

TELEPHONE,
FLAXMAN 4929.

Clinical Office
Dariusz J. J. J.
60, COURTFIELD GARDENS.

2nd January 1959

Dear Madam

By personal correspondence
on your M.B.B. I hope it
will please you to think that
your work - even in the most
~~remote~~ remote corners of the
Empire - gets recognition.

I have often thought of you
since our last meeting (at
the Abou (and Hotel) - of
your expedition to Zanzibar &
your return to your own
hunting ground. I hope all
things go well with you &

that you are keeping it.

With every good wish

Yours truly

S. J. Pauliceanu

TEL: 3700 SPEEDWELL.

9, NORTH SQUARE,
HAMPSTEAD,
N.W. 11.

3rd January 1939.

Henry E. Maude, Esq., M.B.E.,
Colonial Administrative Service,
Native Land Commissioner,
Gikbert Islands,
WESTERN PACIFIC.

Dear Harry,

Just a line to congratulate you on the
M.B.E. which I noticed in yesterday's New Year's Honours -
an Honour I am sure richly deserved.

I hope the address that I have put on this
letter, copied from "The Times" will be sufficient to
find you.

With kindest regards from all at the
above address and I hope that your Wife and you will
have a Happy 1939 and enjoy good health.

Yours sincerely,

Ronald Maude

*Hope to go to Joan's wedding on Jan: 14th
✓ to see many members of the Family.*



Western Pacific High Commission,
Suva, Fiji.

4th January, 1939.

Dear Maude,

H.E. has asked me to write to you with reference to your telegram of the 25th December in which you suggest that if the general embargo on leave has been lifted you might be permitted to take long leave in New Zealand.

H.E. is reluctant to approve any long leave in either of the Dominions as he regards it as highly desirable that officers who are appointed from England should maintain their home ties and also keep some cultural contacts with the United Kingdom.

He

H.E. Maude, Esquire, M.B.E.



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He also feels that young officers who are ambitious and looking for either transfers or promotions should make a point of "making their number" at the Colonial Office as frequently as leave conditions permit.

I told H.E. that your kinship ties in England were not very strong as you were born in some wierd place which I believe is called India and that, apart from the fact that your father and mother (?) are now re-tired in Jersey you had no great family ties with the Old Country. I also suggested that you might find it easier to write your book in Wellington. However he is quite adamant regarding his disapproval of the grant of long leave in New Zealand so that unless you
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you can put up more cogent arguments I do not think you will have much chance of persuading him to change his mind.

You may rest assured however that you will not be required to return to the Colony for a long tour of duty without adequate leave either now or later on in the year. He is very anxious for you to return to Suva to fix up a few items of legislation, and wot-not; and although he naturally cannot commit himself completely in regard to your secondment for special duty in Pitcairn Island, I am quite sure that if anyone goes at all you will.

By the last mail we received a despatch from the Secretary of State telling us that the production of the new issue of stamps



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stamps for Pitcairn Island is proceeding satisfactorily and from general indications I should say that they will be ready for sale by May at the latest.

Both H.E. and I are quite convinced that the only reason why you are withholding any more than the word "Rotorua" from your address is because you must be living in some house of ill fame, otherwise it is difficult to see why you are shrouding your whereabouts in such general terms.

Please give my kind regards to Honour and the "Vizigoth".

With all good wishes for 1940.

Yours sincerely
R.H. Clare



Western Pacific High Commission,
Suva, Fiji.

4th January, 1939.

Secret.

Dear Maude,

As a result of further discussion of the attitude to be adopted by H.M. Government in the United Kingdom regarding the American claims to certain islands in the Pacific, the Colonial Office has requested H.E. to obtain as much information as possible, from local sources, which would help to substantiate our claims to those islands.

Macdonald, who is again fit, apart from a slight limp, is going to be relieved of all other duties in order to

search

H.E. Maude, Esquire, M.B.E.



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search through our office records and obtain as much information as possible. As we know however that you have a unique knowledge of the history of the Central Pacific islands it may be necessary for us either -

(a) to ask you to place all your material at our disposal, or

(b) to request your return to Suva in the very early future in order to assist Macdonald to collate the information.

We shall probably let you know by telegraph if such a course is necessary and this letter is written in the Boy Scout spirit of "be prepared".

In some haste,

Yours sincerely,

R.H. Clancy

As per Colonial Office.

TELEPHONE.
FLAXMAN 4829.

60, COURTFIELD GARDENS,
S.W.5.

15. January 1939

Dear Maude

I was indeed delighted to get your letter of the 30th November. I have often thought about you since it was decided that you should go back to the Pacific from Zanzibar. In spite of the doctors I was a bit anxious about your health. But now you say you have never been ~~fitter~~ fitter since you left Cambridge and you are the proud father of a son (many congratulations on that) & you & your wife are ideally happy & contented. Well - you could not have sent me better news than that, & it puts my mind at rest. All the same I think we were right (on the information

before us) to send you to Gambia
just as I think we were right
in sending you back to the G. H.
I hope you will think kindly of
your brief incursion into Africa &
not look on it as wasted time.

Your letter & your printed
report do give a splendid
picture of what you are doing in
the Colonisation of the Phoenix Islands.

I can't think of a more
fascinating^{job}. As you say, there is
nothing in the whole wide world
so satisfying as the chance of
doing constructive, responsible
work while you are still young
enough to make the most of it.
I remember ~~the~~ well the thrill that
I used to get in Northern Nigeria

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FLAXMAN 4829.

69, COURTFIELD GARDENS,

S.W.5.

more than 30 years ago when I found that I was in a village which no white man had ever seen before.

I know well how sorry you must have been when Sir Arthur Richards left. I can't imagine a more inspiring chief. But Sir Edward Denham's death just at a time when Jamaica was in a dreadful mess made it necessary to pick out the best man available. But I am sure you will like Sir Harry Luke & I hope it won't be long before ~~the~~ he pays you a visit.

Please forgive me if I don't write more. My Christmas letters are not all answered.

Only let me say again how
glad I am that things are
going so well with you. Please
also give my kind regards to
Mrs. Maude when, I think, I
met you half a second at the
Abercorn Hotel. You don't
say what happens to her & the
baby when you are cruising.
I suppose there is not a nursery
on H.M.C.S. Niimanda.

All good wishes to all
three of you.

Yours sincerely
S. J. Pauline

RAML EH,
246, Sandridge Road,
ST. ALBANS,
HERTS,
ENGLAND.

29th January 1939.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I have been communicating with Mr. Ross, of Ocean Island, about stamps and, particularly, post-marks of the Gilberts, and you happened to come into the correspondence as, I gather, the operative agent to get certain of the covers posted from the outer islands. Mr. Ross happened to mention you are, or used to be, interested in the island post-marks, and that you said you would answer any letters I cared to write, so here I am.

Actually, you know, my interest as a collector of anything relating to the postal service of the G. & E. goes far beyond the mere satisfaction of the acquisitive instinct, as you may have guessed from my article in Gibbons. I followed this up by the way with one in Stamp Collecting - Mr. Ross put them on to me for it - and am sending you a copy under separate cover. It seems rather like sending coals to Newcastle, but you may find something of interest in it.

Getting about among the islands as you do, you probably have just the knowledge that I find it so difficult to acquire. I would immensely appreciate any personal impressions you would ~~see~~ care to let me have of the islands, and the postal service in particular. Apart from R.L.S. and the official reports there seems to be nothing published at all. Certain concrete facts are also hard to get. What quantity of mail really does originate in the outer islands, does the native scribe send in his reports under official cover, what sort of time does it take for a letter to get from these islands to Ocean, and how often do ships call; is it possible to find out when post-marks were supplied to them and when and why they were changed; what is the significance of the various "Customs Department" etc. marks on postage stamps, the one too that simply has the name of the island in block capitals (I have seen ABEMAMA and TARAWA thus)?

Well, that should be enough to go on with. If I make ~~k~~ list any longer - and I could - I will get the reputation in Ocean of being a first class pest.

Ross tells me you have leanings towards anthropology. My own line is economics, with special reference to transport, but not the primitive sort you have to endure in the South Seas.

Indeed, though I am actually railway, my present job is in ~~the~~ charge of the section that deals with the air service we operate between London, Belfast and Glasgow. I am up to the eyes just now trying to get a licence for the darned thing - they have just introduced licencing of internal civil aviation here - and have to get a thesis finished by June on Transport Co-ordination, since I was mug enough three years ago to think I would like to have a shot at a Doctorate in Economics.

I use the London School of Economics Library a lot, and as they teach anthropology there I expect they have a ~~st~~ strong section in the library on it. If I can be of any use to you in that way - or of course in any other way you can think of - don't hesitate to ask; you'll gather I'm not backward in asking, just ask Ross!

Hope I may have the pleasure of hearing from you,

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jack L. Grumbridge

(Jack L. Grumbridge)

PS. May I congratulate you on the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours - I gather it must be you as it seems to fit.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII.

THE LIBRARY

February 14, 1939

Mr. H. E. Maude,
Gilbert Islands,
Central Pacific

Dear Mr. Maude,

Dr. Burrows and I have just looked up the Gilberts on the atlas to see the whereabouts of your Beru and Tamana. What a marvelous trip you had. Burrows and Emory have both read your letter. Dr. Buck is at Yale at the moment, lecturing, Graduate School, second term. He was also asked to give three lectures on primitive religion-Polynesia. I believe the lectures have to be printed- more work for him but a pleasant expectation for the rest of us.

Your check of \$20 is herewith acknowledged and order sent, bill enclosed. I don't know what will be issued next by Bishop Museum, Metraux's Easter Island, Laura Thompson's Lau Islands or Handy's Hawaiian Planter. They are running neck and next for last place! An editor's life is not an easy one.

On page 14 of Dr. Buck's Mangareva is mentioned the Laval ms. It is now printed, translated into French:- "Mangareva, l'Histoire Ancienne d'un Peuple Polynésien", by P. Honore Laval. obtainable from Librairie Orientale Paul Geuthner, 12 Rue Vavin, Paris, VI. (It must cost about \$2 or so) 1938. You may wish to get a copy. Mr. Emory says that Dr. Buck has covered it pretty well in his book.

All of us send our felicitations to you and Mrs. Maude upon your acquiring an infant. What a long journey he was scheduled to take as soon as ever he could. But what a marvelous place he has to live in during the first years of his life. Both of you must welcome him with especial joy.

Thank you for letting us know of your lives and work. With best regards to Mrs. Maude, I am

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Zentgraf

P. S. No other news here of moment. Like everyone else, we are all concerned by the news in every day's paper about the increasing power of the dictator countries,- black.

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His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioners Court for the W. Pacific.

Held on board the m.v. "Manoa" on the 23rd February, 1939,
before H. E. Maude, Esq., one of His Majesty's Deputy Commissioners
for the Western Pacific.

Application by Nei Rubua of Croton Island against Host Greig of
Washington Island for a maintenance order in respect of her ~~child~~^{son}
Ten ~~Teaboua~~^{Teaboua} alleged to be her child by the said Host Greig.

Nei Rubua of Croton sworn states - I have had a child Ten
Teaboua. The child was born at Washington Island on the 1st
June, 1938. The father of the child was Host Greig. I am
unmarried. I have never had connection with any other man but
only with Host Greig. I was his washerwoman and used to
work in his house every day. The child is in his physical
appearance exactly similar to Host Greig. The child is light
coloured and looks like a half-caste. Host Greig was the only
half-caste on Washington. Host Greig has now denied the paternity
of the child but has freely admitted it.

Rubua

Taken and sworn before me

H. E. Maude

one of H.M.'s Deputy-Commissioners for
the Western Pacific.

Edward Leslie Leembrugger sworn states - In my capacity as acting administrative officer, Fanning Island District, I visited Washington Island during the month of June, 1938. I was interviewed there by Host Greig who told me that he was the father of a child by an unnamed Fijian woman, Rei Rubua, and that owing to outside pressure he was willing to marry the girl. I told him that I was unable to perform the ceremony during my visit owing to its brevity and informed him that the only solution would be marriage by special licence or local marriage by me as a Registrar if he and the girl came across to Fanning Island and gave the requisite notice. The girl and the child accompanied me to Fanning Island but Host Greig remained behind.

In due course during my official business at Fanning Island I received from Mr. P. F. D. Palmer, the manager of Fanning Island Plantations, Ltd, a Certificate of Birth of the child of Rei Rubua wherein Host Greig appeared as the father of the child. The original of the certificate has been forwarded to Ocean Island.

See further.

Taken and sworn before me

J. H. Maude.

Chief H. M. Deputy Commissioner
the Western Pacific.

His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner's Court for the
Western Pacific.

Held on board the m.v. "Moanoa" on the 23rd February, 1939, before
H.E. Maude, Esq., one of His Majesty's Deputy Commissioners for the
Western Pacific.

Application by Nei Ribua of Onotoa Island against Host Greig of
Washington Island for a Maintenance Order in respect of her son Ten
Teaborua alleged to be her child by the said Host Greig.

Nei Ribua of Onotoa sworn states - I have had a child Tan Teaborua.
The child was born at Washington Island on the 1st June, 1938. The
father of the child was Host Greig. I am unmarried. I have never
had connection with any other man but only with Host Greig. I was
his washerwoman and used to work in his house every day. The child
is in his physical appearance exactly similar to Host Greig. The
child is light coloured and looks like a half-caste. Host Greig was
the only half-caste on Washington. Host Greig has never denied the
paternity of the child but has freely admitted it.

(Signed). Ribua.

Taken and sworn before me,

(Signed). H.E. Maude,

One of H.M.s Deputy - Commissioners
for the Western Pacific.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

Office of the Resident Commissioner,

Ocean Island,

4th March, 1939.

Gilbert & Ellice.

Confidential.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 3 of Sir Arthur Richard's confidential despatch of the 15th February, 1937, and previous correspondence relative to the health of Mr. H. E. Maude, Native Lands Commissioner, Gilbert Islands, and presently Officer in Charge of the Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme, and also to the first paragraph of my confidential telegram No.234 of the 5th November, 1938, relative to my intention to recommend Mr. Maude for short leave early this year, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that in view of the fact that he was taken ill during the course of his recent visit to the Phoenix Islands

His Excellency,

The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Islands, I deemed it advisable to have him medically examined before he proceeds to that Group again next month.

2. I enclose a copy of the medical report furnished by the Government Medical Officer, Ocean Island, from which Your Excellency will see that Mr. Maude's health is quite satisfactory. As, however, he has not a robust constitution I suggest that it would be unwise for him to delay his leave too long.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient
servant,

(Signed). R.H. Garvey.

Acting Resident Commissioner.

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Island of Beru,

Southern Gilbert Islands,

8th April, 1939.

Dear Sir Harry Luke,

May I express my gratitude to Your Excellency for your very kind letter of congratulation on my M.B.E. It has reached me on the eve of my departure to the Phoenix Islands with a further party of settlers from the Gilbert Islands, nearly 200 in all. So far the settlement operations have progressed better than I could have hoped, although the unexpected spreading of the present drought to the Phoenix Group has been a great blow. I realize, however, the importance of letting nothing delay the progress of the scheme and up to the present, fortunately, comparatively few coconut palms have actually died so that, provided the supply of well water does not fail, it should be possible to tide over the period until rain falls by partially rationing the settlers.

We are all looking forward very keenly to Your forthcoming visit to the Colony and to the opportunity which it will afford of meeting Your Excellency personally.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed). H. E. Maude.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FIJI.

2nd January, 1939.

Sen Maude

Please accept my best congratulations on your well deserved M.B.E. On my way out to Fiji I read some of your Settlement Reports with great interest, and I look forward to making your acquaintance in person when I start my Western Pacific cruises later on in the year. Meanwhile, I hope all is going well with your actual settlement operations.

Yours sincerely
J.H. Luce

Island of Beru,

Southern Gilbert Islands,

8th April, 1939.

Dear Mr. Macdonald,

May I express my gratitude for your kindness in requesting that my name should be put forward to His Majesty for the honour of an M.B.E. and for your very kind letter of congratulation, which has just reached me.

Yours sincerely,

The Right Honourable,

Malcolm Macdonald, Esq.,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.



COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

2nd January, 1939.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I should like if I may to congratulate you on your M.B.E., and to say that it gave me great pleasure to ask the Prime Minister to put forward your name to His Majesty for this honour in recognition of your services in the Gilbert Islands.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm MacDonald

H. E. Maude, Esq., M.B.E.

Island of Beru,
Southern Gilbert Islands,
14th April, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the very serious lack of coins of small denomination on the outlying Gilbert Islands. When Sir Murchison Fletcher visited the Colony in 1931 the stultifying effect on native trading transactions of the lack of change was brought to his notice and instructions were given that an adequate amount of small coinage should be passed into circulation. Since that year the situation has unfortunately got steadily worse and the government and co-operative societies, together with the natives themselves, are seriously hampered in their transactions by the difficulty in obtaining change for pound and ten shilling notes. During my recent stay on Tamana Island I found that natives were forced to the expedient of owning shares in notes owing to the absence of change, and even on the headquarters island of Beru I have found it impossible to obtain change for a 2/- piece from the Colony or Native Governments, Co-operative Societies, or individual natives.

2. I would add that the urgent demand throughout the

The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
Ocean Island.

the islands is for 6d., 3d., and 1d. coins, as well as 1/- pieces, and that large supplies of these should be sent for forcing into circulation. In my opinion the absence of small change is the principal barrier hampering the growth of small trading transactions between natives and preventing the acquisition of a sense of the value of money so necessary if the native is to learn to adapt himself to changing modern conditions.

3. I would respectfully suggest that as a speedy means of remedying the situation Sub-Accountants should be instructed to make all payments to natives under £5 in value in coins of not more than 1/-, and that not less than a quarter of every Imprest given to Native Governments should be similarly made in coins of 1/- denomination or less.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed). H.E. Maude,

Commissioner for Native Lands,
Gilbert Islands.

Island of Beru,
Southern Gilbert Islands,
15th April, 1939.

Dear Major Swinbourne,

I am so sorry that I have not been able to write before to thank you for your very kind telegram of congratulation on my M.B.E. I received it when on my way back from the Phoenix Islands, and thought I should be free to write letters after arriving at Tarawa, but two days after reaching there the High Commissioner ordered me off immediately to Fanning, Christmas, and Washington Islands.

We installed the Macdonalds safely at Fanning Island and brought the Leembruggens back again. I feel sure that you will like Fanning should you go there and the house is not nearly as bad as people make out. I think that Macdonald was surprised at the amount of work to do there.

Christmas is certainly an amazing island - we motored for over a hundred miles and only saw half the place, and the climate is definitely an improvement on anywhere else in the Colony, with really cold nights and crisp, bracing mornings.

I leave on Monday on the "Moamoa" for the Phoenix Islands again, with a further 178 settlers - most of them for Sydney Island. The drought has even extended to the Phoenix now and everything is very dry. As for the Southern Gilberts - they're in a terrible
mess,

mess, with trees dying by the hundred. Before the year is out the government will be feeding every man, woman, and child between Maiana and Arorae.

The "Moamoa", I understand, will not be returning to the Gilberts and we are to have the "Matafele" instead, and the "Desicoco" is to take the place of the "John Bolton". Trade is so bad that I believe Burns Philp are contemplating closing down until rain falls.

I am addressing this letter c/o Burns, Philp in the hope that it reaches you eventually, though I imagine that by now you must be enjoying yourself in England. In any case I hope that you are freer than we are from the alarms of war and Japanese scares. I never realized what a curse the radio is until recently - not that we ever listen in ourselves.

My wife asks me to say how sorry she was to miss you at Ocean Island, I gather that all the ladies well at a Mah Tong party at Mrs. Yam's the day you called.

With kind regards to Mrs. Swinbourne and yourself in which my wife joins - she and Alarie are staying at Beru now.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed). H. E. Maude.



THE RESIDENCY,
OCEAN ISLAND.

16th April, 1939

Dear Maude,

It is a great disappointment to me that I shall not now be able to see you before I go away, but the breakdown of the good ship "Moana" has made it impossible. What I chiefly wanted to talk to you about was the next step in the Phoenix Island Scheme. It is fairly apparent to me that Suva intends to force the pace

despite drought & other difficulties &
I wanted us to be able to show
a united front. I shall be back
in Lima for some time as the
H.C. has vetoed any idea of my
going on leave at present. H.E.
& Vaskens are at the moment in
Australia a Defers Conference &
Barlow is acting. Owing to
Barlow's late return I shall not
meet them in Australia &



THE RESIDENCY,
OCEAN ISLAND.

travel back to Suva with them as
I had hoped. It would have
given me a golden opportunity
of covering H.E. on a few
G.F.I.C. matters.

Due to the slackness of the
Treasury we have lost a golden
opportunity of acquiring Christmas Island
for nothing. I found from the
Treasury on the 20th March that
the Coconut Co. had not paid

royalty since 1935 & commuted
taxation since 1937. I telegraphed

H.E. immediately that I thought
he could take specific action to
cancel the lease & he telegraphed

the S. of S. only to get the Caonic
reply that "Wallons had approached
the Colonial Office on the 9th

March making back payments."

For the first time for 20 years

I literally burst into tears!



THE RESIDENCY,
OCEAN ISLAND.

I took the liberty of sending
 a copy of your report on the Five
 Islands to Sir Arthur Richards as
 I thought it would interest him.
 I had the file with me to show
 you my covering despatch, & it
 is now too late to have a copy
 taken to send you. I said
 in effect that we were two
 minds with but a single
 thought & pledged ourselves

body & soul to the Christmas Island
Cruise.

The body in the bag has
gone unaccountably black, but is
still white inside. If you will
me to Sydney on Saturday.

I shall never forget
our delightful journey together
through the Five Islands & look
forward immensely to our next
meeting. Kind regards to Mrs. M. &
A. Yours as always
P. Ham

Taninmaraki
Obiang Gilbert-De.
18 April 1939

H. E. Mr. Mauds

Ko na mauri!

Taioba. Tai au reta ae roko iproun?

Ae bon Am reta are roko Irou. Ba iai au bubuti nako im i bukin bon Am
reta are ko a tia ni kanakoa nako Tiaman, i bukin kakaeon Friedrich-
Hulsen, i poum te manna kain ana utua, ae Richard Moller i Germany.
Ao ko a tia ni kaota nako ina, ba e a tia ni mate Friedrich Hulsen, ae
e boni maini buna ni sein ae Hei Tine i Obiang n te Kawa ae i Sabontebiki

ii Ao Ete ni mimi iai ba e a tia n roko i poum ketuai, Au Kantoninga
Staku ba e aki kanakoa au reta te Takeroboki nei, Sengkana e a
tia n roko i poum, ae Kabara au bure iai, ba Staku ba e aki roko i
poum, ngkai Sa Kua ni Kantoninga bona ma e tuai n roko
Irou; ma Ebutiko ba kona karekea bon au reta anne: Koraba.

iii Sa butiko, enara ana bai ni mare Hei Tine ma Friedrich Hulsen
ereke ketuai. Ituai men ongo taekana, mangaiia ae Sa butiko
iai ba kona kaongoi pongorongona.

Ko bati n kaba.

Tia Kato

ngai Rewi

Bairiki.

19th April, '39.

Dear Maude,

Thankyou very much for your care in the selection of a Catholic boy from Beru. Your diction is most pertinent - "measly and worm eaten" would describe most village schools of the S.H.M., except those on Abaiang, Marakei and Nonouti. Here are figures that talk : Of the 15 teachers trained at Bairiki, 6 are now at duty and of these 3 only are doing decent work. In the case of the L.M.S., 20 teachers were trained and 19 are still at duty.

I have just prepared, or rather revised, some notes on the local use of manures and enclose a copy, in case (a) the drought ever breaks (b) you are allowed more than a sojourn in any one area.

Do you mind letting me know, or causing me to know, the total cost of feeding the schoolboys during their time on Beru ? And what vote, cost has been debited against ? A copy of the voucher would be sufficient.

Thankyou for "Discovery". I shall return it quite soon.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Holland.



GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

Fanning Island,

1st May, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ended with my telegram of the 29th April, relative to the application of Nei Ribua for a maintenance order against Host Greig in respect of her bastard child, Teaborua, I have the honour to acquaint you with the full circumstances of the case for your consideration. I regret the delay in replying to your telegram of the 18th April, which was due to the fact that Host Greig is at present resident in Washington Island, and that, owing to a mechanical breakdown, it was not possible to establish telephonic communication with him immediately on receipt of your telegram.

2. At the outset, it is desirable to state that Host Greig frankly admits paternity of the child.

The circumstances of the case are as follows: on the recent visit of my predecessor, Mr. E. L. Leembruggen, to Washington Island, Host Greig made application to him to be married to Nei Ribua, who was also present. Mr. Leembruggen, however, refused to marry them, basing his refusal on some legal technicality (probably the lack of the period of notice of marriage), which I cannot now ascertain. Soon afterwards the m. v. "Moamoa" arrived at Washington Island and the girl's parents, who were due for repatriation

insisted

The Commissioner for Native Lands,
Gilbert Islands,

Beru.

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insisted on the girl returning with them to the Gilbert Islands, which effectively precluded any further possibility of the marriage taking place.

3. It may here be mentioned that there was, at the time of Mr. Leembruggen's visit to Washington Island, daily telephonic communication between that island and Fanning Island, and thence to Ocean Island and Fiji. As the vessel stayed several days at Washington Island, special permission could easily have been sought by telegraph to perform the marriage, the peculiar circumstances of the case being the basis of the request. No advantage was, unfortunately, taken of this course of action.

4. The facts stated above are corroborated throughout by the Manager of Fanning Island Plantations Limited who visited Washington Island at the date in question.

5. The position may therefore be summarized as follows:

- (a) Host Greig frankly admits paternity of the child.
- (b) He was in love with the plaintiff and did his utmost to marry her.
- (c) He was unable to marry her in view of the refusal of the Acting Administrative Officer to perform the ceremony, due to legal objections.
- (d) Permission could however have been sought apparently and obtained, but such was not done.
- (e) The parents of the plaintiff soon afterwards took her back to the Gilbert Islands.
- (f) No mention of an application for a maintenance order was made by the plaintiff to the Administrative Officer or the Resident Commissioner during their visit to the island in February. This was surely the normal course to be expected.

6. Host Greig does not wish to contest the application formally, but asks that you will take the above circumstances into

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into account when formulating your judgment on the case. Further, should a decision be given in favour of the plaintiff, he asks that the sum named in the maintenance order should be reconsidered. This request I support for I feel that a sum of £6 per annum is far in excess of the average income of a normal Gilbertese.

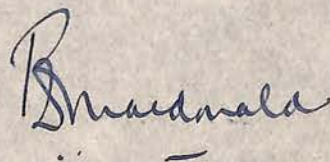
7. I should like to add one final suggestion of my own, namely, that, should a maintenance order be made against Host Greig, the money thus forthcoming should be for the exclusive use of the mother and child, and that the parents of Nei Ribua should not be allowed to handle it. If necessary I suggest the opening of a Deposit Trust Account for Nei Ribua, to be operated upon jointly by her and the Administrative Officer, Southern Gilbert Islands District.

8. I should be grateful if your decision in this case may be conveyed to me by telegraph in due course.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Administrative Officer,
Fanning Island District.



GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER,
OCEAN ISLAND.

5th May, 1939.

L.C.,G.I.

No. _____ 2.

Sir,

I am directed by the Resident Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th April relative to the growing shortage of coins of small denomination on the outlying Gilbert Islands and to state that His Honour agrees with you that the present situation demands early action. Unfortunately Colony funds in the Banks have been dangerously low for the last twelve months and it is anticipated that the Colony will be operating on an overdraft before the close of the present financial year. The importation by the Government of small coinage in any appreciable quantity consequently at the moment presents considerable difficulty.

2. The matter, however, will receive His Honour's earnest attention and it is hoped that it will be found possible to discover some measure for alleviating the present most unsatisfactory situation in the near future.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Ans. Lindut.

Acting Secretary to Government.

The Lands Commissioner,
Gilbert Islands.

7. South View
Letchworth
21. 5. 37

Dear Sir Walter

Thank you very much: your kind and prompt response will be appreciated at the moment. I'm sorry the appeal is going none too well: perhaps it has been launched at an unfortunate time. As a matter of fact 4 appeals have been sent out in the last ten years and I'm afraid we have been the villain of the piece. These are indeed times of financial stringency and with all the nations heading for bankruptcy I should imagine they are not likely to improve: diminished dividends are not a pleasant prospect.

Yes! Steady must have done well to get his M.A.E. He has always been a most interesting study: so independent and unconventional. I rather admire the stand he made at Canbridge over the shooting for I repeat with him that it should be regarded as a sport rather than a military competition: however the authorities thought otherwise. I wonder what stage his 'views' of life have reached: his last year at School he was a strong 'Labourite' and I was tickled to death at his propagandism: his study was literally plastered with Labour cuttings. I'm so glad he is happily married and also a proud father. I wish you could persuade him to join the Cholmeleian: the benefit of some of his experience which I feel sure must be entertaining. It must be rather delightful to be far away from our staid civilization.

Do remember me kindly to Walter: I have not seen him for ages and don't suppose I'll get a chance to do so.

Did you happen to see that P. G. Kershington had died?
Poor man! he had a bad time for his closing years -
very bad arthritis and almost total blindness.

I'm glad you were able to bear up against my Book:
I should have liked a writer's contact with you before writing
it so as to have reactions more successfully than others have
of your generation. I expect you know that they have a fine
new Junior School on the Birkwood side of the School
Field: the old school is used as a headquarters for the
Day Boys and eventually the swimming pool is going to
be placed there. How different these days are from the
old Victorian times! It's a mad world, but the burglar
and the bully have to be downed somehow and perhaps
we are going in the right line. It's not a pleasant place for
our children and I think the young are feeling what
damnable folly it all is.

We have settled down at Lechlworth where we have managed
to secure a small house & garden to suit us. It's a
charming place: very well planned and zoned, &
lovely just now in the springtime.

I hope you are keeping fit. I wonder how you
spend your days. With all good wishes & thanks

Yours sincerely
A. Evans

TELEGRAM.

DECODE.

[CODE.....Govt.]

73 X 46-3Rms.

From: Resident Commissioner, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

To: High Commissioner, on board H.M.S. "Wellington".

No......

(Date) 25th June,

19439.

Following tentative revised programme submitted for Your Excellency's approval:-

27th June 3 p.m. official landing; 5 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. official dinner; 28th June a.m. discussion of official business, interviews, inspection of new wireless station, visit Sacred Heart Mission Station if time permits; 12.30 p.m. lunch with Manager and Mrs. Bridges; 2 p.m. inspection of activities relating to Phosphate industry at Ocean Island; 4.30 p.m. tea at Uma Cricket Ground; informal dinner at the Residency followed by native dancing; 29th June 9.30 a.m. meeting with Banabans, 11 a.m. inspection of Banaban School; 11.30 a.m. inspection of Police lines and ? ; 1 p.m. lunch at the Residency; p.m. reserved for further discussions, inspection of Banaban Hospital, Government offices, etc., as time permits; 5 p.m. ? Cocktail party given by Your Excellency on H.M.S. "Wellington" or ashore according to circumstances.

Arrangements for evening left open.

Your Excellency's offer of services of table servants to assist at reception and dinner gratefully accepted.

Resident.

1507/35

Copy

Confidential

H.M.S. "Wellington"

off Rotuma,

22nd July, 1939.

My dear Tomlinson,

H. E. Hande, the Lands Commissioner, has just spent some days with me in this ship travelling in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and I should be failing in my duty if I did not take the earliest opportunity to say how highly I am impressed by both his character and ability, and to press his claims for promotion.

Hande himself is modest and diffident about his deserts almost to a fault, but confessed to me before we parted that, while very ambitious for advancement in the Colonial Service he has deliberately tried to "stifle his ambitions" as he felt that there was so little hope for young officers in this distant service being promoted elsewhere that to cherish them would only lead to disappointment.

What he really would like is a secretariat (not District administrator) post preferably though not necessarily in a Colony or territory with an historical background (e.g. Cyprus, Malta, Gibraltar, Palestine, etc.) from which he could in due course hope to qualify for further advancement.

See G. J. P. Tomlinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.E.

He has had 9 years service in the Pacific, and his work, not only as Lands Commissioner but as the organizer of the Phoenix Islands settlement scheme and as an anthropologist, has been outstanding and has recently won him a well deserved M.B.E. He is well seconded by his wife, who shares his tastes and abilities and has been active in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands over infant welfare and the development of a local Arts and Crafts industry.

While Hande's departure from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony would constitute a very serious loss to the service, his value here should not be allowed to stand in the way of promotion which is not only thoroughly deserved but perhaps almost overdue. In a letter I wrote to

Shuckburgh, from Vila on the 24th June I inquired as to the possibility of Jay not returning to the New Hebrides, in which case I recommended Blandy for the vacancy that would thus be caused. If Blandy were to become Resident

Commissioner, I fancy Hande would be happy to succeed Blandy as No. 2 there; but I really feel that he deserves something even better. I very much hope, although it would be against our purely selfish interests here, that you may be able to consider him for really substantial promotion. His pay (he is on his maximum in his present post) is £600 per annum

Yours sincerely,

(signed) H.C. Luke

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
SUVA, FIJI.
29th July, 1939.

Hydra Maude

I thought you might like to know that I have got a letter off by this mail to Sir George Tomlinson about yourself. If, as I hope from the unselfish point of view, the recommendation bears fruit, it will be a serious loss to the G. & E.

I was very glad to have met your wife and yourself and to have had the opportunity of discussing many topics with you on board.

My kind regards to your wife and please tell her how much I appreciate what she is doing both as regards Infant Welfare and Arts and Crafts.

Yours sincerely,

J. E. Maude

H. E. Maude, Esq., M. B. E.



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"THE MANAGER"

Suva, 29th July, 19 39
FIJI.

Mrs. R. H. Garvey,

SUVA, Fiji.

Dear Mrs. Garvey,

Referring to our letter of 2nd June; our London Office advise us that the sample of the fatty substance which was thought to be Ambergris, was exhibited to Lewis & Peat, Limited, who reported as follows:-

"With reference to the parcel handed to us last week,
"we regret to advise you that this does not contain
"Ambergris.
" We therefore beg to return same herewith, as
"it has no commercial value on the London Market."

Our London Office also arranged for Messrs. Goad Rigg & Co.Ltd. to test the sample, and they were unable to say what it is.

We very much regret the result of the investigations has proved so disappointing.

Yours sincerely,

MANAGER.



WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION,
SUVA, FIJI.

1st August, 1939.

My dear Maude,

When you signed the receipt for the Warrant of Appointment to the Order of the British Empire, we omitted to detach it and to hand you the attached note portion of it addressed to you. I am now passing it on to you.

We arrived safely back in Suva on the 25th July and I have not yet properly started on cleaning up the notes of the tour. No doubt there will be several points on which I may have to address you later.

I trust you arrived back safely at Beru. Gallagher is still, I believe, in

H.E. Maude, Esquire, M.B.E.

hospital



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hospital but his troubles had almost cleared up by the time he got to Suva.

With kind regards to Mrs. Maude and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

W. Maude

Enclosure.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,
ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.1.

The Secretary has the honour to transmit a Warrant of Appointment, under The King's Sign Manual, to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and to request that the receipt of this Warrant may be acknowledged on the attached form.

The Secretary would be glad to receive notification of any change of permanent address, and in the event of the decease of persons holding such Warrants Executors are earnestly requested to notify the Secretary.

Henry Evans Maude, Esq., M.B.E.,

WESTERN PACIFIC.

NO. 149.

Office of the High Commissioner,
for the Western Pacific,

Suva, Fiji,

12nd August, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch Staff No.21 of the 5th October, 1938, covering correspondence with Mr. C.G.F. Cartwright, Passed Cadet, in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Service, now under secondment to the Seychelles, on the subject of his emoluments in his substantive post in the Western Pacific.

2. As I understand the position, Mr. Cartwright has no genuine ground for complaint as his salary has been, so far as I am aware, paid to him in accordance with the terms of his appointment. Admittedly he was unfortunate in not being considered for the promotion he desired because of the anticipated early adoption of the salary re-organization proposals and I trust that by the time he returns to the

Colony Service

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Colony Service those proposals will have been adopted and the ground of his complaint in this respect will consequently have disappeared.

3. During my recent visit to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands the shortage of experienced Administrative Officers in the Colony gave me much ground for concern. In view of this shortage I found it difficult to understand the secondment of Mr. Cartwright to the Seychelles for two years from the 8th October, 1938. The position in this respect has recently become more difficult by reason of the necessity for stationing an Officer in the Phoenix Islands and the decision that Mr. D.G. Kennedy should not return to the Ellice Islands, and it will be still farther accentuated if my strong recommendation for the promotion of Mr. Maude is given effect to.

4. In the circumstances I strongly urge that an effort may be made to allow Mr. Cartwright to resume duty in the Colony at an early date, and in this connexion I would invite attention to the latter part of paragraph 10 of my demi-official letter to Sir Cosmo Parkinson of the 27th July last.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed) H. C. Luke,

High Commissioner.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

Island of Beru,
Southern Gilbert Islands,
21st August, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith an application
for Vacation and Half Pay Leave to be spent in the United
Kingdom.

2. The 11 months and 3 days leave applied for is made
up as follows. -

- (a) 14 days Outward Travelling Leave;
- (b) 3 months Vacation Leave in respect of my service
in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony during
my present tour;
- (c) 35 days Vacation Leave in respect of my service in
the Zanzibar Protectorate during my present
tour;
- (d) 6 months Half Pay Leave;
- (e) 14 days Inward Travelling Leave.

With regard to the 35 days Vacation Leave in respect of my
service in the Zanzibar Protectorate, I would refer you to
paragraph 3 of the letter from the Acting Treasurer, Zanzibar
Protectorate, to the Treasurer, Gilbert and Ellice Islands
Colony, dated

The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
Ocean Island.

Colony, dated the 18th May, 1937.

3. I should be most grateful if I could be granted the concession of a return passage to Great Britain for myself and my wife, as in the case of other officers who have recently proceeded on leave, on the understanding that I am to return the cost of the passages should the new Leave Rules not be sanctioned.

4. I understood from a conversation with His Excellency the High Commissioner that it is most probable that I shall be permitted to spend about 3 months on Pitcairn Island on my way to England, for the purpose of establishing the new legal system and introducing the first issue of postage stamps. As I am very anxious to be allowed to undertake this work, and in view of the fact that Pitcairn Island is situated in a temperate climate with fresh food and with living conditions far better than those which have fallen to my lot during the greater part of my present tour, I am willing to count the whole or any part of my stay on Pitcairn Island as leave on full or half salary or, alternatively, to reduce the length of my leave, as now applied for, by the length of my stay on the island. Furthermore, should it not be possible to grant my request with regard to my passage, contained in paragraph 3 above, I should be glad to pay my own and my wife's passages to and from Pitcairn Island, in the event of no funds being available for that purpose.

5. Although I have applied, on the accompanying form, for my leave to commence on the 19th November, this date has been inserted purely to facilitate calculation of the amount of half-pay leave to which I am entitled. I should be grateful if the actual date on which I proceed on leave

could

could depend on the convenience of the Western Pacific High Commission and the reception of the new issue of Pitcairn Island stamps in Suva, giving me, if possible, about a month in New Zealand before proceeding to Pitcairn Island.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed). H. E. Maude,

Commissioner for Native Lands,
Gilbert Islands.

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

Particulars to Accompany Applications for Leave.

1. Name of Applicant	Henry Evans Maude
2. Office and Emoluments (distinguishing Salary from Allowances)	Administrative Officer - Seconded as Officer in Charge, Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme, and Commissioner for Native Lands, Gilbert Is. £600 and quarters - plus Consolidated travelling allowance of £75 as Commissioner for Native Lands, Gilbert Islands.
3. Resident Service (in years and months from date of first arrival).. .. .	8 Years and 8 $\frac{15}{30}$ months <i>(See form overleaf which must be filled up.)</i>
4. Absences other than on Duty and on Vacation and Travelling Leave (stating dates and periods)	<p>*Commuted Leave:— 5. 1. 36 - 4. 4. 36 = 3 months</p> <p>Half-pay Leave:— 21. 8. 35 - 4. 1. 36 = 4 months and 15 days 5. 4. 36 - 4. 5. 36 = 1 month</p> <p>Other Leave:— Nil.</p>
5. Vacation Leave last obtained	3 Months, from 21 May 1935, to 20 Aug., 1935.
6. Leave now applied for	<p>Vacation Leave (including Outward Travelling Leave):— 4 months 19 days. From 19.11.39 to 6. 4. 40</p> <p>Commuted Leave:— .. months .. days. From .. to ..</p> <p>Other Leave:— (Including Inward Travelling Leave) 6 months 14 days. From 7. 4. 40 to 20.10.40</p>
7. Ground of Application (<i>i.e.</i> Service, Urgent Private Affairs, or Serious Indisposition)	Service
8. Where leave is to be spent	Great Britain and New Zealand
9. Salary—How payment is desired	Through Crown Agents in Great Britain and the Colony Agents, Auckland, in New Zealand.

* Commuted Leave is half-pay leave commuted to full-pay leave.

10. Particulars of Leave Passages and Allowances obtained within last preceding period of eight years (stating dates) ..	2 adult passages - Ocean Island to New Zealand. 22.7.32-31.7.32. 2 adult passages - New Zealand to Ocean Island. 1.11.32-10.11.32. 4 adult passages + £60 - Ocean Island to Australia. 7.5.35-20.5.35.
11. Passages and/or Passage Grants now applied for	2 First Class Adult Return Passages - Beru Island to Great Britain via New Zealand.
12. †Arrangement proposed for discharge of duties while absent..	Work of Native Lands Commission, Gilbert Islands, to close down until my return. Mr. G.B.Gallagher to act as Officer in Charge, Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme.

† When an officer undertakes to perform the duties of another during leave, such undertaking should be in writing and attached hereto.

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE.

	YEARS.	MONTHS.
1. Service in <u>Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony</u>from date of arrival to proposed date of departure on leave	9	3 $\frac{14}{30}$
2. Service in <u>Zanzibar Protectorate</u>	--	8 $\frac{19}{30}$
3. Total service	10	0 $\frac{3}{30}$
4. Less total of periods of absence other than absence on duty.. .. .	1	3 $\frac{18}{30}$
5. Period of resident service.. .. .	8	8 $\frac{15}{30}$
6. Maximum amount of half-pay leave that may be granted, in absence of special grounds, in respect of resident service shown above (one-sixth)	1	5 $\frac{15}{30}$
7. Less total of periods of half-pay leave already taken (including periods of commuted leave multiplied by 2)	--	11 $\frac{15}{30}$
8. Half-pay leave that may now be granted	--	6

(Signature) *SLW*

(Office) Commissioner for Native Lands,
Gilbert Islands.

(Date) 21st August, 1939.

I certify that the above particulars are correct, and I recommend as follows:—

(Place)..... (Signature)

(Date)193..... (Title)

Head of Department.

TELEGRAM.

From:- The O.i.C., Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme, Island of Beru,

To:- His Honour the Resident Commissioner, Ocean Island.

26th August, 1939.

26th August - Confidential - In view of the possibility of war and inevitable postponement of Lands Commission and Settlement activities I earnestly request permission to take my overdue leave immediately to enable me to enlist where my previous military experience (Senior and Junior Officers Training Corps - Certificate A for Infantry) and specialist knowledge of arms and rifle shooting may be of practical use. Failing this may I please have one month leave now to recuperate essential health and establish wife and child. Present programme "John Williams" offers ideal opportunity.

Maude.



THE RESIDENCY,
OCEAN ISLAND.

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My dear Maude,

I am writing this within a minute of receiving a telegram from Wellington stating "War has broken out with Germany" and I am consequently unable to think clearly in terms of parochial affairs, or deal with the various points raised in your letter of the 19th August.

God alone knows what developments may take place within the space of the next few weeks or months and it is quite impossible, until we

watch how things work out, to make
any plans of any description for the
future. I am visiting the "Kiakia",
which got in here yesterday afternoon,
at the double delivering consignment
instructions at Butaritari, Tarawa,
and Beru. Everything non-essential
will have to be cut out for the
time being. If you can possibly
manage it, I should like you to
come across to O.S. by the "Kiakia"
towards the end of the month. There
are many things on which I want
your assistance and advice and there



THE RESIDENCY,
OCEAN ISLAND.

is so much now in the melting-pot
in which you are intimately concerned.
I would try and arrange that you
would not be stranded indefinitely
at O.I..

These are strenuous times and I have
not seen bed before 2 to 3 a.m. for
the last twelve days. All the B.P.C.
women & children are being heaved off
O.I. I have not taken any
plenary action regarding the wives of
the Government staff here and —
with possibly one or two exceptions —
they are all sticking to their guns.

THE RECORD
1852-1853

Forgive me if I do not write more
but I have a mass of affairs on
hand. We can only pray to God
that we come out of this present
box-on on top.

My wife sends her love to Mrs.
Inanda and Alarie (Whom she has
yet to be introduced to!) and
joins me in all good wishes to
you both —

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Barley

Betio.

7. Febet. 1939.

Mr. Mauder.

Ko na mauri ma lum ao
katimi ae luringaki.

I kaongorako. n arou Ia tia n nova
ki Iroun Te Tackita. ao E aruga nai. te nini
ma ae n a moi nai i mwin. Amarakuu.

ai ngai ngkai. ae i bon aki toki ni bainna

E a bon riki rake te marurung. i aon
Rabatou. ma bon ti waeu atuai. marurung

I a butikes. n au bubuti, i bukin te Batika
ao ni bona. bon am bai ni kareka kawaina i rouu
i bukin au boki ni kane. aei

Ngai

Raom

I Mauteke.

E ka mauri. ngkani hei Toia.

Ia Kabo ngkana e reke te tai.

luringai n ~~am~~ te reta.

Tarawa.

7th September, 1939.

Dear Maude,

Thankyou very much for your letter about the boys from the Phoenix Islands. They are doing very well so far.

Here is the copy of "Discovery" and thankyou for that too.

I sent you some months ago my latest notes on " Local Use of Manures." I had presumed that you had received it, until in a recent letter, your wife mentioned having been given a copy of my notes on the same subject from Mrs Eastman. I wonder where my letter went to. However as you must have the very latest information, I attach a copy of the lost weighty pages. They should be carefully stored away, against the time when the second "Great War" will allow you to use them.

I am waiting in suspense for any adjustment of officers that may be necessary in view of war needs. I find that my uppermost desire is to get to Europe to join up again. But if active service is not my lot, I expect to go on leave soon. Auckland will be our headquarters probably, for the period of leave. My wife's first few weeks will be spent in the "Mater" hospital again, under the care of your wife's uncle. Montague has told me that another operation is essential.

Girls School
Rongorongo
9th Sept

Nakoia

Mr Maude + Mrs Maude

Kam na mauri!

Kam a aitau naba i bukin buokau mai poumi te
ben ae a tia n roko n te kairiki ae, ao tiaki ti ngaia
ma i bukin kai aika kam rahi toki ni buokai iai.

"Kam baki n raba," Ba boni kaotan ami tangira ni koaua
nako iu, ao arou n na boni kafaia ni kekeiaki rahi n aron
ami kamfaninga ngkai kam karimai ikai.

Tao ti ngaia au taeka ni kaitau nako imi

Kam na kabaia n (na) ami makuri

Good bye and bye

Ngai Tahimateiti

Angan Arariki M. au kamauri ae baki

TELEGRAM.

From:- The Resident Commissioner, Ocean Island,

To:- The High Commissioner, Suva, Fiji.

15th September, 1939.

Regret to report Maude seriously indisposed. He has been examined by Medical Officer, Ocean Island who states that he is suffering from acute lumbago following two successive attacks of influenza and that he is in very run down condition. Strongly recommend that he should be permitted to proceed to Suva on sick leave by "John Williams" due to leave Beru in about ten days time.

Resident.

19th Sept 1939.

Dear Mr. Handley many thanks
for fixing up Lingai divorce
for your radio. Will you
please take the charges out
of the enclosed 10/- or let
me know if it is more.

There was an anti-
climax to it. I told Lingai
you had fixed up his
divorce, & he went on
the metho, & paid a
visit to the jail where a
lady love was in residence,
made a nuisance of
himself, arrested, & we
have lost a house boy!
A few
articles on the Colony's stamp
issues have appeared in
'stamp collecting' & the
'Aust stamp monthly'. I
will dig them up if you

are interested. Christmas, Sydney & Hull get a mention. Maybe you have seen copies. Erembridge told me he had written you.

You probably receive war news - however I am sending up a rough log.

Perhaps you could run through it while the boy waits.

St. Hercules tells me W. Kande & Laric are both well - good news.

Yours sincerely
J.M. Ross

THE OLD CHOLMELEIAN SOCIETY.



Hon. Sec.,
J. Y. BOREHAM.

"WOODSIDE,"

MANOR ROAD SOUTH,
ESHER,
SURREY.

TELEPHONE: EMBERBROOK 2668.

19 SEP 1939

Dear *Manda,*

You were to-day formally elected a member of the O.C. Society. You will receive notification of all functions connected with the Society and periodical letters telling you of the activities of the School. You will also be sent a copy of the Society's Year Book containing a complete list of members and their addresses and a report of the doings of the School and the Society during the year. ~~The "Cholmeleian" may be obtained from Messrs. Woolridge & Co., High Street, Highgate, price 4/- per annum, post free.~~

You are now entitled to wear the Society's colours, which can be obtained only from Messrs. Lewin, Panton Street, Haymarket, S.W.1.

It is hoped that you will take an active interest in the Society's activities. The chief event is the Annual Dinner, held in November or December. This is a very cheery affair where you can be sure of meeting old friends. Other important events are the Annual Dance, usually organised by the Football Section, and the Arthur Dunn Cup-ties. There are, of course, many functions in connection with the various sections, to say nothing of the many occasions on which O.C.'s can meet at the School.

The Society guarantees to keep you in close touch with the School for the rest of your life, provided that we always have your address. It is absolutely essential for the efficient working of the Society that any change of address should be notified to the Hon. Secretary immediately.

If you wish to be put in touch with any of the Section Secretaries or require information or assistance on any matter in connection with the Society, please write to me or phone me. I shall be happy to do anything I can to help you.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Secretary.

TELEGRAM.

From:- H.E. the High Commissioner, Suva, Fiji,

To:- H.H. the Resident Commissioner, Ocean Island.

20th September, 1939.

Your telegram No. 174 - Maude may proceed Suva as suggested. I should like him and Mrs Maude if she is accompanying her husband to stay with me at Suva in the first instance.

High Commissioner.

MADE IN GREAT BRITAIN

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(copy of Minute of H.E. the High Commission, undated. - Filed 28.9.39)

at present there are in the Colony service (apart from
 Major Swinburne who will shortly be retiring) only four administrative
 officers of any experience in the Colony. Of these four hands is
 fully occupied in Native Lands Commission work and with the
 Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme, and in any case I am writing
 to Tomlinson by this mail, urging his claims, which I am
 bound to say seem to me exceedingly strong for substantial
 promotion outside of the Pacific.

TELEPHONE 43-816

DILWORTH BUILDING,
QUEEN STREET,
AUCKLAND. C.I.

27th October, 1939.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Many thanks for your letter of 22nd instant received yesterday. I am very sorry that I was out when Mrs. Maude called also I deeply regret to hear that you are on the sick list. May the trouble soon pass away, in which case the change South will do you a great deal of good I am sure.

Many thanks also for the Report on the Phoenix Islands, which I note is to be treated as strictly confidential. It will be read with the greatest interest, for I often think of my early experiences there and the remarkable developments which are taking place nowadays, what with your colonisation scheme and the airbase outfit at Canton Island. The dual ownership arrangement there seems to be quite unique.

You were last at Canton I note in May, and so would see it under modern conditions, in the way of aeroplane buildings, hotel, etc. I believe they have done a good deal of blasting in the lagoon entrance, and probably the lagoon itself.

Just fancy over 300 Gilbertese being permanently settled at Hull and Sydney Islands! Also that you expect to place another 400 or so during the next few months. It is an amazing development, and the whole thing must be a fascinating experience to you. The photographs to which you refer will be of deep interest.

I hope to call perhaps next week. Just at present we have a full house at home, as Joan has come up from Wellington on the sick list bringing the two youngest children. They have all had bad influenzal colds, causing some complications in her case and the kiddies are far from right yet. My wife is of course having a busy time, but we hope the position will improve shortly.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Maude and yourself and hoping that Alaric is full of beans,

Yours sincerely,

Alaric Maude



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

FIJI.

9th November, 1939.

My dear Maude

Thank you for both your letters which arrived by last mail, but I am very sorry to hear that you had a setback on the way over and that the journey was thus necessarily so uncomfortable for all of you. I do hope that the treatment and change of climate will eradicate the whole business. Do not hesitate to apply for an extension of leave should you require it.

Let me know in due course how you get on and whether you will be coming back through Suva. If so, I would like you all to resume your very brief visit to the "Gilbert's Convalescent Home", which is continuing its tradition as I now have the Macdonalds here, as you know, and he has had to go to bed for two months to try to get rid of his phlebitis.

It is good of you to trouble amid all your



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FIJI.

afflictions about the article I wanted from the
Journal of the Polynesian Society.

Best wishes to you all and give my kind
regards to Mrs Bevington if you see her again.

Yours sincerely
J. H. D. Nae

4-5-
Rotorua,

New Zealand,

8th December, 1939.

Dear Sir Harry Luke,

Thank you very much for your letter and for granting me a month's extension of leave. I feel very much better now and am looking forward to returning to work once more.

I have been discussing with my wife our best means of returning to Bora on the Phoenix Islands and we feel that we stand more chance through Fiji than any other way, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Langdale also has to be got up to the islands from there. I have

shall, of course, be only too delighted to come. I only hope that we shall not be quite such a woebegone pair as when we came down from Beve.

We are finding it very hard to get our stores and things for the islands in New Zealand owing to the Labour Government restrictions and shall have to obtain our main supplies in Fiji on the way through.

Mrs Beverington is up here staying with us at the moment and seems in good spirits. The weather, however, is not too good, as it has been raining for some time and is rather cold. I have

been working on reports for the government for over a fortnight now and seldom go out except for my treatment so I feel less unhappy about having to ask for a month's extension than I otherwise would. My main report should have gone off today but owing to the typist having made a mess of it I'm afraid that it will take a few days more.

I do hope that Macdonald is well on the way to a complete recovery by now. He certainly has had more than his share of bad luck with that leg of his.


Yours sincerely,

Ellie Maude.

also a considerable amount of important
 lands legislation which has been hanging
 on for years and crippling the work
 of the Lands Commission, and I should
 dearly like to have an opportunity of
 settling the whole matter once and for
 all ^{with the C. J. C.} before starting lands work again.

Furthermore there is our luggage to
 collect, without which we should be
 rather lost.

So unless any unforeseen objection
 necessitates an alteration of plans we hope
 to leave Auckland for Suva on the
 "Moufoa" on the 9th January. It is very
 good of you to invite us to stay at
 Government House once more and we



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
SUVA, FIJI.
17th December, 1939.

My dear Maude,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th December. Macdonald has also shown me your letter to him and I have discussed it with Garvey, in consequence of which I have wired you to-day to say that if you feel that you should in the interests of your health take more leave over and above the additional month I am entirely agreeable to your doing so. Am I right in assuming that you have given up any idea of going home in 1940?

When you do come back from New Zealand, I should definitely like you to travel this way so that you can square-up the various outstanding legal matters with the C.J.C. while there will also be a number of things for you to discuss with Garvey and myself.

I still have you definitely in mind, if it can be worked, to inaugurate the Pitcairn Constitution and G.P.O., but we do not yet know when we shall get the

H.E. Maude Esq., M.B.E.

stamps.

You won't forget ~~the~~ Kuper's article from the Journal of the Polynesian Society, will you?

If Mrs Bevington is lonely in New Zealand, why do you not persuade her to come back here. She would easily get to know people here and there are several of us who would keep an eye on her; while (vide the large crop this season) she can accomplish her purpose in Fiji as easily and pleasantly as in New Zealand.

Macdonald has borne his two months in bed with great patience and is now being allowed to get on to a long chair in his bedroom.

My kind regards to your wife and I hope Alaric is flourishing. You had better telegraph us your decision whether or not you will take additional leave. If you do not, we will assume that you will be sailing from Auckland on the 9th January.

With all good wishes
 Yours very truly
 J. C. D. M.

Beru Island,
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

Central Pacific.

20th. December, 1939.

Dear H.E.M.,

I have not the remotest idea whether you are going to return to us via Suva as originally planned or via Ocean Island. Tekukurei has brought us the very latest from Suva and says that he thinks you are now going to coming back via Ocean - that may be hard luck on the Pitcairn Islanders, but it suits us down to the ground. There is a bloke by the name of Gallagher who pines for the carefree days when he had all the fun and you did all the worrying! Anyway, that is beside the point, and, in order to assure that you get this letter, whichever way you come, I am addressing the original to Ocean Island and a carbon to Suva. So, if you are reading this in Suva and notice that it is a carbon copy, please do not think that it is a sort of Christmas circular which I have sent out to all my acquaintances.

By the way, this letter is going to be all about the P.I.S.S. and its affairs, so, if you are not feeling inclined for that sort of thing at the moment, you had better put it down and try again later. First and foremost, Sir, His Honour the R.C. and myself have conspired together to tell you that, we have only been let loose for a few weeks on your scheme

but hope to contrive to ship more people to the Phoenix during January than you did during 1939 - yah! This is due, I am afraid I must add, purely to a ptece of the most amazing luck. The "John Bolton" charter was fixed when we suddenly heard that our old enemy B.P.s had contracted to go and trade in the Tokelaus. This meant that they had to send the "Moamo" very close to the Phoenix Islands and were really terrible anxious to get a contract to carry settlers. I got Barley to let me handle Burns Philp and, if ever you want to have a quiet evening's humorous reading, file No. 17/39 should suit you. There was I, desperately keen to get the "Moamo" to go to the Phoenix at almost any price, solemnly turning them down flat and telling them that we were not interested when they had made an offer which, with average weather luck, would not have cost us more than £500. My chickens are not properly hatched yet and, of course, there is many a slip twixt cup and lip but I hope that they will sail from Nonouti at the end of January with a minimum of 90 full fares at 10/- per day per head, no extras and no demurrage.

Everything is now fixed for the "John Bolton" which should leave here on the 1st, January, if the weather is O.K. It is a very big if, however, as we have just had three weeks of violent westerly weather and the Tan Borau (sorry, Tani Borau) all declare that the portents are all for a further visitation in January which will leave all previous stories of westerlyes quite cold. How on earth we are all going to get on the ship with all our goods and chattels I have not the remotest idea - we have no less than fourteen canoes, to say

nothing of a 26 foot whaleboat, the condemned furniture from your house here, thirty five pandannus posts for the Maneaba and Court House at Sydney Island AND the Rev. A.L. Sadd. The latter I have at last managed to wrangle after a great deal of effort. He is only going for the round trip but will, I think, prove a very great asset to us with his cheerfulness and good example to everybody. In any case, I want him to ginger up the missionary side who, although they are doing a lot of good work, do not seem to be setting about the material side of their affairs in the pproper manner. (We had a radio from Hull the other day asking for Tataio to go there and for Tebabaki to be removed a long way away. I managed to convince the L.M.S. that whatever they did about Tebabaki, Tataio must stay at Manra for the present. Sadd will fix this little difficulty I hope - I think, from the little I saw of him that Tebabaki is O.K., but possibly he does not get along too well socially with his parishoners.)

I am afraid the typing of this is degenerated rather badly, but I am having to go at great speed as the usual last minute rush, which you know so well, is further complicated by the fact that the Doctors (McGusty and Macpherson) have promised to spend 'Xmas with us and I am determined that I shall have everything ready before Christmas eve if possible. I should also mention, I think, that I am building a super Gilbertese canoe as a mate for my Ellice one - Manetie (if that is how the Beru carpenter spells his name) is the designer and overseer, whilst two other Beru men are the actual builders. If I do not appear on the scene at least

every half an hour and exhort them to work, they all sit around and discuss the madness of this I-Matang who decides to have a canoe built in three weeks, demands that it shall be finished in time and states that he will personally wring each of their necks if it is not the best canoe of its size which has ever been built on Beru. The old carpenter has been very good and is making an excellent job of work - E.R.B. has also been a brick and allowed him ^{almost} unlimited time off lately when it became obvious that, working only in the ^e evenings, he could not possibly finish in time. The name of the canoe is to be "Te Rokea" - that alone, I believe, will make them do a good job of work because it is supposed to be rather a proud name for a canoe, is'nt it?. It is being built in the Maneaba with full pagan rights, including the necessary offerings of food to the spirit of the bloke who first thought of bending the keel to counteract the pull of the rama, etc. I think ⁺ shall end up by having a protest from our good neighbours across the lagoon.

I meant to tell you when I started the last paragraph that, if you are going to do any work here before coming to the Phoenix Islands, you should bring the necessary stationary with you because, owing to the meanness of our brethern at Ocean Island I have been forced to take nearly all the present stock to the Phoenix. All Lands stuff is being left in the house here - less one stell cupboard which I have pinched pro tem until we get some office furniture in the Phoenix. There is, likewise, no code book and I suggest that you should pinch the one from Ocean which H.H. said he would put on one side for me. The chances of it, ever getting here unless you actually

bring it yourself (if you pass through Ocean, of course), seem pretty remote.

Jones seems to be getting very restless at Hull - I really do think it is time that he went. He is completely without stores at the moment and says that he is leaving by the "John Bolton" in January. It will not worry me very much if he does as, excellent worker though he is, I am afraid that he is making bolshy natives for us on the island. I gather that his latest effort is to tell the natives not to make copra unless they get £6v per ton on the beach and a further 5/- per ton for loading. I am afraid that he has small hope of getting that price, since the price in Suva has now fallen to £5-10-0 per ton again. I have reminded him that you fixed the price of copra last June and that he was told to buy any copra which was offered. When I enquired three weeks ago, they had not made any copra at all on Hull and only a ton or so on Manra.

When I go back this time, I am going to be a little Hitlerish. The N.G.'s are going to pass an Island Regulation by which every man must work two days a week on his lands for the next two years and they will all have to do their communal work as usual this year - I think, however, it would be better to have them working one day a week throughout the year ^{rather} arther than concentrating all the work into six months.

Our old friend Beretara has been getting into trouble on Manra. Tried to carve up his wife and family with a knife. Ueteri wirelessly for instructions and we told him very carefully and at great length what the law said on the point

and impressed it upon him that the maximum sentence was two years. He got three years and BANISHMENT FOREVER FROM MANRA TO EITHER OCEAN ISLAND OR BETIO - akea ngaira! I am not going to alter it until I get to Manra - it will do Beretara good to think about this gross punishment for a few weeks.

The good Mrs. Fleming is here on Beru. In a very artful manner, I managed to persuade the long suffering E.R.B. that it would probably be better for her to stay with a married man than with a single one! She is a very nice old dear - quite solid from the neck up but very game. Refuses to go to church with E.R.B., much to his amusement, and hates all R.C.'s like the devil - presumably, including myself! The funniest part of this last peculiarity is that I am replacing Tutu on Canton this time by an ex-trainee of the R.C. seminary at Abiang or wherever it is. I assure you that this is not deliberate perverseness on my part as, at the time, I did not know how she loved the Papists and, in any case, he is the only suitable lad on Beru who can speak sufficient English. I have also written to Fleming and told him that he must give us more notice in future, since we cannot always be finding him servants at the last minute.

Well - there is lots more to tell you but I think this will have to suffice. Sauro and Tione send their best wishes and are looking forward to your return. They are both going to the Phoenix with me, by the way, so, if you are not coming over immediately, it might be as well to get a temporary clerk. I think the Phoenix ought to have a clerk, anyway, why not try to get Tekieru from Ocean Island, now that his eyes are s

bad. There would be less book work there, in fact there would not a great deal of work at all.

By the way, your launch is ^{now} not completed and in the water once more. She looks very smart with a grey cabin and decks, varnished sides and a cream bottom. Sadd is in his element and has promised to take us all fishing on Saturday if the weather is good.

Talking of boats, I suppose there is still no chance of being able to get the "Seafarer" up to the Phoenix? It is a great pity we could not manage it when we were in Suva as I am quite sure H.E. would have approved the purchase of the boat.

Did you remember to get me a copy of Norries Nautical Tables in New Zealand - we must have these if we are going voyaging in your boat - also, of course, a chronometer of some kind - then we shall be set. It is, however, quite out of the question to sail the boat over to the Phoenix from here, although the Nikunau and Southern Gilbert runs generally would be O.K. in selected weather. If you can produce the tables and chronometer, there is no reason on earth why we should not make a few trips in the Phoenix Islands in the big whaleboat (which H.E. duly christened "Fiafia" by the way, saying that it was the only word of Gilbertese he could think of at the moment - I told him it was Ellice, but he said that that did not matter, anyway.)

Please give my best wishes to Mrs. Maude and tell her that her garden is now an absolute riot after the rains. Also please tell Alaric that the man with the big feet sends his love

- Yours sincerely, *Sam*

5, Union Street,

Rotorua,

8th December, 1939.

The Manager,

Messrs. Burns Philp & Co., Ltd.,

AUCKLAND, N.Z.

Dear Sir,

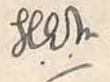
The two cables forwarded by you under cover of your letter of the 6th December have been duly received.

I enclose my reply to the second cable, as requested by the High Commission, and should be grateful if you would forward it as soon as possible. It would probably be cheapest to send it at the "Night-letter" rate.

Please note that after the 12th December my address will be, as before -

C/o Sir Carrick Robertson, "Rannoch", Almorah Road,
Epsom.

Yours faithfully,



H. E. Maude.

Enclosure.

Telegram.

From:- The Officer in Charge, Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme, at Rotorua,

To:- The Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, Suva, Fiji.

8th December, 1939.

HIGH COMMISSION - SUVA

Confidential - Consider Langdale very suitable having temperament and ability required but do not recommend anyone be stationed Hull for more than year or at most eighteen months owing effect extreme isolation on nervous health. Suggest that after term Hull he could be transferred Canton or Christmas if possible after short leave. Presume appointments on any of these islands unlikely to be permanent.

Maude.

CIRCULAR

Downing Street,

26th July, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a short memorandum setting out certain requirements of the Colonial Development Advisory Committee in the matter of further reports on Colonial Development Fund schemes which have been completed or which are in progress.

2. I am of course anxious to do everything possible to assist the Committee in their work, and I shall be glad therefore if you will take steps to comply with their desires in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd).

The High Commissioner for
Western Pacific.

Enclosure in circular despatch dated 26th July, 1939.

M E M O R A N D U M

1. The Colonial Development Advisory Committee have intimated that they would like to receive further information than they do at present with regard to schemes in respect of which they have recommended assistance in past years. The formal Progress Reports which are submitted quarterly do not quite satisfy the Committee's needs in this matter. What they require is information of a less technical nature and couched in more informal terms.

2. The Committee request therefore that as a matter of interest, and for their own future guidance, they may be furnished with annual or biennial reports from all Colonial Governments giving a non-technical and brief resume of the present position of schemes which have received grants from the Fund. The resume should be designed to show how far the schemes have proved successful, and it is hoped that thereby it will assist the Committee in considering applications in respect of similar schemes submitted later on. The first report should be submitted at the leisure of the Government concerned and subsequent ones at regular intervals as indicated above.

3. The Committee recognise that their wishes in this matter may lead to certain additional work falling upon Colonial Secretariats. They nevertheless feel, and the Secretary of State concurs, that they will better be able to carry out the important functions which have been entrusted to them if they are in possession of the information desired.

INTERPRETATION OF CABLE.

FROM: GALLAGHER SUVA
TO: BURPHIL AUCKLAND
DATE: 18/10/39 12-17 p.m. CODE.

MYJKO 17th October
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MAUDE Maude
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HESYJ Have
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FOVIB Expenditure
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GALLAGHER Gallagher.

Mater Misericordiae Hospital,
Auckland, S.E.I.,
20th October, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I arrived in Auckland on the 16th October. As I am uncertain as to my future movements I would suggest that any communication for me should be addressed care of the Colony Agents, Messrs. Burns Philp and Co., Ltd., who will be informed of any change of address.

2. I have notified my arrival in Auckland direct to the Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commissioner for Native Lands,
Gilbert Islands.

The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
Ocean Island.



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	SOURABAYA, JAVA
	SAMARANG

Dear Sir,

We attach hereto interpretations of two cables, one received yesterday afternoon, and the other this morning.

We were unable to post the first one to you yesterday because we found it necessary to refer the cable back to have one of the cyphers corrected.

We should be pleased to have your acknowledgment of these copies.

Yours faithfully,
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William Miles
Manager at Auckland.

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AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

INTERPRETATION OF CABLE.

FROM: RESIDENT COMMISSIONER SUVA
TO: BURPHIL AUCKLAND
DATE: 5/12/39 2-50 p.m.

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INTERPRETATION OF CABLE.

TO: BURPHIL AUCKLAND
FROM: RESIDENT COMMISSIONER SUVA
DATE: 6/12/39 9-45 a.m.

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INTERPRETATION OF CABLE.

FROM: SECOM SUVA
TO: BURPHIL AUCKLAND.
DATE: 2/12/39 11-25 a.m.

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SECOM Secretary to the High Commissioner.

From
D. P. Leo Hill
Auckland.

Burns Philp - Auckland

Following for High Commissioner Suva Begins 22nd December
Confidential Brown only suitable man available in Colony but
I could probably obtain one here. Alternatively ^{as temporary expedient} suggest Falavi
to Hull leaving two operators Fumabuti Gallagher temporarily Hull
until my return when I ^{could} proceed immediately Hull where I have about
three months work releasing Gallagher who is essentially required Sydney Ends
Trade.



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC,
SUVA, FIJI.

Confidential.
No. 2416.

10th November, 1939.

My dear Maude,

His Excellency has instructed me to refer the following matter to you for your views and any suggestions you may have to offer to be sent briefly by telegraph.

2. Jones in Hull Island has resigned and wishes to leave by the first opportunity. This will no doubt be the "John Bolton" when she visits the island with the next batch of settlers we hope early in January next. For political reasons, as you are aware, it is necessary to keep an European Officer in the island and it is equally necessary that he should be in wireless communication. Barley has been asked by telegraph for his proposals for sending an officer to relieve Jones. He has replied that he can suggest no European Officer with the requisite qualifications available in the Colony with the possible exception

H. E. Maude, Esquire, M.B.E.



- 2. -

exception of Brown, ex Naval Wireless Operator at present employed by On Chong and Company at Butaritari and who has undertaken the duties of Assistant Censor there in the absence of an Administrative Officer. He adds that the question of his replacement at Butaritari may prove to be an insuperable obstacle but if the High Commissioner approves this suggestion he will approach Brown and his employers in the matter. Otherwise he suggests that an endeavour should be made to select a suitable officer in Fiji. *(None available here).*

10. 11. 39.

3. As time is short before the mail closes I attach a copy of my minute on the question addressed to the High Commissioner. As the matter is urgent please telegraph briefly your views and suggestions as to how the difficulty can best be met. Send your telegram through Messrs. Burns, Philp and Company in Auckland, the cost to be recovered from this office. Please make it as brief as possible but do not omit any point which you may consider of value.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

COPY

Minute by the Secretary, Western
Pacific High Commission - dated 10th
November, 1939.

His Excellency,

Submitted with the Resident Commissioner's telegram No. 241 of the 8th November and previous telegraphic correspondence herein. As Mr. Jones has resigned the Government will be under no obligation to pay him a month's salary after he is relieved. He was actually appointed in Hull Island, and he has resigned there, so he can scarcely expect the Government to pay his passage away from the island?

2. These are, however, minor details. What is of importance is the question of securing a relieving Officer to take over from Mr. Jones when the next ship visits that island - presumably the "John Bolton" early in January with the next batch of Gilbertese settlers?

3. Perhaps the Secretary of State should be informed of the position by telegraph, especially in view of the terms of his telegram No. 88 of the 27th October? Unless we can be assured that the necessary funds will be made available to pay the salary of any officer who may be sent to relieve Mr. Jones, it is not of much use trying to find such an officer

- an extremely difficult problem at present. There is no officer in the Service of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony who could be spared at present without extreme inconvenience and dislocation of the service, and it is impossible, I am sure, to find a suitable man with the necessary knowledge of wireless, in Fiji.

4. Mr. Brown, On Chong's Wireless Operator at Butaritari, suggested in the Resident Commissioner's telegram, would probably be suitable, but he would be difficult to replace at Butaritari where he is probably of far more real use to the Government, as explained in Mr. Barley's telegram, than he would be at Hull Island. He is also Assistant Manager of On Chong at Butaritari, and the Company would be very much inconvenienced if he left them at this juncture.

5. A possible solution might be an European Administrative Officer assisted by a Native Wireless Operator; but in view of the fact that Native Operators are extremely scarce and what there are of them are required at Ocean Island to maintain the continuous 24-hour watch kept at that station, there is almost certainly no native operator available. It might be practicable for Mr. Gallagher to make

Hull Island his headquarters on his return to the Phoenix Group and to take the Native Wireless Operator from Sydney Island; but I understand that this would seriously jeopardize the Settlement Scheme's smooth working as they are counting on Mr. Gallagher's return to Sydney Island to complete that island before moving on; and it is perhaps important also that Sydney Island should not be cut off from wireless communication with the rest of the Colony - which would be the case if the Native Operator were taken away.

(Signed) H Vaskess

10.11.39.

Gallagher - High Commission - Suva

Following for Treasurer begins no further settlers taken during quarter as no transport. High Commissioners visit afforded opportunity discussion future programme and decided take 400 further settlers first opportunity. Negotiations for charter virtually complete when war broke. At end quarter Maude left for Fiji where future operations as effected by war could be discussed direct. In Phoenix 30,000 gallons cistern Sydney and Government Station Hull completed. Jones continued demarcation Hull lands. Please expand ends

Maude

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Treasurer - Ocean Island

27th October - Summary for the quarter ended 30th September. No further settlers were taken to the Phoenix Islands during the quarter as it was not possible to arrange transport. Opportunity was taken of the High Commissioner's visit to the Gilbert Islands in July to discuss the future settlement programme and as a result it was decided to send approximately 400 further settlers to the Group as soon as a suitable vessel could be chartered, since it was estimated that the planted land still available should support that number without difficulty. Negotiations for the charter of a ship during November were on the eve of completion when the outbreak of war made it uncertain how far it would be possible to carry on with the immediate settlement programme. At the end of the quarter the Officer in Charge of the Scheme was ordered to proceed to Fiji and discuss future operations, as affected by the war, direct with the High Commission.

In the Phoenix Islands the main developements were on Sydney Island the completion of the 30,000 gallon cistern during September and on Hull Island the finishing of the Native Government station. Continued progress in the partition and demarcation of Hull Island lands was reported by Mr. Jones, who had virtually completed this important work by the end of the quarter. Lands settlement work on Sydney Island was unavoidably held up by the illness of Mr. Gallagher, who was compelled to visit Suva for

treatment. There was no communication with Gardner Island throughout the quarter.

Maude.

Mater Misericordiae Hospital,
Auckland, S.E.1,
20th October, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I arrived in Auckland on the 16th October. As I am uncertain as to my future movements I would suggest that any communication for me should be addressed care of the Colony Agents, Messrs. Burns Philp and Co., Ltd., who will be informed of any change of address.

2. I have notified my arrival in Auckland direct to the Secretary to Government, Ocean Island.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commissioner for Native Lands,
Gilbert Islands.

The Secretary,
Western Pacific High Commission,
Suva, Fiji.

FORM 2: RECEIVED.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

DATE STAMP.

9.9.39.,

Wireless Telegraph Department.

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No. 10. From HULL ISLAND.
 Words 17. Time 6-30 Pm. Date 30 August 1939.

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INSTRUCTIONS.

BG SCDE.,

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To TREASURER OCEANISLAND.

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August 30th. Your tel. 6th. July. Please pay remainder of salary
 and allowances into Trust Account of G.T. Jackson, Solicitor, Apia.

Jones.

Salary to 30/6/1939 (Suva).

Pg in cash on 1.7.39.