

ORDINANCE No. 10.—VALIDATION ORDINANCE, 1903.

Niue Island Council.

WHEREAS at a meeting of the Patuiki, Chiefs, and people of the Island of Niue, at Alofi, on the twenty-second day of October, one thousand nine hundred and one, a Council called the "Council of Niue" was elected, consisting of eleven members, with the Patuiki Togia as President: And whereas the said Council, with the approval of the Government Resident Agent, did then proceed to make certain Acts or Ordinances for the government of and maintenance of order in the Island of Niue: And whereas the several Ordinances have been acted upon and put in force by the several officers appointed under the aforesaid Ordinances: And whereas certain sums of money, being part of the public revenue of Niue, have been paid as salaries to the aforesaid officers in the belief that the system of government as then established was legal, and within the powers of the aforesaid Council: And whereas by reason of section four of "The Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1902," the proceedings of the said Council are *ultra vires*, and it is expedient to validate the same as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, be it enacted by the Niue Island Council as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance is "The Niue Island Ordinances Validation Ordinance, 1903."

2. All proceedings taken under the aforesaid Ordinances are hereby validated, and all disbursements made for the purpose of carrying on the Government of the island are hereby authorised as if the same had been made by the authority and with the sanction of the Niue Island Council, as duly constituted in accordance with "The Cook and other Islands Government Act, 1901," and its amendment.

3. All officers acting under the provisions of the said Ordinances are by this Ordinance protected and indemnified from any action which might result in consequence of the said proceedings.

The foregoing "Niue Island Ordinances Validation Ordinance, 1903," was passed by the Niue Island Council this 25th day of August, 1903.

TOGIA,

President of Niue Island Council.

Approved,

C. F. MAXWELL,
Government Resident Agent, Niue.

[Assented to by the Governor, 6th February, 1904.]

ORDINANCE No. 11.—NIUE ISLAND WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ORDINANCE, 1903.

Niue Island Council.

WHEREAS it is expedient that half a day in each week should be set apart by law as a public half-holiday: And whereas Wednesday afternoon appears to be most suitable and convenient for this purpose:

Be it therefore enacted by the Niue Island Council as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance is "The Niue Island Weekly Half-holiday Ordinance, 1903."

2. From and after this Ordinance shall have received the assent of the Governor of New Zealand, Wednesday afternoon in each week shall be regarded as a statutory half-holiday in the Island of Niue.

3. No trading establishment of any kind whatsoever shall remain open after 1 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon aforesaid, or transact its usual business of buying or selling. Save and except when vessels are in port, when the persons interested may receive goods, and ship produce, &c., and do whatever may be necessary to insure speedy despatch for the said vessel or vessels.

4. Any infringement of the provisions of this Ordinance shall render the offender liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds (£2).

The foregoing "Niue Island Weekly Half-holiday Ordinance, 1903," was passed by the Niue Island Council this 25th day of August, 1903.

TOGIA,

President of Niue Island Council.

Approved,

C. F. MAXWELL,
Government Resident Agent, Niue.

[Assented to by the Governor, 6th February, 1904.]

No. 82.

Niue, 6th October, 1903.

SIR,—

No. 63.

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. H. D. M. Haszard arrived here on the 20th ultimo, and at once proceeded to initiate the survey of the island, which he will carry on upon his return from Rarotonga, probably about the end of this month.

I need hardly say that I am very pleased at his visit, and consider it most fortunate that the services of such an experienced officer are available. I have assured him of my readiness to do everything possible to facilitate his work.

I have arranged with Mr. Haszard to pay him 15s. per diem as personal expenses during the time he is employed. This is, I think, a reasonable remuneration under the circumstances, and the work will be executed at less cost than would be possible otherwise.

I have requested him to traverse the roads and lay off landing-places, and to obtain an approximate idea of the configuration of the island. To survey the coast-line accurately would prove a difficult and tedious operation, owing to the density of the undergrowth and the excessively rocky and broken nature of the country near the shore. When these roads and landings are properly defined, I will embody them in an Ordinance of the Niue Council so that they may be dedicated to public purposes.