

2. The duty on black twist tobacco imported into the said islands on and after the said first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and five, shall be one shilling the pound (in lieu of three shillings and sixpence the pound as fixed by "The Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1888") where the Collector is satisfied that the genuine invoice value at the time of importation does not exceed one shilling the pound.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

No. 46.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 23rd August, 1905.
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd July, with a schedule showing the roadwork completed on Niue Island during the quarter ending the 30th June. No. 14.

I am pleased to know that good progress is still being made with this work, and that the reservoirs you have constructed at Alofi South and Lakepa have already proved of great benefit to the inhabitants of those villages.

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.

No. 47.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 23rd August, 1905.
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st July, with a Statement of Niue Island Revenue, &c., for the quarter ending the 30th June, 1905. No. 13.

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.

No. 48.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 23rd August, 1905.
I have been considering the question of education in Niue, to which reference was made during our conversation in Wellington in March last, and I am anxious that something be done as early as possible on the lines of your suggestions.

Kindly let me know whether your Administration would pay the salary of a married teacher, and to what amount; also whether suitable accommodation for a man and his wife and family could be obtained at Alofi. This and any other information you may be able to give will assist me in dealing with this important question.

Among the applications I have received lately from persons desirous of settling in the islands is one from a young man who is at present employed as a teacher under the Canterbury Education Board. His wife has also been a teacher, and they are both anxious to settle in some tropical island if the means of subsistence can be found. I am aware that there are no openings for taking up land in Niue at present, but it has occurred to me that the experience and qualifications of this couple might be of service in connection with education on the island. Please let me know what you think of it. The applicant mentions that he has some knowledge of carpentry, and I imagine this could be turned to very good account in the training of the Niue boys.

The Resident Commissioner, Niue.

I have, &c.,
C. H. MILLS.

No. 49.

SIR,— Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 23rd August, 1905.
I have the honour to forward enclosed Ordinance No. 3 of the Aitutaki Island Council. Mr. Cameron's letter will explain the position, and I attach a copy of Ordinance No. 1 to make clear the provisions of section 12 which it is now proposed to repeal.

Having regard to the peculiar position of Aitutaki as a food-producing island without fences, I do think the provisions of this Ordinance as to pigs and cattle are reasonable. I have therefore the honour to recommend this Ordinance for the approval of His Excellency.

I have, &c.,
W. E. GUDGEON,
Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister administering the Islands, Wellington.