

REPRESENTATIONS OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO HON. W. NOSWORTHY,
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Sydney, N.S.W., 28th June, 1927.

The Chairman, Citizens' Committee, Apia, Samoa.

DEAR SIR,—

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, with which you forwarded me copy of the letter you addressed to the Administrator on the 7th December last, together with a complete file of the reports which were prepared by your committee for my consideration. These were forwarded to me at Wellington by His Excellency the Administrator, and, as I indicated to you and the members of your committee at Apia on the 11th idem, having now visited the Territory and acquired first-hand knowledge of its affairs, I will send you a detailed reply on these matters in due course. I will also include this correspondence in the report of my visit to Western Samoa which I propose to lay before Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

W. NOSWORTHY,

Minister of External Affairs.

(Forwarded through His Excellency the Administrator.)

Apia, Samoa, 10th June, 1927.

Hon. W. Nosworthy, Minister of External Affairs, Apia.

SIR,—

On behalf of the Citizens' Committee I have the honour to present you herewith a complete file of the reports which were prepared by the Citizens' Committee and approved of by the people of Samoa, to be presented to you on their behalf for your consideration. I may mention that the attached file is the original of that which was handed to the Administrator on the 7th December, 1926, by your request. Copy of letter to the Administrator is also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

O. F. NELSON,

Chairman Citizens' Committee.

Apia, Samoa, 7th December, 1926.

His Excellency The Administrator, Apia.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In compliance with telegram received from the Hon. Minister of External Affairs of the 16th November, I now have the honour to hand you herewith copies of the reports which have been prepared by the Citizens' Committee for presentation to the Minister.

Your Excellency will kindly submit to the Fono of Faipule such reports as may be deemed by Your Excellency to affect Native affairs.

A list of the reports is attached hereto, by which you will note that English translations of the Samoan reports and Samoan translations of the European reports have been made, except in respect to the Samoan translation of the European planters' report on labour and agriculture, and the European report on finances, which cannot be ready in time for the Fono of Faipule, as they have just come to hand. Should, however, these reports be required in Samoa, I feel sure the Official interpreter would be asked to make them.

Some of the reports are addressed to the committee by the sub-committees, but at a committee meeting held yesterday the whole of the reports were accepted by the committee to be presented to the Minister with the exception of the report on labour and agriculture, to which the following reservation was made: "The report comes from the Planters' Association and must be taken as such. The committee as a whole cannot endorse in full the report, but it is forwarded for the information of the Hon. Minister of External Affairs by request."

I have, &c.,

O. F. NELSON, Chairman.

REPORTS.

1. Legislative Council: (a) European report, (b) Samoan Report (English translation).
2. Finances: (a) European report, (b) Samoan report (English translation).
3. Medical Department: (a) European report, (b) Samoan report (English translation).
4. Native Affairs: (a) European report, (b) Samoan report (English translation).
5. Prohibition: (a) European report, (b) Samoan report (English translation).
6. Labour and Agriculture: European planters' report.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—EUROPEAN REPORT.

The Legislative Council of Western Samoa came into being on the 1st May, 1920. It then provided for a minimum of four official members and some non-official members, who were not to exceed in number the official members. These were all to be appointed by the Governor-General of New Zealand on the nomination of the Administrator. The Administrator to preside and have a casting-vote.