

## Appendix E: Law relating to Governors [Tonga 1868]

Clause 4:

And it shall not be lawful for any Governor or any other Chief, holding office under the Government of Tonga, to contract debts on account of the said Government unless permission be first obtained from the King and Government.

And should any party act contrary to this clause, it shall be with him and the people over whom he rules to pay the said debt, but in no case will this Government interfere or pay any portion of the said debt.

Passed in Tongan Parliament, 24th June, 1868.

(SGD) TUBOU HAAPAI,

Secretary

True copy,

(SGD) ROBERT S. SWANSTON

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