

AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND
TONGA.

Whereas a Treaty of Friendship between Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland Empress of India and His Majesty the King of Tonga was made on the eighteenth day of May, 1900.

And whereas it is desirable to remove doubts as to the jurisdiction of Her Majesty the Queen of Tonga in respect of offences against certain of the Laws and Regulations of Tonga committed by British subjects and Foreigners.

Therefore the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have agreed that Article V of the aforesaid Treaty shall be amended as follows, that is to say that the proviso occurring therein beginning with the words "Provided that British subjects and Foreigners charged" down to the end of the Article shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

"Provided that British subjects and Foreigners charged with any offence against any of the Laws and Regulations of Tonga for the enforcing of which the Minister of Police is responsible not including crimes punishable by death or by imprisonment exceeding two years shall be amenable to the jurisdiction of the Tongan Courts. The proceedings at all such trials shall be public and the records thereof accessible."

In testimony whereof I, EYRE HUTSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner and Consul-General for the Western Pacific, in virtue of my Full Power under the Royal Sign Manual and Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland dated the 12th day of August, 1926, have hereunto signed my name, and I, SALOTE TUBOU, Queen of Tonga, in virtue of the powers vested in me by section 42 of the Act of Constitution of Tonga of the year 1888 and section 5 of Chapter I of the Law of Tonga of 1903 have hereunto signed my name.

Done in duplicate at Suva in the Colony of Fiji this seventh day of November, 1928.

Done in duplicate at Nukualofa this twelfth day of August, 1927.

For His Britannic Majesty,
EYRE HUTSON,
High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.
SALOTE TUBOU.