

Te Taura: Then let us do it at once.

George Strickland: Only remember that those you elect will remain for a year. You cannot put them in to-day and put them out to-morrow, as in the past.

Te Taura: Good. We must think of that. But we know all that is necessary now and can elect them.

George Strickland: Remember that you must have good men for the Government as well as for the Council. Keep some for that also.

Mr. Moss explained the difference between the Council and the Government. What George Strickland had said was right. It was not good to put one man into many offices if they could help it; he was apt to get conceited, and try to override others, as he was told that some had often done in Aitutaki.

The meeting then proceeded to the election, each district deciding for itself, and bringing up a paper to Mr. Moss with the three names which had been decided upon. The names were then proposed to the people of each district by Mr. Moss, and the vote taken. The following were returned unanimously: For Amuri—Davida, Tangaroa, and Mareko. For Vaipae—Pitomaki, Teuma, and Rima. For Aratanga—Tekii, Kupa the younger, and Tepaki. For Reureu—Daniela, Israela, and Te Ariki Vao. (The latter was carried by an amendment, as the first proposed, Una, was not considered to be in sufficiently good health.) For Nikaupara—Taakoi, Paku, and Koro. For Tautu—Taamaru, Simona, Ngapo.

The names as announced were received with cheers. Mr. Moss expressed his pleasure at the manner in which they had conducted the meeting, and told them that the Council would meet in the Schoolhouse at 10 a.m. on Thursday, when he would have some laws ready for their consideration. He also pointed to the stocks lying in the market-place, and said he was sorry to hear that these things were used by the police to extort criminating confessions from men and women, but chiefly from women. Such practices should cease for ever, and the sooner those things were burned the better. The meeting threw the stocks out at once with cheers, and they were burned forthwith.

Prayers were said by David Isaiah, and the meeting closed.

HENRY NICHOLAS, Interpreter.

### Enclosure No. 2.

MEETING OF COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1891 (10.30 a.m.).

PRAYERS by Tiavare (George Strickland).

*Present*: All the members (eighteen in all) and the four *ariki*—namely, Vaeruarangi, Tamatoa, Teurukura, and Manarangi.

The British Resident read minutes of meeting held on 28th September.

The election of Chairman: Proposed Iseraela, also John Pakoti. Iseraela was elected by fourteen votes.

Elected as Clerk: John Pakoti.

The laws considered: No. 1/91, "The Law for Good Government;" sections 5 and 11 deferred; the others passed. No. 2/91, "Appointment of Judges;" passed. No. 3/91, "Bribery;" passed. No. 4/91, "Rape;" passed. No. 5/91, "Land Disputes;" passed. No. 6/91, "Dynamite;" passed.

The following were elected as the Government for the year ending the 30th September, 1892: Tepakera, Paremo, Taai, Kavea, Ereazara, John Pakoti.

ISERAELA, Chairman.

MEETING OF COUNCIL ON SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1891.

PRAYERS by Vaka.

Minutes of 1st October read and agreed to.

Law No. 1. finally passed.

Appendix to Law No. 1, giving the names of the Ui Ariki (referred to in section 11) passed.

Petition from people claiming Manuae Island was read, and deferred to a future meeting.

Council adjourned at 5 p.m.

ISERAELA, Chairman.

### Enclosure No. 3.

LAWS (MAORI and TRANSLATIONS) PASSED by the AITUTAKI COUNCIL, 1st and 3rd OCTOBER, 1891

No. 1/91.—E TURE NO TE GOVERNMENT MEITAKI O AITUTAKI. (Okotopa, 1891.)

Ko matou teia ko te Council mua i iikiia e te tangata o Aitutaki ei kimi ture no te Enuu, koia teia i akatumuia nei:—

*Electors (tangata ta iki) e te Tangata mou taoonga.*

1. Te tangata i anau ki Aitutaki nei, me tae ona mataiti ki te rua ngauru ma tai (21), ka tika aia kia piri ki roto i te au ikianga tangata ravarai, e ka tika katoa kia aia tetai taoonga a te Au. Ka tika rai tetai atu kia piri, me tikaia mai i roto i te au Ture o te Council, ka akatikaia aia, ma te tata katoaia tona ingoa.

*Te au Motia.*

2. Nga Motia e ono, koia te au tuaanga o Aitutaki, ka akono ratou uarai, i tona'o, i tona'o au mataara, ma te kimi i te ravenga e meitaki ei tona motia. E uipa te tangata i te ra i akatakaia kia uipa mai, i te ra 15th o Sepetema i roto i te au mataiti katoatoa. E iki katoa i tetai tangata (nga