

## Appendix D: Resolutions relating to Fiji passed by the Tongan general Parliament, June 1868

- I. The Government agrees to pay the sum of \$6,000 (six thousand dollars), \$2,000 in Tonga, \$2,000 in Ha`apai and \$2,000 in Vava`u, to complete the purchase of the schooner "Caroline". And it is further agreed that the payment of this sum shall be completed before the end of July, 1869.
- II. The Tongan flag which was hoisted at Lakemba without permission from this Government to be hoisted down immediately on the arrival of Ma`afu in Fiji.
- III. The cession of their lands and people which the chiefs of Bua desired to make to this Government, and also their request to be allowed to hoist the Tongan flag in their territories is declined by this Government.
- IV. Further, it is the desire of this Assembly and their command to Ma`afu that he shall not involve this Government in Fijian affairs; but should Ma`afu desire to enter into treaty with any of the ruling chiefs of Fiji for the purpose of their forming on conjunction with him a distinct Confederation, then, providing he first send to the Government of Tonga the written particulars of the Treaty into which they have entered, and the Constitution which they have agreed upon as the basis of their Union, and also the name of the Chief they have selected to act as head of the said Confederation, then should it appear from such documents that the union contemplated will be for the benefit of the people dwelling in the Tongan possessions in Fiji, and for the benefit of the Chiefs and people of the lands proposing to Confederates, the Tongan Government will recognize the same, and will give over the Tongan lands and people in Fiji to become part of the possessions of the said Confederation.
- V. And it is lawful for Ma`afu to set and establish any laws and regulations which he may know to be for the good of the Fijian possessions of Tonga, even though such laws may not agree in all things with the laws of the Government of Tonga.
- VI. Should there be portions of land in the Fijian possessions of the Tongan Government which the people are not able to cultivate, Ma`afu is at liberty to sell premises from the same to any foreigners wishing to obtain such from the Government. But in the case of an entire island, or a large district, he shall first report such intended sale of land to this Government for their approval.

Ma`afu, prince of Tonga, chief of Fiji

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the Resolutions passed at this parliament and that I have truly translated the same from a copy of the document handed to Ma`afu and signed by His Majesty King George.

(SGD) TUBOU HAABAI

Secretary, Tongan Government

Tonga,

28th June, 1868.

True copy.

(SGD) ROBERT S. SWANSTON

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