

Native Committee Report also read by Hon. Williams. Briefly,—

1. Efficient doctors required.
2. Medical tax should be abolished.
3. Private doctors should be encouraged to carry on.
4. Samoans who have had training be sent away to New Zealand or Australia to complete studies and qualify.

The Chairman: You have heard these reports; we will now read the financial report.

Financial report, with statistics and comparisons between Samoa, Fiji, and Tonga, read by Mr. E. W. Gurr, after which meeting to be closed.

Writer left as these were being translated into Samoan.

The foregoing report on the citizens' meeting held at the Market Hall on the 12th November, 1926, was taken down by the writer (E. T. Allen) as practice in shorthand, and may be taken for what it is worth.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR OF WESTERN SAMOA ON PETITION OF LAGAAIA AND 144 OTHERS.

Office of the Minister of External Affairs, Wellington, 6th September, 1927.

The Clerk, Joint Samoan Petition Inquiry Committee, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—

I am directed by the Hon. the Minister of External Affairs to forward to you, for the information of your Committee, the following radiogram, dated Apia, 5th September, from the Administrator of Samoa:—

(Begins) Add to my report on Petition: Native officials of Savai'i report that they are confident that the petition was signed by many who did not know what they were signing, and that it was signed before the Minister's visit (Ends).

Yours faithfully,

J. D. GRAY, Secretary.

APPENDIX II.

Apia, Samoa, 28th October, 1927.

The Secretary, the Royal Commission on Samoan Affairs, Apia.

DEAR SIR,—

I beg to forward you herewith "Specific Complaints" against the Administration of Western Samoa, delivered in accordance with the undertaking given.

Yours faithfully,

F. D. BAXTER, Counsel for the Mau.

SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS.

Government Interference in the Copra Trade.

THAT the Administration of Western Samoa and/or the New Zealand Reparation Estates for and on behalf of the said Administration, without reasonable justification or due inquiry, has entered into competition with established copra-merchants in Western Samoa in respect of the copra trade in a manner likely to seriously and prejudicially affect the business interests of such copra-merchants.

Legislative Council.

1. That, to the prejudice of the interests of the Territory of Western Samoa and of the inhabitants thereof, the constitution of the Legislative Council of Western Samoa does not provide for the expression of Native Samoan opinions, thoughts, or ideas at the deliberations of that Council.

2. That the Legislative Council as it now functions does not allow of the effective expression of other than official opinions, ideas, and policies.

Medical Department.

No charge.

Finance.

1. That the rate of annual general expenditure for the Territory of Western Samoa is too high for the annual general revenue thereof.

2. That the annual cost in the Territory of Western Samoa for public works and services is too high for the nature, quality, and extent of such works and services.

3. That there is no proper or satisfactory control of the public funds of the Territory of Western Samoa.