

ADDRESS PRESENTED TO HON. W. NOSWORTHY, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
BY FAIPULE, CHIEFS, AND ORATORS, AT FAGAMALO, SAVAI'I, ON 9TH JUNE, 1927.

To the Hon. Mr. W. Nosworthy, Minister of External Affairs, and His Excellency the Governor of Western Samoa, and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Ministerial Party visiting Savai'i.

We greatly rejoice that the party has reached this island in safety by the kindness of our Heavenly Father, and we thank God Almighty that we have met and seen each other in good cheer on this very nice day. This is our thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven.

To-day is indeed beautiful, and it is different from all other days. The Hon. Minister from New Zealand, His Excellency the Governor of Western Samoa, also the ladies and gentlemen of the party, the father of Savai'i the Resident Commissioner (Captain W. M. Bell), and all the chiefs and royalties of Samoa are here.

It is likened to the meeting of a father with his children—the children are very pleased to meet the father. We are being called the children in accordance with our relations with New Zealand. Therefore, this day is indeed beautiful, as the father has met his children. You, the Hon. Minister, Your Excellency the Governor of Samoa, who are the representatives of that big Government which now protects Samoa, which is our father and we the children, as you now see the chiefs and orators of Samoa—we wish to convey to you and all our hearty greetings. With hearts overflowing with pleasure we welcome you this day.

We solemnly wish and most earnestly desire to remain loyal to the King, to be true and obedient to the Government of New Zealand; to be loyal, obedient, and humble to our kind and loving leader, Sir George S. Richardson, the Governor and father of Samoa. We recollect within our hearts our dear friend who assisted Sir George S. Richardson—the Secretary of Native Affairs; also the Resident Commissioner of Savai'i. These are the ones who are working most loyally and with love for Samoa and its people. We are loyal and respectful to them.

Although we have now expressed before you our loyalty to the Government in every respect, yet it is undoubtedly not hidden from your view that there are unsettled conditions nowadays. We deeply regret within our hearts that there are a few Europeans who are leading Samoa in wicked paths.

We now wish and implore from the King in heaven that the present false ideas of some of the people of Samoa do come to an end, and that peace and harmony be restored, and that each one and all return to their own homes to live there happily, as in the past.

It is not long since the death of one of Samoa's dear friends—Mr. Griffin. This was felt in every one's heart. He was the greatest helper to the Samoans in all their trouble. But so it is in this life—the will of God shall always be done.

We only trust, as we are here now assembled with you in great joy—the Hon. Minister, Your Excellency the Governor of Savai'i, the ladies and gentlemen of the party, and also the father of Savai'i, that we may again some day meet and see each other in happiness in God's presence.

As to the return voyage, may God protect you, that you may arrive back home safely.

These are the few words with which we now convey to you, the Hon. Minister from New Zealand, Your Excellency the Governor of Samoa, our most hearty welcome. Our hearts are filled with gladness to meet and see the ladies and gentlemen of the party. Good luck to the Hon. Minister and to the difficulties of the position now held. Good luck to General Sir George Richardson in the hazardous task now being dealt with. May the Holy Spirit enlighten his mind and guide him to lead these islands. Good luck to the rest of the party—the ladies and gentlemen present—so also may God bless Samoa and its people.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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