

At Rakahanga a very beautiful canoe inlaid with pearl-shell was handed over to me for exhibition at Christchurch, but at the other islands the people would seem to have been unable or unwilling to do anything. From Mangaia there may be a few articles, and Makea is making a few things; but for the most part the people have forgotten their old arts and industries, and they cannot now make the old head-dress of the Arikis.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. the Minister administering Islands.

### No 48.

SIR,—

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 31st October, 1906.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, reporting your visit to Mangaia and other islands.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MCGOWAN.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

### GIFT OF LAND AT ATIU TO HIS MAJESTY.

#### No. 49.

SIR,—

Eastern Pacific, Rarotonga, 12th October, 1906.

I have the honour to report that on the 20th September I visited Atiu, and met all of the Arikis and Mataiapos of the island. After a very satisfactory meeting, Rongomatane, the chief Arikis of the island, presented me with the attached deed of gift in duplicate, conveying to His Majesty a small piece of land to be used as occasion may require.

The land is probably not worth more than £1, but the gift may be useful, and is evidently intended to be taken in the kindest spirit. I would therefore suggest that it be accepted.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. the Minister administering Islands.

### Enclosure.

(TRANSLATION.)

A DEED of gift of land made this twelfth day of September, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, at seven o'clock a.m.

The Mataiapos met in the Arikis house "Temaeva," in the presence of Rongomatane Arikis, to hear what the said Rongomatane had to say, and for them to publicly hear Rongomatane make a gift of a portion of her land, "Enua Manu," to His Majesty King Edward VII, King of the British Empire, the said piece of land to be a place whereon to erect a house or houses wherein His Majesty's laws and all his work may be conducted.

The Mataiapos, in the presence of the Resident Agent of Atiu, confirmed the gift of this piece of land. They had no objections, because the said land was and is the sole property of Rongomatane, and has been the Rongomatane from the ancestors now dead.

This is a description of the land given: A portion of Enua Manu commencing from a fixed point, thence easterly 66 ft.; from the same point westerly to the boundary of the section given to the London Missionary Society, 200 ft.; from same point northerly to boundary of the land known as Vaikakaia, 90 ft.; from same point south to side of public road leading to settlement of Tengtangi, 91 ft.

I, Rongomatane, do by this deed give absolutely to His Majesty the King of Great Britain all this piece of land described above, as a sign of my loyalty to that great Empire.

The Aronga Mana and the Aronga Taonga order that the gift be supported, and that it be supported in truth and without trouble.

This deed is executed in duplicate in the year and date first written.

her  
RONGOMATANE X ARIKI.  
mark

TUIA, Kavana.

KEA TETUPIA, Mataiapo.

TARE, Mataiapo (his X mark).

TERE, Mataiapo (his X mark).

UMA, Mataiapo (his X mark).

MAEVARUA, Ui-rangatira (his X mark).

TARA, Mataiapo.

A. VON NAGEL, Resident Agent.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of the deed of gift of land from Rongomatane to His Majesty.

S. SAVAGE,

Government Interpreter.

Rarotonga, 11/10/06.