

Apia, Samoa, 24th December, 1926.

The Inspector of Police, Apia, Western Samoa.

Tuisila.

DEAR SIR,—

We have been consulted by Tuisila regarding your refusal to issue to him a passport or permit to travel to New Zealand. In order to avoid mistakes and to enable us to advise our client properly, would you please favour us with a reference to the legal authority under which this passport has been refused?

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

WYNYARD, WILSON, AND BAXTER :

F. D. BAXTER.

Apia, Samoa, 24th December, 1926.

The Inspector of Police, Apia, Western Samoa.

Alipia.

DEAR SIR,—

We have been consulted by Alipia regarding your refusal to issue to him a passport or permit to travel to New Zealand. In order to avoid mistakes and to enable us to advise our client properly, would you please favour us with a reference to the legal authority under which this passport has been refused.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

WYNYARD, WILSON AND BAXTER :

F. D. BAXTER.

COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

YOUR telegram 13th November: I will be prepared to receive delegation in January, but I will not consider any representations with respect to Samoan affairs until they have been first submitted to His Excellency the Administrator for report, or until I have had an opportunity of personal investigation in consultation with His Excellency during my forthcoming visit. Any representations affecting Native affairs must similarly be submitted through the Fono of Faipule and Administrator.

ATA O LE TELEKALAFI.

O lau telekalafi o le aso 13 Novema. O le a mafai ona 'ou talia o nisi e ave'a ma Komiti i le masina o Ianuari ae 'ou te le mafai ona mafaufauina o se mataupu tau Samoa seiloga ua muamua ona faailoa ma ui mai i Lana Afioga le Kovana poo seiloga ua mafai ona 'ou matua Su'esu'e lava iai ma filifili faatasi ma Lana Afioga le Kovana i la'u malaga o loo i lumana'i noi. Oni mataupu tau tagata Samoa lava e faapea fo'i ona muamua i le Fono a Faipule ma le Kovana.

A PART OF DR. SOLF'S ADDRESS TO THE FONO OF FAIPULE WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE "SAVALI" OF SEPTEMBER, 1905 (FIRST ISSUE OF "SAVALI").

There are twenty-seven new Faipules selected to make that Government; they are to stay in their districts and meet twice a year in Mulinu'u. They will each receive 500 marks per year—*i.e.*, a little over 10 dollars per month.

Their appointments will be made in accordance with the wish and the pleasure of the Governor. They will remain in their offices so long as they are of good conduct, but they will be dismissed and replaced with others if they are guilty of misconduct. I shall now announce the names of the first Faipules [Names left out of this copy] for all districts of Upolu and Savai'i. Those are the names of the newly appointed Faipules.

All Faipules will attend before me on Wednesday, 12th September, to be sworn in to office, and will receive their certificates.

The attached is a list of Samoans dealt with under the Samoan Offenders Ordinance for the period of twelve months preceding the Hon. Minister's visit to this Territory.

It will be noted that only seven were punished by "banishment"—or rather, "expulsion" (a better term)—from their village, and that all but two of these were so punished by request of the chiefs of the village concerned. In some cases those chiefs who made this request are now supporting the movement which presumes to object to the Samoan Offenders Ordinance, and have actually signed the petition now before Parliament.

Those seven persons referred to in footnotes as being ordered to remain in their villages can hardly be considered as cases of banishments. They were so dealt with for spreading propaganda, supplied by the European committee, to the effect that Samoa was indebted to New Zealand and that the Native lands would be taken in payment thereof, and other seditious statements.

It will thus be seen that a comparatively small number of cases are ordinarily dealt with under the Samoan Offenders Ordinance, and that nearly all of these are at the request of the Natives themselves, and even in such cases the offences are thoroughly inquired into.