

the said sick person by the treatment prescribed, and may be proceeded against for malpractice, either criminally or civilly, in the High Court: Provided always that no offender against this section shall be fined more than one hundred pounds, or receive a sentence of more than twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Passed.

Te ARIKI TAPU RANGI,
Chairman to Cook Islands Parliament.

Approved.

MAKEA, Ariki,
Chief of the Federal Government.

Approved. To come into operation on the 22nd day of August, 1899.—W. E. GUDGEON,
British Resident.

The Residency, 22nd August, 1899.

No. 7, 1899.—AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SALE OF ARMS WITHIN THE ISLAND OF MAUKE.

WHEREAS it has been necessary in the past to deprive the people of Mauke of their firearms in order to prevent bloodshed:

Be it enacted by the Parliament of the Cook Islands, with the consent of the British Resident:—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Mauke Arms Act, 1899."

2. From and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful to import firearms into the Island of Mauke. Any person infringing the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence, and, on conviction, shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding five pounds, or, in default, two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

3. Any person who shall sell firearms to any person living on the Island of Mauke shall be guilty of an offence, and, on conviction, shall be liable to a penalty of five pounds for each weapon sold, or, in default of payment, two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

4. Any resident on the Island of Mauke who shall purchase firearms shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding two pounds for each offence, or, in default of payment, may be sentenced to not more than three weeks' hard labour.

Passed.

Te ARIKI TAPU RANGI,
Chairman to Cook Islands Parliament.

Approved.

MAKEA, Ariki,
Chief of Federal Government.

Approved. To come into operation on the 22nd day of August, 1899.—W. E. GUDGEON,
British Resident.

The Residency, 22nd August, 1899.

STATUTE OF AITUTAKI, 1899.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the 22nd day of April, 1899, Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Gudgeon, British Resident, was authorised to revise the laws of Mangaia and other Islands for the approval of the Federal Parliament:

Be it enacted by the Federal Parliament of the Cook Islands, with the consent of the British Resident:—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Statute of Aitutaki, 1899."

2. From and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful to prosecute any person for any one of the following acts:—

(a.) Consulting a sorcerer.

(b.) Being pregnant as an unmarried woman.

(c.) Card-playing.

(d.) Placing one's arm round a woman, even though the offender have no torch in the other hand.

(e.) Trading with an European without permission.

(f.) Tattooing or being tattooed.

(g.) Going from one village to another on the Sabbath.

(h.) Taking an unmarried woman inland.

(i.) Crying over a dead woman, even though not related to her.

Offences against the Person.

3. Any man committing adultery with a married woman may, on conviction, be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, and, in default of payment, may be sentenced to not more than two months' hard labour on the public roads: Provided always that the Judge, in his discretion may sentence the offender to sixty days' hard labour without the option of a fine.

4. No person shall be punished for an act of fornication with an unmarried woman above the age of fourteen years. But any man carnally knowing any girl under the age of fifteen years, and above the age of twelve years, shall be liable to a fine of not more than ten dollars. Any man carnally knowing or attempting to know any girl under the age of twelve years shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be committed for trial before the High Court.

5. Any person who shall have carnal connection with a female by force or against her will, and any one who shall attempt to have such connection by force, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be committed for trial before the High Court. No female under the age