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17th. Left at 9 a.m. and arrived WANIGELA at 11 a.m. Here I found Mr. Dick who had returned to Tufi after I left, and had accepted the opportunity of a passage with Mr. Wells in his launch. Collected tax during the afternoon. Mr. Dick making rough compass survey of the plantation.

18th. This morning I had all the people together and got the Rev. Fisher to explain to them the provisions of the Native Plantations Ordinance Mr. Fisher informed me that he had already discussed the matter with them and that they had expressed their willingness to have their plantation brought under the Ordinance, but up to the time I left I did not get a definite reply from them. There appeared to be much argument amongst themselves. Left at 11.30 a.m. called at IUAI-IU collected tax and went on to UIAKU and camped. Mr. Dick measured the plantation at IUAI-IU, and he reports it to be in bad order.

19th. Spent the whole day collecting tax and paying family bonuses. Mr. Dick on the plantation.

20th. Left about 9 a.m., called at the plantation and had a walk over it. This place is also in very bad order, and many of the trees look sickly and yellow, probably on account of too much water, as I understand the river frequently overflows on to the plantation. Called at SINAPA and collected tax. Here I met Mr. G. M. Robertson who infromed me he intended going through on to the Musa from IUAI-IU, He has no signed on boys and very little tucker, or tobacco with which to pay local carriers. It appears to me a very foolish thing to do, as he may get stranded inland and find it difficult to get back to the coast. Went on to AIRALA and camped.

21st. Collected tax. Mr. Dick on plantation. Left at 2 p.m. and went on to Lakwa.

22nd. Collected tax and went on to MOIBIRI. Here I met L/c. WAMURA whom I had sent ahead of me from Tufi to warn the natives of my intended visit, so that they would be on the spot when I arrived. Collected tax. Mr. Dick measured the plantation. Heavy rain during night.

23rd. Left at 9 a.m. called at AIRALA for lunch, and went on to PUARA to enable Mr. Dick to measure the plantation.

24th. Left at 10 a.m. -after the rain finished- and went on to UWE, WONARI and