

point. We leave that to you because you have the power to deal with them, but the Mau will not protect them and the Mau will not shelter them any more. If you order them to come, they will come.

With regard to the Minister's questions, we have discussed them, and the unanimous statement of the Samoans for whom I speak is that the objects of the Mau are already given in three petitions which have been forwarded. One was sent to the Prime Minister of New Zealand. The second petition is the one which was sent to the League of Nations, and the third one was sent to His Majesty the King; so the contents of those petitions are sufficient for you to learn what the objects of the Mau are and were.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: At the moment I cannot just remember what was contained in those petitions, but I have taken this from the *Samoa Guardian* of the 26th May, 1927. This was advertised, I understand, by the Mau. The stated objects are "the advancement of Samoa, and to present to the Administration and the Government of New Zealand from time to time subjects concerning the government of Western Samoa which may be considered by the members of the League essential for the promotion of peace, order, good government, and the general welfare of the Territory."

This appeared in the same paper on the 2nd June, and it says: "The following resolutions were agreed to at a meeting of the Mau on the 31st May, 1927. First, to maintain peace, obey the laws, and respect the Government; second, worship God and trust in His help in all things which the Mau endeavours to do in accordance with the law; and third, to use the means provided by the law for the fulfilment of our aims."

Now, these are stated to be the objects of the Mau. Do you still adhere to them?

*Faumuina*: Those were the resolutions of the Mau in 1927, and the Mau desire to support them. They might have broken them sometimes, but they have not inquired into any breaches of those resolutions yet.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: Do they still adhere to those?

*Faumuina*: When the Mau pass resolutions they review them from time to time or reconsider them or see if they were obeyed or not, and those resolutions were made at the time when Tamasese was the captain of the ship of Samoa, but since I was appointed to become leader of the Mau those resolutions have not been reviewed yet.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: Do I understand then that he disagrees with them?

*Faumuina*: I am not sure whether that is a real resolution of the Mau or not, because when the Mau make their resolutions and they are passed a representative of the Mau signs his name underneath to confirm the resolution, so I am not sure yet whether those resolutions were really resolutions of the Mau or not.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: These were published as resolutions of the Mau, and have never been denied by any member of the Mau so far as I am aware, so they must be taken as resolutions.

*Faumuina*: I myself declare that I do not know anything about those resolutions. You can ask the Samoans if any of them know of them, but I myself know nothing about them.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: To come to the second question which I asked, Are the members of the Mau prepared to obey the law?

*Faumuina*: We have stated our resolution with regard to the points put forward by His Excellency the Administrator regarding the law-breakers and people who have committed criminal offences. We have decided that we will not protect the people who have committed offences, or prisoners, and we never protected them, as we said the Government could order them to come. If they are required they will come. That means they will obey the law, any who have broken the law, and the Administrator can deal with them according to the law. The Mau will not protect them. The Mau agree to surrender the wanted men.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: I heard, of course, what he said with respect to those who are wanted, but may I assume that the law generally will be obeyed?

*Faumuina*: We will not break any law if we are satisfied with it, but we will break laws if we are not satisfied with them.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: There are many laws with which I do not agree, but I have to obey them. People do not always agree with the laws, but they have to obey them nevertheless.

*Faumuina*: You might know very well that we opposed the regulations with regard to taxation, because we were not satisfied. His Excellency knows that. We are very much opposed to the taxation, because we are not satisfied with it. The Samoans will not break any law if they get what they ask for—if they have what they want we will not break any law.

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe*: Are the members of the Mau prepared to go back to their villages, and not interfere with those who are not members of the Mau?

*Faumuina*: If the Mau will disperse and return to their villages there will be no trouble. At the same time His Excellency the Administrator required the Mau to meet him to discuss matters, and we are also some of us wanted men, and how does he expect a meeting with the Mau if he wanted to arrest the wanted men and disperse the others? So we ask if Your Excellency will give us more time to discuss the matter carefully and to think the matter over until we come to a decision.

*His Excellency the Administrator*: I notice that in giving me your answers you have not referred at all to the third point that I put before you, except just now. The third point was that the Mau or any ones that I should name—I forget just how I put it, but you have it in writing—should meet me at any time when called on. Did you come to any decision in regard to that point?

*Faumuina*: I have said that we have come to a decision in regard to the first two points, but the third point (for a meeting) we have almost come to a decision; but since the Minister ordered us to return to our homes we do not know what to do—how we are going to have a meeting. Now, you require the prisoners, and the Minister wanted us to return home; well, how are we going to make that meeting?