

Copy of letter and order to G.H. Robinson.

List of goods ordered, as divided between the 3 families.

Cheque for balance.

Specimen telegram to G.H. Robinson, Sydney.

Copy.

Pitcairn Island,
3rd April, 1941.

Mr G.H. Robinson,
51, Macquarie Street,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Dear Mr Robinson,

As the only communication with Pitcairn Island is now from Sydney by American cargo vessel, we have been wondering how to order our goods in future. Mr and Mrs H.E. Maude, who are living here, have suggested that you might be willing to act as the agent in Sydney for some of us Pitcairn people.

On their advice I am sending three cheques, two for £12 and £7.7.6. respectively (Australian currency) and the other for £4 (Fiji currency), and should be grateful if you would send us the goods on the enclosed list by the first ship. Please pay the freight out of the money and place the balance, if any, to our credit with you.

I should be glad if you could send the invoices with the goods as they have to be divided out among several families. The packages should be marked "Robert Young - Pitcairn Island".

I believe that the ships now calling here belong to the American Pioneer Line. The Navy Office, either at Sydney or Wellington, New Zealand, should be able to advise you the date of the next sailing.

Hoping that you will excuse me for writing to you without a preliminary letter of enquiry,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Robert Young.

Robert Young.

Robert Young - Pitcairn Island.

$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Axe Handles (wooden) - 28".
5 bags Sugar - 70 lbs. bags.
5 bags Flour - 50 lbs. bags.
5 bags Wholemeal Flour - 50 lbs. bags.
2 bags Unpolished Rice - 50 lbs. bags.
1 bag Dried Green Peas - 50 lbs. bag.
1 bag Split Peas - 50 lbs. bag.
4 tins Beef Dripping - kerosene tins.
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ cases "Crown" Soap - 48 bars to case.

Notes:-

- (1) Please send nearest substitutes for any articles not procurable; for example, white flour for wholemeal and polished for unpolished rice.
- (2) If the Dried Green Peas are much more expensive than the Split Peas please send an additional case of split peas instead.
- (3) The sizes of the bags and cases are only an indication of the quantities required. Please substitute other sizes if necessary.

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Copy of orders sent.

Divided between families.

For Robert Young.

$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Axe Handles (wooden) - 28".
1 bag Sugar - 70 lbs. bag.
2 bags Flour - 50 lbs. bags.
2 bags Wholemeal Flour - 50 lbs. bags.
2 tins Beef Dripping - kerosene tins.
1 case "Crown" Soap - 48 bars.
1 bag Unpolished Rice - 50 lbs.
1 bag Dried Green Peas - 50 lbs.

For Mrs Ada Christian.

1 bag White Flour - 50 lbs. bag.
1 bag Wholemeal Flour - 50 lbs. bag.
1 tin Beef Dripping - kerosene tin.
1 bag Sugar - 70 lbs. bag.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ case "Crown" Soap - 24 bars.

For Ivan Christian.

3 bags Sugar - 70 lbs. bags.
2 bags Flour - 50 lbs. bags.
2 bags Wholemeal Flour - 50 lbs. bags.
1 bag Unpolished Rice - 50 lbs. bag.
1 bag Split Peas - 50 lbs. bag.
1 case "Crown" Soap - 48 bars.
1 tin Beef Dripping - kerosene tin.

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Specimen telegram to Mr. G.H. Robinson, 51, Macquarie Street,
Sydney. Telegraphic address "Sunrise" - Sydney.

SUNRISE - SYDNEY

Please ship Robert Young Pitcairn three bags Flour two Rice
one Sugar two cases Lactogen one Unsweetened Milk one Soap

THE FOLLOWING IS THE COPY OF A TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM THE NAVY OFFICE
WELLINGTON THROUGH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, FIJI.

NR.1 SCDE WELLINGTON N.Z.

MAGISTRATE PITCAIRN ISLAND.

MAGISTRATE PITCAIRN ISLAND FROM THE NAVY OFFICE WELLINGTON STOP ROBERT YOUNG
MAY PROCEED NEW ZEALAND WITH WIFE AND CHILD FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT BY NEXT
VESSEL HAVING ACCOMADATION STOP FARE IS TO BE PAID ON EMBARKATION STOP

Re attached

Find out for Mr Robinson re above and
advise him to credit amount to my a/c. in Sydney
on this being done telegraph Robert the C 2 to
pay the amt to Robert Young.

Robert Young = £12 0 0
 Ivan Christian = £7 7 6
 Ivan Christian = £4 5 0 = £4 (Fiji)
 £23.12.6

Dear Mr Robinson,

with reference to my letter of the
 3rd April, 1941, ^{in which} ~~to~~ which I funded three cheques for
 £12 and £7 7 6 (Australian currency) and £4 (Fiji currency)
 respectively in payment of certain goods ordered, I should be
 grateful if you would now cancel the order and ^{place the} ~~credit~~
 the sums in question to ~~Mr H~~ the credit of Mr H E
 Hordes account with the Bank of New Zealand, George St,

Sydney

As I ~~do not~~ ^{did not} yet receive the goods nor
 ordered or any communication from you on the subject, I
 concluded that you were unable to do anything in the
 matter - no doubt owing to the difficulty in ~~communication~~ ^{communication}

- (1) "Pineha City" June 11, 1941 Individual purchase. ~~Two~~
- (2) "Sea Witch" March 27, 1941 Per family. Ac. 3 had 2 shares.
- (3) "City of Escater" Feb, 12, 1943 Per person.
- (4) "Staley 5 Water" Jan 29, 1944

Q.C. Each farm had individual title. Surplus, which was considerable, shared out as each holder deemed to purchase

✓
60 shares

between Sydney and P.I. ^{way to the way} I therefore
consulted with Mr. Kneale, who advised me to cancel the
order and, in anticipation of your eventually refunding
the ~~same~~ amount sent, has handed me the cash in
full in Pitcairn Island.

my requests & requests of the island (Anchore)

Time have not been taken

Boys for the school

✓ delivery of 3000 (1000 for the) & for sea

✓ Mrs. Ross

✓ 1000

✓ would attention of best school

✓ William's payment (1000 for the)

✓ Distribution of 1000 for the

✓ medicines ordered for the 1/2 for

✓ Anchor & Dora as Mangana

✓ Anchor & Dora to office

✓ Rent of land

✓ making of new constitution

The God

✓ the same vessels may (for the)

✓ comes to the shipping firms. Gilberts Green House

✓ accounts for the things? No request?

✓ Anchor and Dora

For Mr Lee.

- (1) Any money required ✓
- (2) Rent of land at £34/11s per acre ✓
- (3) which ✓ (Lee will inquire price & advise me)
- (4) Henderson, etc. ✓ (telegram D.C. & text of inscription)
- (5) Mangrove children ✓
- (6) cableway 100 ft. each but doubtful as to whether can be maintained)
- (7) The God ✓ (asked Museum but the form of letter)
- (8) Slave of Amos 4 5 3) 15 44
5 15
- (9) Put up ✓
- (10) Take notes ✓ (Note conveyed to B.P. askd for see list of the to ship to Fiji)
- (11) Accounts from Rastoga ✓ (

all orders for Grabe City, Sea Hotel and
City of Exeter have been paid for 3 volumes,
ex ~~of~~ a few outstanding be Wellington volumes.

Sea Hotel orders are considered to be included
in Grabe City, invoices as no separate ones
are rec'd. M

H. E. Maude, Esq.,
Hotel Waterloo,
WELLINGTON. C.I.

*With the Compliments of the
High Commissioner for the
United Kingdom.*

Copy of telegram No. 22 of the 7th Oct.
from the High Commissioner for the Western
Pacific.

Copy of letter dated 27th August from
External Affairs Department to the
Official Secretary.

Copy of letter dated 30th September
from Mrs. F.M. Marsh to the High
Commissioner.

*Wellington,
New Zealand.*

14th October, 1943.

TELEGRAM.

Code.

From: High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Suva.

To: High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Wellington.

Despatched: 7th October, 1943. 4.30 p.m.

Received: 8th October, 1943. 9.00 a.m.

No. 22.

Grateful if the following may be passed to Maude. Begins.

Burns Philp & Co., Sydney state unable to land goods for Pitcairn

Island at Wellington within time stated. Ends.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

Prime Minister's Office,
Wellington.

27th August, 1943.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of the 4th August I have to inform you that the Comptroller of Customs states that Mr. Charles Cooze and his grandson Master Reeve Cooze, will on their return to New Zealand be permitted to land without special restriction on compliance with the usual formalities. It was not necessary to contact Mrs. March of Petone, and therefore it is not known whether she or any other relatives would be prepared to look after Mr. Cooze and his grandson. In accordance with the arrangement made by telephone with Mr. Cumming-Bruce, this will be left to be dealt with by your Office.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A.D. McIntosh.

Secretary of External Affairs.

The Official Secretary,
High Commissioner for the
United Kingdom,
WELLINGTON. C.I.

Copy.

5 Koro Cres.,
PETONE.

30th September, 1943.

The Secretary,
High Commissioner for the
United Kingdom,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

I regret delay in acknowledging your letter of 31st August, (Ref. F.8/2) in regard to my father, Charles Cooze, at present resident in Pitcairn Island. It has been necessary, however, to communicate with his other sons and daughters.

The consensus of opinion is that it would be dangerous for my father to come, at the age of 96, from the tropical climate of Pitcairn to New Zealand.

None of the family are in a position to take care of him. I am not referring to financial aspects, but in my own case my husband is retired on account of ill-health and I am in receipt of Age Benefit.

I have endeavoured to keep constantly in touch with my father and send him such comforts as are possible under existing communication circumstances, and regret very much that he should be separated from his family. He went, however, of his own free will to Pitcairn some 17 years ago with his youngest son, but the latter has not fulfilled his obligations and is now somewhere in the South Island, leaving his wife and children
with

Pitcairn Island,

1st February, 1944.

Dear Mr Shepherd,

Would you please be so kind as to code and send the following message for the Navy Office, as there are no secure codes ashore.

Yours etc.,

NAVY OFFICE - WELLINGTON

Please pass following to HCWP from Maude, begins:-

Important. Arrived 29th January, unloading proceeding. Estimate essential work can be completed before departure vessel with exception stores payments and accounts but if desired complete I can arrange return via New Zealand by first trip Tagua leaving here about four weeks time. This would enable collaboration with New Zealand expedition throughout initial period and permit visit Henderson Oeno Ducie reaffirm sovereignty and ^{re-fer} investigate settlement and other potentialities. -Ends. Maude

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Telegram.

From:- The Secretary, W.P.H.C., Suva, Fiji;
via The Navy Office, Wellington.

3rd February, 1944.

For Maude, from Secretary, W.P.H.C., begins:-

Important that you should complete everything including
the stores accounting and payments.

If these cannot be completed before departure of
vessel remain and return via New Zealand as you propose.

You are urgently required here and make effort to
complete before departure of vessel. Ends.

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Copy.

Pitcairn Island,

8th February, 1944.

Dear Uncle,

In case Hilda and Robert Young land at Auckland, I have taken the liberty of advising them to see you about their son Alaric, who has unfortunately ^{been} deaf and dumb from birth: you may remember my discussing his case with you when I was last in Auckland.

Alaric is an exceptionally bright child, and I am most anxious that he should have a chance of hearing, if his deafness should prove to be curable either by operation or through some hearing aid, or at any rate of speaking through tuition at some deaf and dumb school. Honor and I are quite willing to face the cost of any treatment suggested by you.

We had a lovely trip to Pitcairn Island and found the community well and flourishing. I am now on the eve of my departure to San Francisco so must close this brief note and go to a General Assembly of the people.

I am sorry to trouble you with an additional case when you have so many but Hilda and Robert have always been so kind to us (as, indeed, have the whole community) and we are terribly keen to help Alaric - who bears the family name.

Hoping Auntie and you are both well and that

Copy.

Telegram.

To:- Navy Office, Wellington.

8th February, 1944.

Secret. Following for HCWP from Maudé, begins:-

~~Left~~ ^{Leaving} Pitcairn Island for San Francisco 9th February. /

Ends.

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Copy.

Telegram.

To:- Navy Office, Wellington.

8th February, 1944.

Following for HCWP from Maude, begins:-

N.Z.P.W.D. have agreed to freight coconuts for islanders from Rarotonga. Grateful if you would arrange with Administrator to ship thousand unhusked eating nuts by "Tagua" debiting cost to High Commission. Community will refund cost plus freight on notification of total amount due. Ends.

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