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## Cook Islands annexed, 1900

1900



Queen Makea of the Cook Islands (left) listens as New Zealand Governor-General Lord Ranfurly reads the annexation proclamation on 7 October 1900. In the background are British military personnel. Women were among the most powerful of the Cook Islands' ariki (chiefs). However, their public role did not fit New Zealand administrators' view of appropriate behaviour, and whenever possible their authority was ignored or limited.

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