

Appendix H: Constitution of Tonga 1875: Paragraph 35

The Crown and Throne of this Kingdom is possessed by His Majesty, King George Tubou; and it is hereby confirmed that it shall be possessed by him, and to him who was begotten by him David Uga, and to him who was begotten by him Wellington Gu, and to them who shall be begotten by him in marriage; and if there shall be no heirs by marriage of Wellington Gu it shall descend according to the law of descent: – It is lawful only for those born in marriage to succeed. The succession shall be to the senior male child, and the heirs of his body: but if he should have no descendants, to the second male child and the heirs of his body, and so on until all the male line shall be ended. Should there be no male child it shall descend to the second female child and the heirs of her body until the female line is ended. And if there should be none of this line, lawful descendants, by marriage to succeed to the Crown of the King of Tonga, it shall descend to Henry Ma`afu and his lawful heirs, those that shall be begotten from his body by marriage, and to their heirs that shall be begotten by them: and if there shall be no lawful heir the King shall appoint his heir if the House of Nobles are agreeable to it. (The representatives of the people have no voice in the same)....

Source: Sione Lātūkefu, *The Tongan Constitution*, Nuku`alofa 1975, Appendix A, 7–8.

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