

UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, TUTUILA.

District Court of Tutuila, )  
No. 5, )  
Held at Tau, in Manua )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 16th day of July,  
in the year 1904, before me, Edwin W. Gurr, Judge of the  
District Court of Tutuila, personally appeared Tuimanua,  
the Governor of Manua, Tufele, County Chief of Fitiuta,  
Misa, County Chief of Ofu, Tuiolosega, County Chief of  
Olosega, Asoau, County Chief of Paleasao, and Logoai,  
District Clerk of Manua, personally known to me to be the  
Tuimanua, high chiefs, and representatives of the people  
of the Islands of Manua, who, each for himself, acknowled-  
ged that he executed the attached Instrument of Cession,  
and affixed his seal thereto, freely and voluntarily, for  
the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have caused the seal of the  
Court to be affixed this 16th day of July in the  
year 1904.

  
District Judge of Tutuila.

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

GREETING:-

W H E R E A S, the Islands of the Samoan Group lying east of longitude 171 west of Greenwich were, on the 16th day of February, 1900, by arrangement between the Governments of Germany, Great Britain, and the United States of America, placed under the protection of the Government of the United States of America;

A N D W H E R E A S, on the 17th day of April, in the year 1900, the Islands of Tutuila and Aunuū, being portion of said Islands of the Samoan Group lying east of longitude 171 west of Greenwich, were, by the chiefs and rulers of Tutuila and Aunuū, ceded to and placed under the sovereignty and protection of the United States of America, and the government of said Islands was thereupon assumed by said United States;

A N D W H E R E A S, in administering said government, the Islands hereinafter described, known as the Manua Islands, being the remainder of said Islands of the Samoan Group lying east of longitude 171 west of Greenwich, have been under the protection of the United States of America, and controlled and governed in conjunction with the Islands of Tutuila and Aunuū;

A N D W H E R E A S, at the request of Tui-Manua, the King of Manua, and his chiefs, the United States Flag was, on the 5th day of June,

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1900, raised on the Island of Tau, of the Manua Group, for the purpose of granting protection to the people of the Manua Islands;

A N D W H E R E A S, Tuimamua and his chiefs, being content and satisfied with the justice, fairness, and wisdom of the government as hitherto administered by the several commandants of the United States Naval Station, Tutuila, and the officials appointed to act with the Commandant, are desirous of placing the Islands of Manua herein-after described under the full and complete sovereignty of the United States of America to enable said Islands, with Tutuila and Aunu'u, to become a part of the territory of said United States;

N O W K N O W Y E (1) That we, Eleasara Tuimamua and the chiefs whose names are hereunder subscribed, in consideration of the premises hereinbefore recited, have ceded, and, by THESE PRESENTS DO CEDDE, unto the Government of the United States of America, ALL THOSE, THE ISLANDS OF THE MANUA GROUP, being the whole of eastern portion of the Samoan Islands lying east of longitude 171 west of Greenwich and known as TAU, OLOSEGA, OFU, and ROSE ISLAND, and all other, the waters and property adjacent thereto, together with all sovereign rights thereunto belonging and possessed by us.

T O H O L D the said ceded territory unto the Government of the United States of America; to erect the same into a territory or district

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of the said Government.

(2) It is intended and claimed by THESE PRESENTS that there shall be no discrimination in the suffrages and political privileges between the present residents of said Islands and citizens of the United States dwelling therein, and that ~~the provisions contained~~ <sup>also the rights of the</sup> chiefs in each village and of all ~~in the Act of session by the chiefs and rulers~~ people concerning their property and ~~of tutuia for the payment and retention of the~~ according to their custom shall be ~~rights of all people, and for their government,~~ recognized ~~shall be extended toward the people dwelling in~~ <sup>1908</sup> the Islands of Marua.

Done at the place of Faleula in Tau, in triplicate, in both the Samoan and the English languages, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of ~~July~~ November, in <sup>1908</sup> the year 1903, A.D.

King of Inama  
and District Governor

Tuimaseua



County Chief of Sisau

Tufele



County Chief of Ofu

Misa



County Chief of Olosega

Tuolosega



County Chief of Saleasao

Asoau



District Clerk.

P. L. Lagooai



O LOO IA TE I LATOU UMA UA MAUA LENEI FEAGAIGA,  
SI O MATOU ALOFA ATU !

I N A U A osi feagaiga i le aso 16 o Fepual i  
le tausaga 1900, o Malo TETELE o Siamani, ma Peretania  
Tele, ma le Unaite Setete o Amelika ona o le vavaeese-  
ina le vaega o Motu o Samoa o loo i le Itu i Sasae o  
logitu 171 i sisifo o le meritiana o Lonetona, ma tuu-  
ina atu le Pule i ai le Malo o le Unaite Setete o Amelika;

I N A U A oo foi, i le aso 17 o Aperila i le tau-  
saga 1900, o Motu o Tutuila ma Aunu, o le tasi vaega lea  
o Motu o Samoa i le itu i sasae o logitu 171 i sisifo o le  
meritiana o Lonetona, sa to atu ma tuuina atu i lalo o le  
pule ma le faamamalu o le Unaite Setete, o le malo foi o  
motu na ua pule i ai i lea lava aso le Malo o le Unaite  
Setete;

I N A U A oo foi, ina pule i ai lena Malo, o Motu  
foi ua tusia i lalo, ua iloaina o Motu o Mamua, o le  
vaega leaua totoe o Motu o Samoa o loo i le itu i sasae  
o logitu 171 i sisifo o le meritiana o Lonetona, o loo i  
lalo foi o le faamamalu o le Unaite Setete, ua pule i ai  
faatasi ma le pule i Motu o Tutuila ma Aunu;

I N A U A oo foi, ona o le fesili o Lana Afioga a  
Tuimanua, le Tupu o Manu'a, ma ona Faatui, ina sisi le  
FUA o le Unaite Setete i le aso 5 o Iuni i le tausaga  
1900, i le Motu o Tau, ina ia faamamalu ina o Motu o  
Manu'a;

I N A U A oo foi, O Tuimanua atoa ma ona alii, ua  
fiafia ma lotomalie latou i le faamasinoga tonu, ma le  
amictomu, ma le poto o le faigamalo ua pule i ai Kovana  
Sili o le Kolone o Tutuila ma Manu'a ma alii tofia ua  
galulue faatasi ma le Kovana Sili, O LEA, ua manao i  
latou e tuuina atu Motu o Manu'a i lalo o le pule aoao

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ma le pule atoatoa o le Unaite Setete o Amelika ina ia  
taua o Motu na faatasi ma Tutuila ma Aunuū e avea ma le  
vaega nuu o le muu ma le Malo o le Unaite Setete;

O LENEI, IA SILAFIA E OUTOU:- (1) O i matou, o  
Eleasara Tuimanua, ma ona faatui ma alii ua tusia o latou  
suafa i lalo i lenei tusi, ona o mataupu uma ua faasino-  
ina ma tusia muamua nei, matou te to atu, ua matou foai  
atu i lenei lava Feagaiga, i le Malo o le Unaite Setete,  
o Motu uma o le Atunuū o Manu'a, o le totoe lea o le  
vaega o Samoa i le itu i sasae o logitu 171 i sisifo  
o le meritiana o Lonetona, ua lauilloaina o Tau ma Olosega,  
ma Ofu, ma le nuu o Manu, ma le sami ma vai ma isi mea  
latou te tuaoi, faatasi ma le pule atoatoa o loo nei ia  
te i matou IA TAOPIA nei le Atunuū lena, ua foai atu ai  
nei, e le Malo o le Unaite Setete o Amelika e avea ma nuu  
poo faigamalo o le Malo o Amelika;

(2) Ua faapea le uiga ma  
le taofi i lenei feagaiga, ua le vavaeese le pule ma mea  
a le Malo e tatau i ai i le va o tagata ua mau nei i Motu  
na ma tagata Amelika ua nofo foi i Motu na, (o le uiga o  
lenei mataupu e faapea: Ua tussa tagata o le nuu i tagata  
papalagi mai Amelika ua mau i Samoa, ua le sili le papa-  
lagi i le Samoa), i le ma lea foi, ~~o Mataupu ua faasinoina~~  
~~pule i alii i lea nuu ma lea nuu~~  
~~ua tusia i le Feagaiga sa osia o Alii na faipule o Tutuila~~  
~~ma tagata faatasi i a latou lava mea~~  
~~uiga ile faasalo ma le faamemelu o pule o le nuu ma la~~  
~~ua masam ai~~  
~~lateu faigamalo, ina fasoo mataupu na i nuu ua mou i Motu~~  
~~o Manu'a.~~

ma le a-a

UA FAIA ileFAL EULA i TAU <sup>le</sup> faatolu

*S.S.* i le gagana Samoa ma le gagana Poretania foi i le aso 14  
o *Julia* Novemba i le tausaga 1903, T. A.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Kovana Irumalo            | <u>Ovianaria</u>  |
| Pule Daalupega o Tituta   | <u>Cufele</u>     |
| Pule Daalupega o Ofu      | <u>Misa</u>       |
| Pule Daalupega o Olosega  | <u>Tuivlosega</u> |
| Pule Daalupega o Galeasao | <u>Asoau</u>      |
| Jailautusi Irumalo.       | <u>P. Logosi</u>  |