentioned points as will enable you to make a reply at your convenience before you leave Western Samoa.

The wishes of the members of the Samoan Parliament assembled 25th February to 3rd March is hereby presented as follows:—

1. The people of Western Samoa have obediently accepted the order issued by His Majesty King George V in placing Western Samoa under the care of New Zealand. Should dissatisfaction of the Samoan become greater with the Administration it will then be possible for the Samoans to appeal that Samoa shall be ruled from England by the Colonial Office.

2. The Faipules have decided that the appointment "Fautua" (Intercessor), which had been given to the Princess of Samoa by the German Government, be abolished, and they shall be given hereafter the title "Princes" of Samoa, and their salaries be increased each to £500 per annum, with European dwellings erected for them, and allowances for their maintenance until further future arrangements are made with the New Zealand Government.

3. The power to hold meetings by the Faipules of Samoa be recorded in the Constitution of the Government.