



COLONIAL OFFICE,
CHURCH HOUSE,
GREAT SMITH STREET, S.W.1.

4th January, 1949.

Dear Maude,

This is just a note of congratulation upon your O.B.E. awarded to you in last Saturday's List. I know how thoroughly you have earned this recognition by your devoted service to the Gilberts and now that, solely on medical grounds, you have been turned away from the part of the world to which you were so much attached, I hope that you will find your new work at least congenial and satisfying.

With all good wishes to you for 1949, and please do not think of replying to this.

Yours sincerely,

T.H. Lord

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.

4, Upper Harley Street, N.W.1.
Welbeck 3044.

6th January, 1949.

Dear Dr. Davidson,

Many thanks for your letter. May I say how interested I was in your B.B.C. talk on the South Seas, as was my son who was, until recently, at Cambridge and was indeed the President of the Boat Club during the War.

As regards the name, it is wrongly spelt in the book, being Diaper. Unfortunately I have mislaid the letter from his niece, but it was written from the Riviera; and she stated that she read every book on travel she could get hold of, and that she had picked up "Cannibal Jack" and was thrilled to find it was her uncle. She stated that they were a Dorset family (the name I find is still in existence in the Torquay area), but that Cannibal Jack's father was a farmer who had a violent temper, had a row with his son, aged seventeen, so that the son ran away from home. The family had heard nothing of him for all those years, except one postcard which said "Am among the cannibals. Doing well", until she picked up this book. She also stated that her mother, who was Cannibal Jack's sister, had unfortunately died only a few months before. It was she who corrected the spelling of the name.

I have the M.S. somewhere in the house, but do not know where as owing to the Blitz my books are all over the place. I may add that in seeing the book through the Press I did not alter a comma, nor as you observe, even put in chapter headings: I merely left gaps of two or three lines where chapter headings might have been, to facilitate reading. There was, however, one incident which we cut out of the book as it would not have passed the Censor.

We came in possession of the book in this way: when my father and I (we usually lived on Lifu) went over to Maré for a visit we came across Cannibal Jack, well over seventy and destitute. My father gave him some clothes and food, and in gratitude he gave him this MS. which remained in our possession for some years, until I mentioned its existence to my friend, Mr Faber the publisher.

In our Islands we had in fact another English cannibal, more outspoken in his habits, known as 'Cannibal Charlie'.

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I was not aware of the journal of Captain Cheyne which you mention, but I have several times in books seen mention of Uvea as supplying excellent cooks. This I think was due to my mother as they were settled on Uvea for a number of years before going to Lifu. My mother also, as you may know, wrote the book "Among the Natives of the Loyalty Group" and, incidentally, was a conchologist, discovering about a hundred and thirty new specimens of shells in Uvea which are now in Owens College Museum, Manchester.

Forgive this long screed but I thought perhaps one or two items might interest you.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. Hadfield.

COPY

4, Upper Harley Street, N.W.1.
Welbeck 3044

24th December, 1948.

Dear Sir,

I was very interested to see that you are to give a talk on the literature of the South Seas on New Year's Day and am looking forward to hearing it.

I myself was born in the South Seas over sixty-six years ago, and wondered if you had come across a book I saw through the Publishers (Fabers) called 'Cannibal Jack', now out of print. This is the Diary, unedited, of a runaway Englishman who lived amongst the natives as a native, taking part in the tribal fights, and who afterwards wrote of his experiences. These I think are some of the earliest records of life in the South Seas.

When I met him, with my Father, on the island of Maré, Loyalty Islands, fifty-eight years ago, he was about seventy years of age, and these experiences of which he had written were in his young days after he had run away from home in Dorset at the age of seventeen; this I discovered after the publication of the book, from a niece who had never seen him. That means that he wrote of the South Seas well over a hundred years ago, from personal experience.

I shall be interested to know if you have come across the book.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J.A. Hadfield

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

January 13, 1949.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY
OLD TECH BUILDING

Dear Dr. Maude,

I have accepted an appointment as specialist in Pacific Islands and Pacific Asia on the secretariat of the Trusteeship Division of the United Nations.

I shall report in New York for duty on January 24 and so shall be unable to attend the Congress in New Zealand. I'm sorry to miss seeing you, but perhaps our ways shall cross in the Pacific sometime.

I have sent your paper along with Dr. Ernest Holt who will probably give it to Sir Theodore Rigg. I would like very much to have a copy of it when the Congress is over. Perhaps you could send it back again with Dr. Holt.

I'm sure you give in your paper.

There is no other information available.

With good wishes to yourself and

Yours sincerely,

John Wesley Coulter

O. Times Star Dec. 26, 1948

UC Professor Takes UN Post



Dr. John Wesley Coulter reads to daughters, Sally (left), and Margaret (right), who will travel with him, Mrs. Coulter, and their infant brother, Alan, to the Far East.

University of Cincinnati authorities announced Thursday that Dr. John Wesley Coulter, professor of human geography, had been given leave of absence to accept a high appointment from the United Nations.

Dr. Coulter, who came to the University in February, 1946, after World War II service as a colonel and chief of the Pacific islands section of the Army's General Staff Corps, will be specialist on Pacific Island and the Pacific Asia in the UN's Trusteeship Division.

For 13 years Dr. Coulter lived in the Pacific Islands and before the war was professor of geography

and head of that department in the University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

The UN Secretariat section which Dr. Coulter will head takes up questions relating to the native peoples in dependencies and trusteeships in the Pacific.

Dr. Coulter will take up his UN duties at the close of the current semester in late January. His family, Mrs. Coulter, two daughters, Sally, 6½, in the first grade of Clifton School, and Margaret, 3, in the Immanuel Presbyterian Church Nursery School, Clifton, and infant son, Alan, six months, will accompany him. The Coulters live at 345 Wood Avenue, Clifton.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
SUVA, FIJI.

14th January, 1949.

My dear Maude,

On the 13th December you sent me a long personal letter setting out your misgivings about accepting the Deputy Secretaryship of the S.P.C. That letter did not reach me until January 8th, by which time :-

- (a) you had passed out from my jurisdiction;
- (b) you had taken up your temporary abode in Sydney.

I stress this date less you should have thought me guilty of ignoring your eleventh-hour appeal. As things now stand, you will appreciate that I am powerless to intervene on your behalf, and my reply must be limited to such personal suggestions as an officer of one administration can properly tender to a friend who is serving under another.

The whole of your letter, if I may say so, was imbued with a pessimism which time and experience will surely mitigate. Of course, the cost of living in Noumea is fantastic; Vaskess and I rubbed this in with all possible emphasis and factual support to the S.P.C. during our final despairing appeal for Suva (my apologia pro Viti mea if you will forgive a horrid classical pun); but this disability will affect, not only the Deputy Secretary-General, but every single one of the Commission's expatriate employees; and I shall be greatly surprized if, when the organization has been set up for a few months in Noumea, the Commission is not faced with demands for a cost of living allowance or even a permanent revision of salaries.

On the currency question, New Zealand has, of course, already moved (and is now beginning to regret it); but I have good reason for thinking that Mr. Chifley has no present intention of following Mr. Nash's example, so £1,500 Sterling will still remain equal to £A.1,875 or £F.1,665.

Quite candidly, your best and only course, to my mind, is to throw yourself wholeheartedly into your new responsibilities without wasting energy in regrets or repinings. When the Commission has had a chance of assessing you at your true value, I do not think that you need fear ungenerous treatment. And I shall be personally very much disappointed if, when we meet in Noumea next May, you do not tell me that you are taking a brighter view of your position and prospects, and have ceased to regret the change.

I am sure you will appreciate that this letter is purely personal and not the sort of document from which you can quote in any context!

Yours very sincerely,

William Freestone

H.E. Maude, Esquire, O.B.E.,
SYDNEY.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONG KONG.

18th January, 1949.

Dear Maude,

I was delighted to get your letter of the 15th December, and first of all let me congratulate you on your very well deserved O.B.E. which I saw in the Times a few days ago.

I am interested to learn that you are only with the South Pacific Commission on a temporary basis. I hope that you will give it a good trial. It is one of those set-ups that could do some really useful work were it to keep its feet on the ground, or it could lose itself in the clouds. Your influence should help to make it useful. Vaskess should also inject some realism into it. The people I fear are the Australian and New Zealand politicians, and possibly some of their permanent officials.

I was so pleased to hear that the G.E.I.C. was going strong, and I rather gather from what you write that it is now largely a matter of the machine carrying on. I expect that copra will be in strong demand for the next ten years, which should ensure the Colony a good revenue and thus enable you to embark on some items of capital expenditure, and possibly also to build up a bit of a reserve. I shall never forget our joint efforts, - in which I did little but to sit back in my office chair and accept the views of yourself and others, to get the future of the Colony planned out. You are fortunate in having built up a good staff.

Reading between the lines of your letter, I infer that you have not a very high regard for Freeston. There was a fellow through here the other day - Greening by name - who had served under him in the West Indies. He said that he was quite pleasant personally, but officially very difficult. As likely as not, you will meet Greening, for from here he was going on to Fiji. He is one of the Colonial Office economic liaison officers and his beat is the Pacific.

I saw in some paper the other day that Noel had gone on leave to England. He is rather a problem child and I wonder what they are going to do with him. I know that he was reluctant to stay on in the Solomons.

We are having quite an interesting time as a result of the happenings in China. The only fly in the ointment is the state of panic into which the Colonial Office have got themselves. They sent us out a stream of frantic telegrams which we referred to as "Flap Telegram No. 1" and "Flap Telegram No. 2", etc. Paskin, one of the Assistant Under Secretaries, is now with us, and I amuse myself by taunting him with the state of hysteria into which they have allowed themselves to be stampeded by the ministers.

All the best to you both from my wife and myself.

Yours ever,

A. E. Chamberlain

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER,
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS
COLONY.

Tarawa Island,
24th January, 1949.

Dear Mr. Maude,

When clearing out your desk prior to Mr. Keegan's arrival I found this note book. From the look of it it would seem that it only contains matters which you have now put behind you, but in case there is anything still of interest to you I am forwarding it on.

2. On checking over the Navy Wellington codes and books etc. at new year I found that we have only got old copies of Volumes I and III of the Admiralty Handbook and a new copy of Volume II. As far as I recall 2 years ago there was a set of Vols. I, III and IV. You handed Volume III of these over to Mr. Bryant as being personal, but I was never clear whether they were your own or office copies. We then got in September 1947 a complete new set of 4 volumes from Navy Wellington and these are on charge. The office is therefore now missing the new volumes I, III and IV and the old volume IV and I understood from you that you had packed them with your books. If the old volumes are in fact your personal copies then if you would return a volume IV, the office will be complete, and the change over from your old volumes to the office new ones is not important as the old ones are in perfectly good condition.

3. Life has gone on pretty well as usual since you left. I got the estimates and a despatch on C.O.L.A. away by the "Tui Cakau" which left on Christmas Sunday. Then arriving on Christmas Sunday appeared the "John Williams VI" and I had a most sanctimonious Christmas dinner on board in the evening and discussion with Diamond next morning. As there were some ships to N.Z. early in January I rushed the "Kiakia" down to fetch Dr. Luomala to deliver her to Ocean when "Kiakia" went across at New Year with the cricket team to fetch Mr. Keegan. Unfortunately bad weather, engine defects and Cookie being sick delayed her a week and she did not get across until the following weekend so Mr. Keegan did not arrive here until 13th January. In the meantime the "Muliama" had come and gone with Mr. Markham who is an incredible old character - I do hope he is fit enough to renew his contract.

4. The advent of Mr. Peel straight from Singapore so soon is a bit of a surprise, but Mr. Keegan has decided that it would be better if I get away as planned, as Mr. Peel probably won't be here before the end of February. In any case he feels I have done a long enough stretch in here and suggests that I should return as D.O. Ellice - I can think of nothing more pleasant than while away 15 months in the Ellice after a concentrated year in the office. I hope it comes true but am not sanguine as I am afraid I know more than is good for only one man to know of what goes on here. If Percy can get a booking for us I shall be off on the "Astoria" this week for N.Z. and possibly I shall see you in Auckland or Christchurch before you get this letter, and in which case it will be stale when you read it.

5. I was very pleased when your O.B.E. came through. It was the only honour which we got and I am sure it is more than merited. One little bit that will interest you is that the Christmas Island licence has been revoked. I sent down

colonization idea of sending labourers with a view to being settlers and the H.Cr. has definitely nibbled, it remains to be seen whether it can be implemented. Laxton has got all excited in the Phoenix and asked for 20 families for Nikumaroro this year. I can't think what the C.L.C. will say about all this! Lands Compensation has all gone through at last with 30th June as the final tree date. Turbott was smitten with a very serious dose of flu and malaria on Christmas Eve and is only back to easy duty today - it really pulled him down a lot. Trade is now the Wholesale Society and ensconced at Betio, Henshaw has refused to renew his contract and is off early in February, with not much heart burning but a bit of inconvenience with the end of the year upon Mr. Palmer. Having written these oddments I have a twinge lest you have put these matters behind you, being no longer directly concerned, but I feel sure your interest in the G. & E. will never die so perhaps they are not waste of paper.

6. I hope life in the S.P.C. is congenial and interesting, and as long as you don't send us any questionnaires I shall feel kindly disposed to it. But the moment you start issuing the paper you are no longer a friend of the encumbrant of this chair! I would give my regards to Mrs. Maude, but all being well I shall be seeing her in N.Z. before this letter reaches you.

Yours sincerely





DEPARTMENT OF ISLAND TERRITORIES,
WELLINGTON, C. 1, N.Z.

22nd February, 1949.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mr. H.E. Maude, Deputy Secretary-General
of the South Pacific Commission, has been authorized
by the High Commissioner of Western Samoa and the
Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga, to enter Western
Samoa and the Cook Islands without restriction.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. T. G. Patrick'.

R. T. G. PATRICK
SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Maude.

Maude has asked me to forward these two letters of his to you. I feel certain that you will be glad to receive them since the Old man is perfectly genuine.

Sincerely yours,

Leid Cohn.

Tia Kabo.

Raou ae Ho bati n tangiraki Irou ngke ae kooniban
te uringaki I bukin aron am kwakuri. Ake Inou ngke
I memena te uana ma ngke n Ririki ai ka a bakawako
ao ba ai aike ake moti bukiwa ba a bon reke nako naba

Tia Kabo

Koraba nakon am tia irakuri ae Inautake kwake
ae Kwangori, ae ko atia ni kareka wako ina
Te akoaki ma n te Iau- Iakka ni Buritan
I bukin am Beku are koa tia ni katana ba
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Koraba naba ngke Ho a manga moan
manga te babekia ni manga kashia nakon
ana Beku are ko katana wako ina

Ho bon bati n Raba Irou ae bati
Tia kabo. naba Ho na bon kwauri Inanoni
kawain nua rokom i ron abam ae Buritan
Ao Tia manga kaitibo. Inanon tai aike
i maira

Ana Tangira te Atia ba Ememena
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Mr. Maude. Se Te Unimane - Is. Aka Whakoro iika Kikibati
ma Ellu.

Ko na mauu

I ai Karimom irou

I korea ki retā aei ba kaotān rarou ma namu ae ki kan
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Igāia Anne ko bon atāia

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Mautāke Maake.



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1949

[8] *Tarawa Island,*
1st February, 1949.
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

APPOINTMENTS, LEAVE, ETC.

His Honour the Acting Resident Commissioner directs the publication of the following particulars of appointments and movements of public officers:—

ABSENCE ON DUTY.

MAUDE, H. E., M.B.E., Resident Commissioner, from 5th May to 6th June, 1947, and from 27th April to 31st May, 1948.

APPOINTMENTS.

KEEGAN, R. J., Administrative Officer, Grade II, to act as Resident Commissioner, from 20th December, 1948.

McKENZIE, R. C. D., Cadet Officer, to act as Secretary to Government from 28th January, 1949.

NICHOLSON, K., Cadet Officer, to be an Officer for collection of Income Tax under the Income Tax Ordinance No. 14 of 1947 with effect from 14th December, 1948.

PUSINELLI, F. N. M., M.C., Passed Cadet, to be Officer in Charge, Tarawa, during the absence of the Resident Commissioner from Headquarters, with effect from 17th December, 1948, to 13th January, 1949.

RUDYARD, F., Medical Officer, to act as Senior Medical Officer with effect from 20th December, 1948.

APPOINTMENTS—RELINQUISHMENT OF.

CUTTING, H. L., Assistant Treasurer, as Acting Treasurer with effect from 31st January, 1949.

PUSINELLI, F. N. M., M.C., Passed Cadet, as Secretary to Government with effect from 27th January, 1949.

SIMPSON, H., temporary officer, R.C.S. *Awahou*, with effect from 21st November, 1948.

LEAVE GRANTED.

BAURO RATIETA, Public Relations Officer, vacation leave for 2 months 5 days from 27th December, 1948.

FULLER, A. E., Treasurer and Collector of Customs, vacation leave for 22 days from 5th January, 1949.

KEEGAN, R. J., Administrative Officer, Grade II, vacation leave for 18 days from 30th November, 1948.

MARKHAM, H. A., Assistant District Officer and Plantation Manager, Christmas Island, vacation leave for 1 month 24 days plus period allowed for travelling from 8th January, 1949.

ROSE, M., Senior Medical Officer, vacation leave for 4 months 28 days plus period allowed for travelling from 20th December, 1948.

SINCLAIR, P. L. G., Chief Engineer, R.C.S. *Awahou*, vacation leave for 90 days and unpaid leave for 1 year 3 months from 6th December, 1948.

TOWNSEND, M. M., Lands Commissioner, *mid-tour* leave for 3 months from 30th December, 1948.

LEAVE GRANTED—CORRECTION.

MAUDE, H. E., M.B.E., Resident Commissioner, outward travelling leave for 1 month 26 days, vacation leave for 7 months 17 days, and inward travelling leave for 1 month 12 days, from 7th June, 1947, and not as notified in Gazette Notice No. 70 of 1947.

WALCOT, D. B., Clerk and Customs Officer, Grade I, outward travelling leave for 2 days, vacation leave for 6 months, inward travelling leave for 11 days from 5th June, 1948, and not as notified in Gazette Notice No. 94 of 1948.

LEAVE—RETURN FROM.

FULLER, A. E., Treasurer and Collector of Customs, on 28th January, 1949.

KEEGAN, R. J., Administrative Officer, Grade II on 18th December, 1948.

ROBERTS, R. G., Temporary Administrative Officer, on 25th July, 1948.

WALCOT, D. B., Clerk and Customs Officer, Grade I, on 18th December, 1948.

SECONDMENT.

MAUDE, H. E., M.B.E., Resident Commissioner, to the South Pacific Commission, as Deputy Secretary-General with effect from 20th December, 1948.

TRANSFER—CORRECTION.

WERNHAM, D. C. I., Administrative Officer, Grade II, to Malaya with effect from 17th February, 1947, and not as notified in Gazette Notice No. 110 of 1947.

By order of the Acting Resident Commissioner.

R. C. D. McKENZIE,
Secretary to Government.

[9] GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by section 2 (a) of the Landowners Taxation Ordinance 1923 it is provided that the Resident Commissioner may with the consent of the High Commissioner by Proclamation impose upon the landowners of the Colony such a tax payable in copra in respect of the financial year then next ensuing as shall seem to him to be just:

AND WHEREAS it seems to the Resident Commissioner to be just, having regard to the need to exempt landowners of war damaged land from paying tax in respect of that land, that a tax of 483 tons of copra should be imposed on the landowners of the Gilbert Islands, that a tax of 74 tons of copra should be imposed on the landowners of the Ellice Islands, and that a tax of 16 tons of copra should be imposed on the landowners of the Phoenix Islands in respect of the financial year commencing 1st April, 1949:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the powers conferred on me by the said Landowners Taxation Ordinance 1923 I do hereby, with the consent of the High Commissioner, by this my Proclamation impose on the landowners of the Gilbert Islands a tax of 483 tons of copra, on the landowners of the Ellice Islands a tax of 74 tons of copra, and on the landowners of the Phoenix Islands a tax of 16 tons of copra in respect of the aforesaid financial year.

WHEREOF let all men take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Tarawa, in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, this twenty-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord 1949.

R. J. KEEGAN,
Acting Resident Commissioner.

I consent:

L. BRIAN FREESTON,
High Commissioner.

[10] *Tarawa Island,*
8th December, 1948.
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS—BOARD OF

WITH reference to Gazette Notice No. 15 of the 19th February, 1941, the Resident Commissioner directs it to be notified that, under section 19 of the Customs Duties Ordinance 1934, he has, with the approval of the High Commissioner, terminated the appointment as a Commissioner of Customs of—

G. E. HARD, Esquire,

on his departure from the Colony and appointed—

R. S. BASTIN, Esquire,

to be a Commissioner of Customs, with effect from the 1st January, 1949.

By Order of the Resident Commissioner.

F. N. M. PUSINELLI,
Secretary to Government.

[11] GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

THE QUARANTINE ORDINANCE, 1929.

ORDER.

BRINGING INTO FORCE THE QUARANTINE (LOCAL TRAFFIC) REGULATIONS 1934.

WHEREAS by subsection two of section 84 of the Quarantine Ordinance 1929 it is amongst other things enacted that Regulations made under paragraph (i) of subsection one of the aforesaid section of the said Ordinance shall come into force only in pursuance of an order made by the High Commissioner, shall be in force in such district place area or locality within the Colony as the High Commissioner by order directs, and shall remain in force for such time as is specified in the order:

Now therefore I do hereby order that the Quarantine (Local Traffic) Regulations 1934 in pursuance of this Order shall come into force forthwith in the area comprising the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Ocean Island and shall remain in force for a period of one month from the date hereof.

Given at Suva in the Colony of Fiji this 12th day of January, 1949.

BRIAN FREESTON,
High Commissioner.

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[12] GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

THE NATIVE STATUS ORDINANCE, 1941.

ORDER.

MADE BY THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the Native Status Ordinance 1941, I do by this my order declare

ROBERT FREDERICK AITCHESON

of Nausori, Fiji Islands, at present residing at Betio, Tarawa, to be a non-native.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Tarawa this seventeenth day of November one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

H. E. MAUDE,
Resident Commissioner.

[13] BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by section 2 of the Prisons Regulation 1922 it is enacted that there shall be a Central Prison and District Prisons at such places in the Protectorate as the Resident Commissioner with the approval of the High Commissioner may proclaim by Notice in the Gazette:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that there shall be a District Prison at Ilu in the District of Guadalcanal in the Protectorate:

NOW THEREFORE I do hereby order and proclaim and it is hereby ordered and proclaimed that there shall be a District Prison at Ilu in the District of Guadalcanal.

WHEREOF let all men take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Honiara in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate this eighteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

A. GERMOND,
Acting Resident Commissioner.

Approved:

L. BRIAN FREESTON,
High Commissioner.

[14] BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.
NOTICE.

THE NATIVE TAX REGULATION, 1947.

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 4 of the Native Tax Regulation, 1947, the High Commissioner has prescribed as follows:—

1. The rate of tax to be paid under the said Regulation in the respective districts and parts thereof shall be as specified in the Schedule annexed hereto and the amount of tax payable for the year, 1949, and until further notice, in the respective sub-districts, areas and places named in the second column of the Schedule annexed hereto shall be the amount specified in the third column of the said Schedule against such sub-district, area or place:

Provided always that the rate of tax payable by married natives who are supporting a wife or family shall in any sub-district, area or place, other than the sub-district of Florida Island, be one half only of the specified rate.

2. In the case of a native employed under a statutory contract of service as set out in the proviso to section 4 (1) of the said Regulation the rate of tax to be paid by the employer of such native shall be two pounds (£2) in respect of each such native so employed.

3. The notice issued under the provisions of section 4 of the Native Tax Regulation, 1947, published at page 29 of the *Western Pacific, High Commission Gazette* dated 11th February, 1947, shall not have effect in respect of tax for the year 1949, and any subsequent year.

Made at Suva this third day of February, 1949.

By Command,
G. D. CHAMBERLAIN,
Chief Secretary.

THE SCHEDULE.

District	Sub-district, Area or Place	Amount of Tax		
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Western	Roviana, New Georgia	10	0	
	Marovo, New Georgia	10	0	
	Vella Lavella	10	0	
	Yasabel	10	0	
	Mono, Shortland Islands	10	0	
	Russell Islands	10	0	
	Babatana, Choiseul	5	0	
	Tepazaka, Choiseul	5	0	
	Katupika, Choiseul	5	0	
	North Senga, Choiseul	5	0	
	South Senga, Choiseul	5	0	
	Tavula, Choiseul	5	0	
	Warei and Rino, Choiseul	5	0	
	Central	Tasiboko, Guadalcanal	12	0
		Marau Bush, Guadalcanal	6	0
		Marau Saltwater, Guadalcanal	6	0
		Visale, Guadalcanal	12	0
Sugu, Guadalcanal		6	0	
Talise, Guadalcanal		6	0	
Aola, Guadalcanal		6	0	
Longgu, Guadalcanal		6	0	
Malango, Guadalcanal		6	0	
Bota Moli, Guadalcanal		6	0	
Veuru Moli, Guadalcanal		6	0	
Paripao, Guadalcanal		6	0	
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Malaita		Savo Island	6	0
	Florida Island	12	0	
	Arosi, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Santa Anna, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Ulawa, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Ugi, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Eastern, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Haununu, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Wainoni, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Bauro, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Ravo, San Cristoval	6	0	
	Santa Cruz	6	0	
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	Pileni	1	0	
	Sikaiana	1	0	
	Lord Howe, Eastern	1	0	
	Lord Howe, Western	1	0	
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Vanikoro	6	0		
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Tae Saltwater	5	0		
Agia	5	0		
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Lana Lana	5	0		
Kwarea	5	0		
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the Schedule—continued.

District	Sub-district, Area or Place	Amount of Tax
"	Tarapaina	5 0
"	Walade	5 0
"	Small Malaita South	5 0
"	Ari Ari North	5 0
"	Ari Ari South	5 0
"	Ari Ari West	5 0
"	Ari Ari North-West	5 0
"	Onepusu	5 0
"	Su'u	5 0

[15] BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.

ORDER.

MADE BY THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER UNDER THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS MARITIME ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1948.

WHEREAS by the British Solomon Islands Maritime Order in Council 1948 it is provided that the said Order in Council shall come into force on a day to be fixed by order of the Resident Commissioner of the Protectorate, being a day subsequent to the day on which the said Order in Council was laid before Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the said Order in Council was laid before Parliament on the fourteenth day of September 1948:

NOW THEREFORE I JEAN DANIEL ARNAULD GERMOND Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire the Acting Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the said Order in Council do hereby declare and order that the said Order in Council shall come into operation on the first day of January 1949.

Made at Honiara this 16th day of December 1948.

A. GERMOND,
Acting Resident Commissioner.

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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.

NOTICE.

THE NATIVE TAX REGULATION, 1947.

DIRECTION BY HIGH COMMISSIONER UNDER SECTION 9.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 9 of the Native Tax Regulation, 1947, the High Commissioner has directed that the direction published at page 30 of the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette dated 11th February, 1947, be varied by the deletion in Schedule B of the sub-districts "Sandfly Nggela", "Big Nggela" and "Small Nggela" and by the substitution of the sub-district "Florida Island".

Dated at Suva this third day of February, 1949.

By Command,

G. D. CHAMBERLAIN,
Chief Secretary.

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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.

NOTICE.

THE NATIVE TAX REGULATION, 1947.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3 of the Native Tax Regulation, 1947, the High Commissioner has specified that the area "Florida Island" shall be part of the Central District within which the aforesaid Native Tax Regulation, 1947, shall have force and effect and has varied the notice made under the aforesaid Regulation and published at page 27 of the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette by the deletion of the parts of Districts "Sandfly Nggela", "Big Nggela" and "Small Nggela" set out in the second column of the Schedule.

Made at Suva this third day of February, 1949.

By Command,

G. D. CHAMBERLAIN,
Chief Secretary.

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TELEGRAM—SAVING.

From: High Commissioner,

COPY

To : Acting Resident Commissioner, Gilbert and Ellice Islands
Colony.

Saving No. 46.

(Date) 24th February, 1949.

36 X 46—6000

Your telegram No. 357^S Saving, Leave due to Maude. Maude was due ten months leave as at 30th November, 1948. I enclose a statement showing the computation. The discrepancy from your calculation is because the leave at Item 4 in enclosure II of your Saving Telegram under reference should have been divided into two parts for the purpose of calculating leave and leave subsequent to 1.1.41 should have been calculated under the leave rules effective from that date.

High Commissioner.

COPY

APPOINTMENT 20/9/29

Assumed duty 16/11/29.

Transferred Zanzibar 1/9/36
 " G&E. I.C. 20/5/37
 Assumed duty 20/7/37

CALCULATION OF LEAVE DUE.

			Y	M	D		Vacation L. due	Half PayL due
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	5.11.41	-	15.4.45	=	3	5 11	= 6 m. 25 d.	
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Vacation.

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Half Pay.

Eligible	18	28	
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			<u>10 0</u>

LEAVE TAKEN.

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TELEPHONE No. : CANBERRA 631.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS : "TERRITORIES" CANBERRA.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL TERRITORIES,
Canberra,

In reply quote No.

PERMIT NO. 11830

PERMIT TO ENTER TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

Permission has been granted for the person herein-after described to enter the Territory of Papua-New Guinea.

PARTICULARS OF HOLDER.

Full Name: MAUDE, Mr. Henry Evans.
Address: Noumea, New Caledonia.
Occupation: Deputy Secretary-General, South Pacific Commission.
Nationality: British Birthplace:
Sex: Male Age: 42 years Height:

LANDING BOND NOT REQUIRED ^{me}

Signature of Holder: *H. H. Maude*

Dated at Canberra this 4th day of March, 1949.

J. R. Halligan
Secretary
Department of External Territories.

Movement by Train
Boat on _____
Aeroplane

Rev. Father Bourke, S.M.,
Catholic Mission,
APIA, Western Samoa.

Dear Father Bourke,

I have been meaning to write to you for some time in answer to your letter of the 21st March (how long ago that sounds now) giving a list of your spare copies of P.I.M. and the gaps in your collection.

Unfortunately I have only just settled in Sydney, but as soon as I can get a more or less permanent house I intend to send for my luggage (including books) and sort through my collection of P.I.Ms.

I am almost certain that I have a duplicate of the issue for October, 1942, and of several issues before January, 1933, so no doubt we can do a deal. Meanwhile, I'll keep your letter carefully, as I expect I shall be missing several of those numbers of which you have spares (or else they will be in the cupboard at Central Office, which sounds like Alladin's cave).

I often think back to that very pleasant morning I had with you at Aleisa: it was really most kind of you to waste all that time on taking me there. I have quite an affection for Samoa and should like to visit it again and get across to Savaii: meanwhile, however, I am off to Fiji for a fortnight.

Which reminds me that I travelled down from Noumea to Sydney on a Pan-American plane with a very nice Father from Samoa who is taking charge of the hostel here - but now I have quite forgotten his name: which is bad as he was most helpful to me on the subject of vernacular literature in Samoa.

Yours sincerely,

H.E.M.

H.E. Maude.

Catholic Mission,
Apia, W.SAMOA.
21st March, 1949.

Dear Mr Maude,

I am enclosing a list of duplicate copies and missing links from my PIM file. You remember our conversation on the subject during our trip to Aleisa? I enjoyed that trip very much indeed, and only regret that our Aleisa hospitality was not up to form; next time I hope to have you there for a dinner party. To return to the PIM: when I started to put all the copies order last year in preparation for binding, I found a large number of gaps. I thought that perhaps Mr McCulloch, former Secretary to the Administration, might have some copies which he would not wish to take to NZ with him, so went along to Central Office to enquire. He didn't have any copies, but there were a number of odd Govt. copies in a cupboard in a back room; perhaps I would like to see them; they were not very interested as they doubted Mr Robson's reliability. (Personally I hope his other "Own Correspondents" are more reliable than the local ones.) Naturally in the circumstances I encouraged the idea of the PIM's unreliability and ended up with nearly a dozen odd copies! Was able to complete the file from 1933 with the one exception noted on the list. I sincerely hope you have that odd copy. If you wish to have any of the others, please let me know; if there is some copy you are looking for which does not appear on the list, mention it also, as it might be in the cupboard at Central Office!

Every good wish from

Yours sincerely



Spare copies:

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1934	March July	1941	March May July August		November (2) December
1935	June	1942	November	1947	January February March May
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1937	June October				
1938	July August October April				

My file is complete from January, 1933, with the exception of the issue of October, 1942.

Of the period before January 1933, I have only ³two copies, May, August, and November, 1932.

 PRESTON CANDOVER 205.

SOUTH HALL,
PRESTON CANDOVER,
BASINGSTOKE,
HAMPSHIRE.

March 23. 1949.

Dear Mr. Maudslayi

You wrote me a most welcomed letter on Nov. 26 -
& though I have only had it a few weeks, it did indeed deserve
an answer before this. Bertie Ellis had written about your new
appointment; but your own letter gives me the better explanation.
I am very glad to think that you & your wife will be nearer your
Alaric & can get in touch with him more easily for holidays etc..
but I feel that you are going to miss your other islands &
their interesting problems & will have a very different type of
work. But I know this must mean a very important
post which you are so well fitted to do.

About the J.T.A. diaries.. I try to get on with sorting up in
the attic, but have very sort of little domestic interruption &
am myself getting so tired & slow - "drifting" - that I fear
little headway is being made - it all needs a younger & more
brained intellect.. Now you are to be tied in the Pacific for
some years to come, I think it may be best to find some one
to help me sort & sift in preparation for the real work which
I so sincerely hope you can someday undertake.

Perhaps there may be some undergraduates studying past colonial
developments, who might like a few weeks' job in the
summer vacation, to help me get some sort of order & scheme
into things. I wonder if you agree to this preparatory work

being done?

We so on much as ever. We have had a very wonderful winter of mild weather - & flowers & trees & birds & bees have been most favourably affected by the mild conditions & now March is bringing N. E. winds which are rather upsetting. But the English spring is a very exciting experience every year.

My daughter is constantly busy on her tractor - & indeed it is vitally important & prepares the ground & to grow every scrap of food stuff we can now a days.

My husband is feeling very much now & I marvel to think of Bertie Ellis, who is also about 80 years old, who still writes long & vigorous letters & is still engaged in Pacific matters.

I do hope I can do some useful work to prepare for your book on the Pacific of earlier days & if anything happens to me, both John & Elizabeth know how much your book is my very great wish.

With very good work done & your beautiful wife & my best congratulations on this most important post

I am yours very sincerely

Sydney D. Ellis

MEMORANDUM

11th April, 1949

TO: The Deputy Chairman, Research Council.

Copy to: The Secretary-General.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF A FULL-TIME
MEMBER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

I am writing to you in conformity with my undertaking to state, before the first session of the Research Council, whether I would be willing, if asked, to accept the nomination of that body as full-time member in charge of social development work.

I have discussed this matter with yourself and the other full-time members of the Research Council on several occasions and have also given it very careful and anxious consideration both before and during our recent tour of the South Pacific.

As a result, I am now able to say that, subject to the condition set out below, I should be honoured to accept this position were it offered to me by the Commission.

In coming to this decision, I can assure you that I have not been actuated by any personal considerations, which would, in point of fact, incline me to retain my present position as Deputy Secretary-General. I feel, however, that the organization, co-ordination and carrying out of research in social development would be by far the most useful contribution which I could make to the activities of the South Pacific Commission, and that it would represent to a large extent an extension to a wider field of the type of work in which I have already been directly or indirectly engaged for many years past. In particular, my three months association with the Research Council has convinced me that the essentially practical projects in social development which it is intended to tackle require for their successful implementation an officer of an administrative type, with a wide knowledge of the South Pacific and, of course, a bias towards research, rather than an academic specialist in one of the many branches of sociology.

As regards my qualifications for the position, I would refer you to the biography and other data attached to my nomination as Deputy Secretary-General. Particular attention is drawn to:-

- (a) my training in anthropology, with an Honours Degree in that subject from Cambridge University;
- (b) subsequent interest in sociological problems in the South Pacific, as evidenced, inter alia, by some 12 publications covering a wide range of topics in anthropology, native education, culture change, land settlement and administration;
- (c) particular interest in native educational problems, as a result of which I was offered the position of Director of Education in one of the British Colonies; and
- (d) special assignments of a practical sociological nature in the South Pacific area, including -

- (i) the organization of the Co-operative Societies Movement in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
- (ii) Lands Settlement of the Gilbert Group and Ocean Island,
- (iii) the colonization of the Phoenix Islands,
- (iv) the Exploratory Survey of the Central and Eastern Pacific,
- (v) Revision of the Native Administrative System in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands,
- (vi) Reorganization of the Pitcairn Island administrative system, and the
- (vii) Reorganization of the Public Service of the Kingdom of Tonga.

During the course of a rather wide variety of assignments I have served in senior administrative positions in four Pacific Territories and have resided in, or at least visited, almost all the island groups in the South Pacific region: the number of islands landed on totals 73, on most of which I have lived for several weeks. I think that it can be fairly held that, as a consequence of extensive travel and reading, I have at present a knowledge of the Pacific area as extensive as that of any officer in any service.

Not least among the considerations which have led me to apply as a candidate for the position of social development officer is the fact that I have had the benefit of working with the Research Council team from the commencement of its activities, during which time we have had the opportunity of surveying the research problems of most of the 16 territories in the region and of discussing together the various research projects which we will each be expected to undertake and the best methods of handling their implementation. The experience gained as a result of our preliminary survey tour has been of unique value and should enable us to proceed with the practical carrying out of the work programme immediately on the completion of the forthcoming session of the Commission in May; whereas any newcomer to the Research Council will clearly need at least 6 months introductory study and touring before he will be in a position to commence work on actual projects with anything approaching a clear picture of the special problems involved. It is scarcely necessary to labour the point that the Commission and the general public are expecting the Research Council to go ahead forthwith on solving the practical research needs of the area and that, for this reason, it would appear undesirable to invite inevitable further delay by changing the personnel of the full-time members of the Council at this stage.

There remains only for me to record that, should my candidature be sponsored, I am anxious to commence work as soon as the Commission sessions end and that, in order to do this, it will be necessary for me to set up my headquarters in some centre where I can have full access to library facilities and be in a position to discuss problems with other workers in sociology and allied subjects. This matter has been considered at various meetings with yourself and the members for economic development and health and it has been agreed that it is essential that we should each of us be required to carry out his writing and other work where the special needs of our particular speciality (library and laboratory facilities and, above all, the possibility of interchanging ideas and methods) enables us to achieve the earliest and most effective results, visiting yourself as over-all co-ordinator

of the work as the occasion justifies. I would only emphasize here that this cardinal principle, on which I firmly believe the whole future success of the Research Council's work must necessarily rest, has especial importance in the case of the officer in charge of social development who, if he is domiciled at Noumea or other isolated locality, will be inevitably divorced from every essential requisite for the adequate performance of his duties. While the majority of this officer's time will probably be spent in travelling, or in consultations at Noumea, it is vital that he should have some pied à terre where he can work on his projects with full access to all available literature on the subject, covering not only the South Pacific area but also related problems in other areas and the means by which they are being solved, and at the same time be able to exchange ideas and methods with other sociologists, anthropologists and educational experts.

I have given the question of the practical methods by which research projects in the sociological field are to be worked out the most serious consideration during the past three months and as a result I am convinced that neither myself nor anyone else assigned to this work will be able to carry them out to the satisfaction of the Commissioners except under the general condition stated above, i.e., that the writing and documentary research work must be done in one of the main centres in Australia or New Zealand. The actual centre chosen must naturally depend on practical considerations such as libraries, ease of access to the area, the presence of other workers in the same or allied subjects, housing and the like. I would repeat that I would not, of course, expect to reside in any pied à terre for long at a time, since so much of the work involves personal visits to the territories concerned while from time to time it will be necessary to attend Commission or Council sessions or consult yourself: even so, from the financial point of view the saving in expenditure to the Commission would be considerable on such items as cost of living, education and children's allowances.

Subject, therefore, to the above consideration, I am confident that the programme of work assigned to the Social Development Officer can be performed by me to the satisfaction of the Commissioners and the general public, that the experience gained by us during the past few months would enable it to be commenced without delay and that, as I so largely share your own viewpoint on the aims and objectives of our research work, I should be able to work in with your directives wholeheartedly and with enthusiasm.

H. E. Maude
.....
H. E. MAUDE

HEM/DC

HM/GD

29th April, 1949.

Dr. A. Capell,
Reader in Oceanic Languages,
University of Sydney,
SYDNEY. NEW SOUTH WALES.

Dear Dr. Capell,

Dr. Elkin's letter, forwarding your comments on Cowell's Gilbertese Grammar, reached me to-day, having apparently gone up to Tarawa and come down again.

I'll now send it back for the new Resident to deal with but this is just a note to thank you most sincerely for all the trouble you took in working through the manuscript page by page - as you evidently did.

I hope that Cowell will now set to work and revise his effort in the light of your suggestions, and that the Government will agree to publish it.

The Research Council is to consider a linguistic project next week and, if they agree that it should be carried out, I shall be coming over to discuss it with you next month; all being well.

Once again many thanks,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

HM/GD

29th April, 1949.

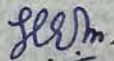
The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
TARAWA, GILBERT ISLANDS.

Dear Sir,

... I enclose two letters forwarded from the Gilberts, as they were addressed to me personally, though both deal with purely official matters.

I had a talk with Dr. Capell about Cowell's manuscript grammar a few weeks' ago and he was quite enthusiastic in its praise. Subject to a few alterations, suggested in these comments, he considered that the grammar would be well worth publishing by the Government.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

HM/GD

26th April, 1949.

Dear Hinchey,

I see from a recent issue of "News from Fiji" that you have now been confirmed as Financial Secretary to the High Commission.

Do please accept my sincere congratulations on your so well-deserved promotion to succeed Stapledon. Though temporarily (I hope) seconded from the High Commission I still take a great deal of interest in its progress and am naturally elated to know that the financial policy of the territories is going to be in expert hands, I trust for a long time.

Life here is full of bustle; rushing round getting nowhere, as I presume is the nature of international bodies. Noumea must be quite the lousiest spot in the Pacific - but we all thoroughly enjoyed the trip round the islands.

Yours sincerely,

J.L.M.

H.J. Hinchey, Esquire.

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4th April, 1949.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,
Deputy Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA. NEW CALEDONIA.

Answered 23.4.49.

Dear Sir,

The 1950 Edition of Who's Who in Australia, published by The Herald & Weekly Times Ltd., Melbourne, is now being prepared, and should be ready early next year. This letter is intended as an intimation that the inclusion of your name is proposed.

The standards of admission into Who's Who in Australia make eligibility depend upon official position and/or special prominence in any field of important achievement within, or on behalf of, Australia.

Who's Who in Australia is in no way connected with any other Australian publication bearing a similar name. In supplying the details for which we ask you incur no obligation.

To make the new Edition completely representative, I am asking if you would be good enough to supply at once biographical details on the form attached, so as to ensure that the entry concerning yourself shall be complete, accurate, and up-to-date.

~~An addressed post-free envelope is enclosed for your convenience and to facilitate prompt reply.~~

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Alexander.

Editor.

16th April, 1949.

Dear Nigel,

Just a line to let you know that I have duly received your letter of the 23rd March: unfortunately only yesterday as I have been away on a tour of the Western Pacific and then of New Caledonia itself.

I must say that, although I shall be sorry not to see you here, I quite agree with your view that you should not endeavour to leave the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony as long as Peel has need of you as Secretary: I should have taken the same attitude myself.

I can just imagine what a piggery Brian McEwen's place must be like, when he's left to his own devices. Hope he gets the Tarawa job again: he was not too bad at outside work and certainly kept people on good terms with each other.

I do hope that your wife's trouble has quite cleared up by now and that she is full of vim and energy for a further spell in the Colony.

There's just a chance that this may reach you before you leave for Tarawa or that, if it doesn't, Burns, Philp will forward it on.

With every good wish for the success of your next tour,

Yours, etc.,

J.H.M.

F.H. Pusinelli, Esquire, M.C.,

90 B. P.S.

23.3.49.

Dear Mr. Manda

Thank you very much for your letter from Rarotonga about the possibilities of an appointment in the S.P.C. I am very grateful to you for having prepared the ground for me with the W.P.N.C. so that an application would receive sympathetic consideration. However I am afraid I am going to let you down a bit as on occasions such as these a feeling of loyalty to my present position & loathing to leave it, if I am wanted, always overcomes me - the same thing happened some several times in the Army when I had opportunities to leave my battery. I feel at the moment that I cannot virtually abandon the G.O.R.C. & the new R.C. unless he is willing to release me. If I apply as you suggest the decision will be with H.E. who would if he thought fit override the R.C.'s wishes. I have therefore written the R.C. the attached letter giving him the final say, if it is in the negative. Perhaps I am wrong doing it this way, but I feel I have left such a mess at Tarawa & could clear up quite a bit in another year in the Secretariat that I must give him the chance to keep me if he wants me. If McKee was still there to finish sorting out the files, which job he was in the middle of & which is going to cause chaos in a year also if it is not finished, & if there was another cadet groomed for Secretary I wouldn't feel so bad at quitting, but with the present set up I feel I can't.

As you know my ambition is to get the widest possible experience, particularly on the secretariat side in my early years in the Colonial Service & I am sure a spell in the S.P.C. would be invaluable as well as most interesting. I should therefore very much like to

job I am sure I am not really doing the right thing ^{for myself} offering to stay at Tarawa, so I hope Mr Peel may say yes. If Mr Keegan's suggestion of sending me to Funafuti was to marginalise I should of course apply for the S.P.C. straight away, but if I am saved as S.T.G. I must reluctantly stay so lose this golden opportunity.

My wife & I had a very pleasant week with Brian McIvoran after we lunched with you, although we were appalled at the squalor in which he lived. After seeing his housing standards I shall not have very much sympathy with complainants at Tarawa. Brian has applied to be reappointed Chief Clerk for 2 or 3 years. I guess he has had N.Z. for a bit & wants to get a job in order to be able to ask a new girl to become Mrs McIvoran. I have seen three applicants as a result of advertising in Auckland & as they were not upto much I have telegraphed advising Brian back as I always felt he was a great social asset & he could do all the outside work, as recently done by Turbutt, very well. However the decision rests with Tarawa.

Since returning to Auckland we have been held up first with a very long series of dentist's appointments then Joan became involved in a miscarriage & so had to retire to Green Lane (Eryl's) Hospital the cleaner out. Mrs Maude very kindly & gallantly looked after Wendy for the few days until Joan was alive again. All being well we hope to get away some time next week for a quick trip round to Napier & Wellington before going back to Tarawa ~~hope~~ on a Bank boat some time after 20th April.

I hope you completed your Pacific cruise comfortably & enjoyably. Perhaps I shall see you in Noumea, if not I hope we shall see you with your entourage on a visit to Tarawa. Yours sincerely Nigel

C/o Burns Philp & Co Ltd,
3 Albert Street,
AUCKLAND.

30th March, 1949.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you about the possibility of my applying for the appointment of Chief Administrative officer in the South Pacific Commission.

When he was passing through Auckland recently the Deputy Secretary General, South Pacific Commission, Mr H. B. Maude, O.B.E., lunched with me and in the course of conversation told me that the post of Chief Administrative Officer was not yet filled. As he considered that I might be suitable for it, he asked me if I was interested. I now understand from Mr Maude that he has sounded His Excellency and the Chief Secretary in Suva as to their views on the possibility of a secondment for me to the South Pacific Commission for a period of 2 or 3 years, and that they were not unfavourable.

However before making an official application for such a secondment I should be grateful if you would ascertain His Honour's views as to whether I could at this juncture be released from the service of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony. If His Honour desires me to remain in the Colony, and personally I feel that there are several matters, notably the reorganisation of the filing system, which I should complete in the Secretariat before my present tour ends in 1950; then I will not make an application. If, however, His Honour could see his way to release me I should like to apply

for this appointment, as I feel it would be of inestimable value in providing me with a very beneficial and interesting experience in the work of international commissions.

I am hopeful of returning from leave by the Springbank to Ocean Island, ETD 24th April. Failing this there will probably not be an opportunity until the Astoria in the middle of May, unless there is an opportunity via Suva. If His Honour is agreeable to my making this application I should be grateful if you could advise me accordingly by telegraph, so that in order to save time, I could address an application direct from here to the Chief Secretary. If, however, I do not hear from you I will assume that His Honour wishes me to resume my previous appointment and I shall therefore return with the necessary stores etc for living at Tarawa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony,
Tarawa.

DIRECTOR:
GILBERT ARCHY

P.O. Box 27, NEWMARKET
AUCKLAND, S.E.I. NEW ZEALAND



AUCKLAND INSTITUTE AND MUSEUM.
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

27th April 1949

H.E. Maude Esq.,
South Pacific Commission
Pentagone, Anse Vata,
Noumea,
NEW CALEDONIA.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 16th April. It was very good of you to recommend the Auckland Museum as a suitable depositor for the fine clam shell adze offered by Mr. J.C.B. Norton, and we look forward to receive it, and at the same time it is good to know you, yourself, may be down here again before long.

Once more with many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Gilbert Archy

DIRECTOR.

HM/GD

16th April, 1949.

Dr. G. Archey,
Auckland Museum and Institute,
AUCKLAND. NEW ZEALAND.

Dear Mr. Archey,

I attach a copy of a letter which I have just sent off to Mr. Norton re a clam shell adze from Nauru which his son, Murray Norton, acquired there and has now sent to me for presentation to a museum in his name.

I was fortunate enough to overhear Murray mention this adze and persuaded him that it should go into a museum.

I'll bring the item down with me if I come to Auckland in the near future; otherwise I'll hand it to someone going that way. This letter is just so that you will know the particulars about it when it eventually turns up and who to write and thank.

With kind regards and hoping you have by now recovered from your very successful management of the Congress. Our research team were all most impressed with your organization and the Auckland half of the Congress proceedings, in particular, certainly ran on oiled wheels.

Yours sincerely,

H.E.M.

H.E. Maude.

HM/GD

16th April, 1949.

Mr. J.C.B. Norton,
COWELL. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr. Norton,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 25th February, forwarding the clam shell adze which your son obtained on Nauru. Unfortunately I have been on a long tour of the Pacific Islands since the 20th February and only returned here yesterday, to find your letter and parcel awaiting me: I'm afraid you must have thought me pretty strange not to have acknowledged them before.

The adze is indeed a beautiful one: one of the finest that I have ever seen. After some discussion with anthropologists who know the area best I feel that it should be presented, in your son's name, to the Auckland Museum, since they specialize in adzes from Polynesia and neighbouring areas and have the room to exhibit it as it should be shown. Also they have a fine collection of material culture items from both Nauru and Ocean Island, presented by Sir Albert Ellis, who discovered the phosphate deposits on both islands.

I feel that your son will agree that the Auckland Museum is the rightful place for such a valuable specimen: valuable, that is, from the scientific point of view. So I will take it down personally when I next go to Auckland, I hope in about a month's time, and no doubt you will be receiving an appropriate letter of acknowledgment and thanks from the Museum Council in due course.

Meanwhile many thanks for sending it: too often I find important artifacts such as this are kept as curios (and eventually, alas, thrown away) instead of being deposited where they belong, in museums, for the benefit of future generations.

I hope that your son is doing well: in my opinion he is just the type of man they need in the Papua-New Guinea service.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Cowell,
South Aust.,
Feb. 23, 1949.

Mr. H. Z. Wade,
Proswau.

Dear Sir,

I am pushing to you, for
presentation to a museum, a stone axe
which my son, Murray, asked me to
send on to you.

I understand he met you on the ship
on the way down from Aarhus where he
obtained the axe).

Trusting it will be of interest,
Yours faithfully,
J. B. Vortou.

HM/GD

16th April, 1949.

Dr. A.P. Elkin,
Professor of Anthropology,
University of Sydney,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Elkin,

Just a line to thank you so much for the most enjoyable lunch party you gave us all at the University and also for letting me worry you with my location problems. Dr. MacMillan has also asked me to express his thanks for what he termed the most enjoyable lunch of our tour, a sentiment with which I fully agree.

I have put in to remain in my present job as Social Development Officer, with the residential condition I mentioned to you, so I may be seeing you again before many moons.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



The University of Sydney

Department of Anthropology

31st March, 1949.

Mr. H.E. Maude,
44 Macleay Street,
POTT'S POINT

Dear Mr. Maude,

I have sent a note to Dr. Baas Becking, asking him, Dr. Massall, Dr. McMillan and yourself to have lunch with me at the University on Tuesday at one o'clock. I will have other University people at lunch with me to meet you and then afterwards the four of you can call on various people in the University according to your various interests.

The Commonwealth Officer who is arranging the programme for you here knows of this appointment.

I have suggested to Dr. Baas Becking that you know your way to my room, and that you might bring the party there about five or ten minutes before one o'clock.

Yours sincerely,

(A.P. Elkin)
Professor

HM/GD

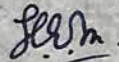
18th April, 1948.

The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
TARAWA ISLAND, GILBERT ISLANDS.

Sir,

... I attach a letter from Mr. L. Steel, lately Controller of
... Pacific Communications, regarding the training of Gilbertese and Ellice
Islands wireless operators in New Zealand, together with a copy of my
reply.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

HM/GD

16th April, 1949.

Les. Steel, Esq.,
12, Bayley Street,
GISBORNE, NEW ZEALAND.

Dear Mr. Steel,

I'm afraid that I only received your letter of the 13th December yesterday, as I have been on a protracted tour of the South Pacific during which my mail perforce accumulated at Noumea.

Many thanks indeed for all the trouble you have taken over the matter of the training of our island wireless operators in New Zealand. I am no longer connected with the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony myself but am forwarding your letter to the new Resident Commissioner, Mr. Peel, who I know will find the detailed and helpful information it contains most useful.

I certainly envy you having settled down in Gisborne; one of the best spots in New Zealand from all accounts. Some day I hope to visit there and will look you up and have a yarn about the islands (if you haven't weakened and gone off to Tonga by then).

With all good wishes for the future,

Yours sincerely,

H.E.M.

H.E. Maude.

HM/GD

16th April, 1949.

The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
TARAWA ISLAND, GILBERT ISLANDS.

Dear Sir,

... I attach a letter received from Mr. Wm. Nichol, of Te Puke,
New Zealand, concerning his son, who was a coastwatcher at Nonouti during
... the earlier part of the war, together with a copy of my reply.

It will be noted that Mr. Nichol is anxious to obtain some information regarding his son's activities as an Acting Magistrate just prior to his capture by the Japanese and it would be appreciated if this could be conveyed to him in due course. My recollection, however, is that the particulars relating to the case are not on file in your office at Tarawa but in the High Commission Office in Suva. Should this prove to be the case I would suggest that the Chief Secretary be requested to forward a précis of the incident direct to Mr. Nichol.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude

H.E. Maude.

HM/GD

16th April, 1949.

Mr. Wm. Nichol,
No. 2 Road,
TE PUKE, NEW ZEALAND.


Dear Mr. Nichol,

Just a line to let you know that I received your letter of the 10th January; though only yesterday, as I was on a long tour of the South Pacific and my correspondence mounted up, in the meantime, at Noumea.

As I am no longer connected with the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony I have forwarded your letter to the new Resident Commissioner at Tarawa in the hopes that he may be able to give you some information regarding your son's activities as Acting Magistrate. I remember the case well; it was a murder at Onotea and your son had to go by launch from Nonouti in order to deal with it - quite a hazardous journey.

Hoping to see you some day, as I am often in Auckland, where my wife has her home,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



GK/IR.

Ref.No. 10/366.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,
CANBERRA.

22nd April, 1949;

Dear Maude:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th April about Susan Liesching's career. I will pass on what you say to London, and meanwhile am also enquiring about prospects at the School of Pacific Administration.

I was, incidentally, interested in your comments about the cost of living. As it happened, a day or two after the arrival of your letter I ~~have~~ had plenty of other evidence from Australian and New Zealand sources that you are not the only person worried about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude Esq., O.B.E.,
Resident Commissioner,
GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS.

HM/GD

16th April, 1949.

PERSONAL.

Dear Kimber,

I am sorry not to have replied to your letter about Susan Liesching's career before this, but on our arrival here on Friday last we started off immediately on a tour of New Caledonia and only returned to Noumea yesterday.

I rather doubt whether Miss Liesching would be able to get a position on the South Pacific Commission staff when she finally finishes her studies. At present there are only six posts which I should imagine she could be regarded as qualified for - those of Chief Administrative and Administrative Officer, Librarian, Chief Interpreter and Interpreter and Information Officer - and for all of them preference would normally be given to applicants with a good knowledge of the area. Furthermore, there are six nations involved and one has to be careful not to have too many on the staff from any one.

It is possible that the staff may be increased as a result of the next session of the Commissioners in May. In that case there might be one or two vacancies as Research Assistants and the like, but I would fancy them all of a rather temporary nature. I am presuming that she is not looking for a purely typing job, of which there are almost certain to be several vacant at any given time.

My advice would be that Miss Liesching should apply to the Secretary-General when she has completed (or is about to complete) her studies, giving all her qualifications and other particulars about herself, and ask whether there is any vacancy for which she could be considered.

As regards health, I don't think one need worry on that score as Noumea has a particularly good climate: probably the best in the Pacific. There is no malaria and few of the usual tropical diseases; about four months in the summer are rather hot and sticky but on the other hand the remainder of the year is quite cool.

It is, however, quite the most expensive place in the world and Miss Liesching would find it difficult to manage as a single girl under £1,000 a year (which is, in fact, less than some of our typing staff have to be given).

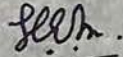
My information about the Australian School of Pacific Administration is to the effect that it is about to be brought under the Public Service Commissioners, so Miss Liesching would have to apply to that body. It was intended that the School should have a research branch but it is, I believe, having accommodation difficulties and reorganization difficulties and the future is rather obscure. Professor Mills, of the Commonwealth Education Department, could give you the latest information.

I'm afraid all this is rather scrappy but what it boils down to is that I know of no position on our present staff (other than clerical) for which either technical experience (Librarian, Information Officer, etc.) or practical knowledge of the area is not required. However, one may turn up later and I would advise Miss Liesching enquiring say six months before she is ready to begin.

16th April, 1949.

The next session of the Commission looks as if it will be interesting as it is becoming increasingly apparent, in my opinion, that a grave mistake was made in selecting Noumea as the headquarters of the organization. A mistake, furthermore, that may cost the taxpayer hundreds of thousands of pounds before it is rectified (or the Commission wound up).

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

G. Kimber, Esq.,



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,
CANBERRA.

K/CH.

29th March, 1949.

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PERSONAL.

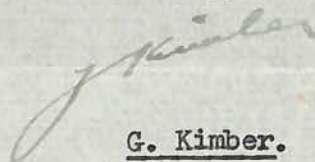
Dear Maude,

I enclose a copy of a letter from Garnett who was until recently in Canberra, about the future career of the daughter of Liesching, now the permanent head of the Commonwealth Relations Office.

Garnett seems to be a bit vague about the nature of the School of Pacific Administration and in replying to him I will tell him rather more about it, and will try to find out whether there is any prospect of Susan Liesching getting a job at the School. You probably saw something of the School when you were working at Mosman and if you have any views which I could pass on, I should be most interested to have them.

What I am writing to you about is, of course, primarily the reference to the South Pacific Commission. Do you think that there is likely to be any job for her by the time she has finished her studies? You will see some reference to her health. I am afraid no one here knows anything about it, but I always understood that Noumea was a particularly healthy place and that we could reassure them on these grounds.

Yours sincerely,


G. Kimber.

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,

COPY.

Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street.

10th March, 1949.

Dear Gurth,

Liesching has consulted me about the future of his daughter Susan, who is at present at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she is at present reading History (Third Year).

She has been discussing with her Tutor what she might do when she has taken her degree and the Tutor mentioned to her the "Australian School for Pacific Administration" to which she has previously joined one Cambridge girl. She suggested that Susan might take a one-year post-graduate course in anthropology and other allied subjects at the School of Oriental Studies in London so as to equip her for work of the nature with which she understands the school deals.

I have explained to Susan - and I think I am right - that the School for Pacific Studies in Sydney is purely a teaching body and is not actually concerned with matters affecting the welfare of native races and that what is probably in mind is the South Seas Commission. I have given Susan some information about this body and have said that I would write to you and ask you to be good enough to find out what prospects there would be for a girl who had qualified herself for the work which the Commission will have to do securing a position on the Commission's staff. I have told Susan (whose health as you know is not too good - she would not be able to pass the Civil Service medical examination) that the temporary headquarters of the Commission are in Noumea and that one of the points to be considered would be whether this climate would be suitable for her.

I am afraid this is all rather vague, but I thought that perhaps you could, through your contacts with the Commission, find out what the possibilities are. It will be at least another year before Susan is qualified for this work but it will be helpful if she could have some information in the meantime as to possibilities.

Yours ever

(Sgd.) Walter.

NO. O.P.F./88.

THE SECRETARIAT,
ZANZIBAR.

30th April, 1949.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter P.F.92 of the 16th December, 1948, on the subject of your service with the Government of Zanzibar and to inform you that Regulation 19(1) of the European Officers Pensions (Consolidated) Regulations, 1930, (Cap. 45 of the Revised Laws of Zanzibar) has not been amended. The position is still as stated in paragraph 3 of your letter, i.e. that as the period of your service in Zanzibar amounted to less than 12 months, that period cannot be regarded as pensionable service.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,


CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

H. E. Maude Esq., M.B.E.,
Resident Commissioner,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands
Colony.

Dic. Ph.P/ATB.

W.H. Maude

1. All Principal Officers (with the exception of Dr. MacMillan) consider that the definition of their relations with the Commission in a formal contract drafted by an Attorney is unnecessary. An exchange of letters specifying the detailed terms of appointment (by reference to existing documents defining conditions where possible) is sufficient.

Dr. MacMillan's views on this specific question are not known.

TENURE:

2. All Principal Officers (with the exception of Dr. MacMillan) consider that appointments for periods of less than 5 years or for indefinite periods should be made with Principal Officers where such Officers, for reasons peculiar to their own special situation, require this to be done.
3. As the Commission has as yet no legal personality, all Principal Officers are prepared to accept the Commission as the final arbiter in cases of disagreements concerning the terms of employment. They wish to draw the attention, however, to the machinery created by the WHO for meeting this situation. (Dr. MacMillan's view on this has not been ascertained).

MEMORANDUM

2nd May, 1949.

To: The Secretary-General.

Contract of Service of the Deputy Secretary-General

The following comments regarding my conditions of service with the South Pacific Commission are in reply to your Memorandum of the 27th April; in view of the fact that I shall presumably be reverting to my former position as Deputy Secretary-General as soon as the forthcoming Commission sessions are over, they are being written entirely from the standpoint of that officer.

In general, the conditions laid down in the draft contract forwarded under cover of your Memorandum would appear to be satisfactory, but I should be grateful if the following points could be cleared up before I am required to sign it.

Housing. I think that it would not be an exaggeration to say that the inability of the Commission to produce adequate married quarters is at the root of the dissatisfaction with conditions felt by the senior staff. In my case, I have not been happy since joining the Commission in Noumea, a fact largely attributable to my not being provided with a residence of a standard which, as a senior officer of the Colonial Service, I had naturally anticipated being given as a matter of course. Had I been afforded any indication of the general conditions under which I should be expected to live and work in Noumea, I should not have consented to join the Commission staff under any circumstances: as it is, I find it difficult to contemplate living much longer divorced from wife and family under physical and mental conditions that cannot be conducive either to health or efficiency.

Before signing any contract, therefore, I should respectfully appreciate an assurance that:-

- (1) every effort will be made by the Commission to have suitable houses constructed forthwith, of a size and type at least as good as those given to principal Heads of Departments in other territories;
- (2) if necessary, arrangements will be made to have the houses built by contractors from Australia or New Zealand;
- (3) in the meantime, efforts will be continued to rent suitable houses in Noumea or its vicinity; and
- (4) should a suitable house be found, it will be rented forthwith by the Commission, irrespective of the rent required.

In connexion with (4), I understand that rents for suitable houses in Noumea vary from £700 to £1,400 a year: it is obvious, therefore, that unless rent at the normal commercial rates are paid, houses will not be forthcoming.

2nd May, 1949.

Leave. Leave at the rate of 48 days a year is acceptable, provided it is granted annually. Conditions obtaining in New Caledonia make local leave useless and annual leave an essential, if efficient work is to be obtained from your principal officers.

Car. Owing to the extremely high cost of living and other considerations I propose not to purchase a car. It would, therefore, be very convenient if the Commission could provide a car on a rental basis.

Travelling Allowances. The allowances mentioned in your paragraph 6 are, in my opinion, fair and sufficient.

Entertainment Allowance. I should be grateful if consideration could be given to the insertion of a clause in the contract stating that the official entertainment expenses of principal officers, provided that they are approved by the Secretary-General, will be refunded by the Commission, in accordance with the recommendation in paragraph 3 of the Summary Record of the First Session of the Commission (Fourth day - afternoon - SPC/1/SR/7/Rev.1). I may say that in my previous appointment I received an entertainment allowance at the rate of £200 a year and that my understanding that my official entertainment expenses would be met by the Commission was a pertinent factor in assessing whether or not I could afford to accept employment in Noumea, where the cost of entertainment is high.

Period of Service. A period of five years in the first instance would appear to be unduly long from the point of view of a seconded officer, who has his career in his own national service to consider. It involves, furthermore, the risk of an officer having to be kept on long after his unsuitability for the post has become apparent. I presume, however, that there is no objection to an officer signing the contract for a lesser period, subject to renewal by mutual agreement.

Deputy Secretary-General.

My dear

V. Fox-Strangways
Secretariat
Zomba
Nyasaland
British Central Africa.

May 3rd 1949.

I hear from Grantham that you found the Sullivans a bit boring in these days of centralized control by some type like Vaskess, and that you have now engineered for yourself a decent job in some South or West Pacific Commission. That is good news; to serve where one is not happy is intolerable, and I feel sure that your exceptional knowledge of the blue Pacific is better employed in some central job. At any rate, I hope that you are happily placed, and that the old Coconut Crab is now relying on his pension to pay his fines when he is apprehended while jumping out of some charmer's window in Horne's pyjamas.

I can't remember when I last wrote to you. Palestine seemed to claim one's full attention for many moons. I have NEVER had such a marvellous job as I had there; it was Alice-through-the-Looking-Glass and Phillips Oppenheim rolled into one; and it was a 24-hour job, too; many of the nocturnal argument I have had with fairies like Golda Meyerson (15 stone, Russian, Wisconsin-trained) and others even less attractive. And my hat, it was wearing. But now I am back here, and sinking once more into the tropic mud; for the first few months I missed the excitement of shooting, dreadful lies, Tommy-guns poked into my car, the subterfuges of stooge Consuls, etc. etc.; but now I am happy again. My old boys at once came back to me; one had been to Burma in the meantime.

No doubt your cup of happiness overflowed (as did mine) and your belief in the inevitability of postings was vastly buttressed when you learned of the promotion of Ronald Garvey? It is not only God who works in a mysterious way.

I had a very nice letter the other day from old Albert Ellis. I always thought him a really worth-while character; one so seldom meets toughies who are so charming and so gentle. I did not share the same feelings for his Commdr. Phipps, who broke my pet 6-9 rod on a fish he should have landed without straining it, and then acted as though he had been rather insulted by being lent it.

Have you heard of A. D. Sinclair; or Percy Roberts; or young Lake, or Drennan, or Bastin (he was a good chap), or Hervey? And what has become of Nettie McArthur? she was a nice girl, and deserved a break. I gathered that she had had a nervous breakdown, but never learnt whether Rose married her or not.

Well; Sir Albert adjured me never to forget the blue Pacific. He need not have troubled; I never shall. It was the most delightful place, with some admirable people; and being in it was a high spot in my experience. Such a pity that there were so many bastards there at the time.

I like my job here; it is what I make it (Secretary for African Affairs) and so far, I have not been chased. Truth is, I often long for the Pacific again, as I frequently long for Palestine; you never know when you're well off.

You remember Anita (who wouldn't?). She has married a rather rich, but very decent, cove in (I think) Chrysler Motors; Trix Wyatt-Smith tells me that his income is £12000 after settling with the income him (and Susan, who is completely charming) to

lunch with us at the Club last leave; really, how does Anita do it? She was looking more attractive than ever. And she went down to stay with the Wyatt-Smiths, where there are a lot of (I sincerely hope old type, though I do not know) Colonels, and Trix tells me that she bowled them over in short order.

If you ever meet (perhaps you have done) either Brigadier Stevenson, who is Black Rod in the N.S.W. Parliament, or General Evetts, who is in charge of the Long-Range Missile business in Australia, please give them my salaams. The first I met at the Ocean/Nauru surrenders; the second I have never met, but he is an old Palestinian, and we have corresponded quite a lot.

Well; so it goes. Do write and tell me the gup of that area which I hated, (because only man was vile) but which I should like to re-visit in my own steam yacht.

With kind reagrds to your wife

P.S. I should like to know
Nuttie's address, if
you have it. ft.

Yours very sincerely
V. de V. Thompson

Daintrey House
Petworth, Sussex
7. XII. 49.

My dear Harry,

At last I have got an address, which I hope will find you, from your mother, so I can write to thank you and Honor very much for the food parcel which arrived safely. It arrived just as I was leaving Petworth for London - where I am still working for four days a week at Printing House Square - and if there was an address on it I must have overlooked it. Dorothy was most grateful for the addition to the rations.

I gather that you have now settled in Sydney and are busy on research work, though Aunt Maude does not say just what sort of research it is. That is more or less Angus's line of business. He is now Deputy Director of P.E.P. (Political + Economic Planning), but if he gets into Parliament at the General Election, as I hope he may, he will have to give it up. He is Conservative candidate for South Ealing. His book, written in collaboration with Roy Lewis on "The English Middle Classes" is about to go into a third edition, thanks largely to G.M. Trevelyan's boost of it in The Observer. If it has reached the libraries out there, I think it would interest you. His two daughters, Elizabeth Jane + Deborah Fervaise, aged 3 + one respectively, are most attractive young women.

Dorrie + I have now got a home we love in Petworth. Though in the town we have quite a good walled garden complete with mulberry + fig trees + vines. The house is Tudor with Georgian additions. I hope to be able to retire there for good soon, being now over 64! But at present they still keep me fairly busy producing special numbers of The Times for export only. I have just done a "Come to Britain" one, and am now doing others on the British Industries Fair and the "Canada and World Trade" in connexion with their International Trade Fair.

I suppose your present job does not involve travelling, but if ever you get to South Australia, I hope you will

look up my Poidmore cousins in and near Adelaide.

You may be interested to know that we think we have identified a miniature of an unknown woman which Uncle Harry gave me some time before he died as one of Mrs Bligh. The likeness to two portraits of her reproduced in Owen Rutter's "Turbulent Journey" is striking, and in view of the intimacy between the two families it is quite likely that the Halletts would have had such a miniature.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, in which Dorothy joins, to both of you. I hope that next time you are home, we shall at last have a chance of meeting Honor.

Yours ever
Alan H. Maude

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Sender's name and address :-

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H. E. Maude Esq
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Dear Mr Maude,

Tim Wilkins has come up to Oxford & has told me of Mrs Becking's death. What a terrible business. But he had also heard a rumour that Baas Becking had had a "break-down" in Australia or N.Z. So I did not know if it would be wise to send any letter to him. Poor old BB. He has had no luck at all.

Do please tell me how he is & what the prospects are. And what are the prospects for S.P.C.?

Are you in N.Z. now, at Auckland or Wellington? Dear old England is so very much more insular than N.Z. or any Pacific island that it's hard to believe that there is an outside world.

I have filled several notebooks with my "impressions of England" but I cannot explain my reaction in one letter-card without being hopelessly top-sided. At first I had an amazing sense of recognition. I

looked at things & said: "Oh, that's
so & so. Of course, I knew it would
look like that." And then I became
^{aware} of an uncomfortable dichotomy in
myself. I loved the feeling of age,
& the incredible beauty of the
countryside - I was a starry-eyed
Romantic in that - but as a very
realistic colonial I knew that the
farming was bad & would never be
good, that thatched cottages are
inconvenient & insanitary, that old
Cathedrals & churches are meaningless
when they are only attractions for
trippers. Sometimes I feel that
England is not dead but is waiting
to die. The country is tamed & stale,
the towns are hideous, & the masses
of people hordes of automata.

But then I know that I have
somehow got it all wrong, that
England is all right & that I love
her, but I have become like you
an infatuated, bigoted New Zealander.
Oxford is wonderful. It is so
old, so beautiful in a private way,

cher scholarship for all that I had hoped for. But even here I am conscious of being out of touch with reality, out of touch with life that is vigorous & raw & optimistic. Sometimes I think that England has intellectualised all her senses.

You see, I haven't digested it. I cannot write a sane, balanced account. I am wordipping & criticising by turns. So I go on with thousands of books to read, lectures & talks to hear, clubs to go to, places & pictures to see. I row as enthusiastically as any "Public School man" & I work like any "beastly swot" & it's all marvellous even if a little unreal. I suppose there are still places like Apia when people try to do things. Do please tell me of them.

Yours sincerely

Roger Peren.

If this finds you at Noumea please remember us to the boys & girls.

Is Elizabeth married? Still your most efficient Secretary?

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H. E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.

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In reply, please quote A/2(e)
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9th June, 1949.

Please address reply to
The Secretary-General

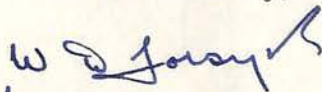
H.E. Maude Esq.,
C/- South Pacific Commission,
Middle Head Road,
MOSMAN. NEW SOUTH WALES.

Dear Mr. Maude,

At its Third Session, the Commission unanimously decided to offer you the appointment of Member for Social Development on the Research Council, which appointment you had held in an acting capacity since 25th January 1949. This offer, together with your acceptance, is recorded in the Proceedings of the South Pacific Commission Third Session, paragraph 31.

In sending this formal notification I wish to add that it gives me great pleasure to do so, and to offer my best wishes for the success of the work under your direction.

Yours sincerely,


J. Secretary-General.

Canton Island,
14th June 1949

Dear *Maude*,

I write to ask you for your advice on the possibility of a post among those offered on the Secretariat establishment of the South Pacific Commission, now notified. I imagine I might be eligible for the post of Assistant Administrative Officer at 2800 to 21000, though this above my present salary scale unless local allowance be included. There is no point in my applying if the job is beyond my reach and I do not wish to do so in that case, for obvious reasons. I should be most grateful, therefore, if you would let me know if I would be in the right "bracket" in point of view of seniority and experience if I asked for the job. If your answer were favourable in this respect I should make the application by telegram to Tarawa, with a mail copy direct to Suva. Needless to say, I am asking advice on these general grounds only and appreciate that the remainder of the matter would go through the regular and proper channels.

I enclose a memorandum on Nikumaroro for your personal information, which explains itself. It is, perhaps, improper for me to do so, but I feel I can entrust the handling of it to you, and I feel sure you would be very interested personally. My wife and I feel a great affection for the settlers and the island.

Manra has worked out very well, and we would like to go and stay there the full term, more as a mark of appreciation of the way the people pulled up as soon as they felt a direct interest than because it is a practical necessity. Crona is still full of its old troubles, and they will, I think, require first call. I should like to make it immediately, but may not be able to do so until the next vessel, probably in October. We hope for an earlier visit, of course.

Please accept the most cordial regards from my wife and myself, and our best wishes,

Yours

sincerely,

P.B. Laxton

Mr H.E. Maude, O.B.E.
Deputy Secretary General,
South Pacific Commission.

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HEM/JS

17th June, 1949

J.H.L. Taylor, Esq.,
Hon. Sec., The Polynesian Society,
c/- The Alexander Turnbull Library,
Bowen Street,
WELLINGTON, N.Z.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

The other day I had occasion to go to the New Zealand Government Information Library at 12 Martin Place, Sydney, to borrow a copy of the "Journal of the Polynesian Society"; only to be told by the Librarian that it was not included in the very wide selection of representative New Zealand scientific and other journals sent to them by the authorities in Wellington.

On my expressing surprise, the Librarian said that she would be glad to have it but that the policy as to the Journals to be kept in the various New Zealand Information Libraries abroad was decided in Wellington.

Checking through the library shelves in Sydney, it seemed to me that virtually every standard publication in New Zealand was represented, with the exception of the "J.P.S."

Take a rather similar periodical, the "New Zealand Geographer", which covers the geography of New Zealand and the South Pacific in much the same way as the "J.P.S." covers the anthropological and allied studies. I should have thought that the "New Zealand Geographer" would have had, if anything, less popular appeal than the "J.P.S.", and yet one reads on p.155 of Vol. III (October, 1947) of that Journal that:-

"Some indication of the service it (the "New Zealand Geographer") performs can be seen in the fact that over forty copies are subscribed to by the Department of External Affairs for distribution to its overseas offices";

J.H.C.Taylor, Esq.,
WELLINGTON.

17th June, 1949.

and the Sydney Information Library, for example, has a complete set.

I would suggest, therefore, that the Society might consider approaching the Department of External Affairs with a request that the "J.P.S." should be subscribed to, to the same extent as the "New Zealand Geographer" and other similar New Zealand publications, and distributed to the Dominion offices abroad. I am confident that they would be read by students and visitors to a greater extent than nine-tenths of the ephemeral literature on the shelves of our Information Libraries and would prove an effective advertisement, not only for the Polynesian Society, but also for New Zealand.

Hoping the above suggestion may prove of some use,

Yours sincerely,



H. E. MAUDE.

21st June, 1949.

The Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

Dear Mr Forsyth,

Thank you for your letter A/2(e) of the 9th June, notifying me formally of my appointment as Member for Social Development on the Research Council.

In view of the decision of the Commission that I should be permitted to carry on my work from a base affording ready access to necessary documentary and other material, as well as to scientific contacts, I have every confidence in being able to carry out my duties to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, and therefore have much pleasure in confirming my acceptance, as recorded in the Proceedings of the South Pacific Commission Third Session, paragraph 31.

Yours sincerely,

J.R.M.

Member for Social Development.

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HEM.JS.

8th July, 1949

Dear Mr. Baldwin,

I must apologize for not having replied before to your kind letter, which I see to my horror is dated as long ago as the 21st January, and also to thank you for the lovely parcel of periodicals. Curiously enough, the papers arrived first: when I was at Noumea, where they were much appreciated by myself and the staff of the Commission; and your letter turned up much later in Sydney. But a person constantly travelling round the islands like myself is, I find, more than a match for the postal authorities.

I remember well being engaged in the controversy as to whether we should abolish our Postage Due stamps in the High Commission territories - following Fiji. Between you and me, I think the decision to keep them on was made largely on financial grounds: we had spent good money in printing them and might as well sell them off to the benefit of revenue. Hence my move in the G. & E. I. C. to tighten up their use.

I would certainly give you the names of residents on Fufafuti, Canton and Fanning who would deal with your overweight letters, but I'm afraid I know of no-one at present. Nicholson was D.O. at Fenning and Laxton at Canton when I left but they have both been moved since then and I have no idea who took his place. There has not been a European at Fufafuti (or, indeed, in the Ellice) for years. Penitala is the D.O. there and might do the job if you asked him.

Regarding the Beru postmark you lack, I will look in my collection if I ever get to a place where I can settle down and unpack, which seems rather unlikely at the moment. My effects are at present for the most part stored in Auckland and it is 15 years since I saw some of them.

As you possibly know, I am not a philatelist myself and my only interest in the subject is in connexion with a history of the Central Pacific Islands, which is my life work.

As an aid to writing this I have for 20 years or so been collecting every book, pamphlet or mss. relating to the islands.

Philatelic literature naturally forms part, though a small one, of my collection of basic date (which now numbers some 1,000 items) and I think I have most of the published stuff. I see, however, that I am still missing:-

- (i) Stamp Collecting for 14. 12. 35; 15. 7. 39; 29.7.39; 3.8.40; and 29.3.47.
- (ii) The Australian Stamp Monthly for 1.6.39.
- (iii) The Australian Stamp Journal for 12.6.45.
- (iv) The American Philatelist for November, 1942.

And if you should know of anywhere I could get these I'd be most grateful for the tip. I used to deal with Harris Publications and, when they folded up, with W.Garratt-Adams, who has none of these at present. There is another philatelic literature dealer in England whose name has escaped me, but he's altogether too eccentric.

By the way, you malign our post-office people in the G.& E.I.C. if you imagine they would postmark "philatelic" covers. They have the strictest instructions to leave uncanceled any stamps not absolutely necessary for the postage and I know that, at the main centres at any rate, they keep rigidly to this rule. The only way I could get your postage due stamps cancelled was by putting in a lead weight so heavy that it necessitated the use of the entire set.

My wife and I have settled down in Cremorne for the next few months as we find Sydney the best centre for the 16 island territories where my present work lies, but the present strike has turned my thoughts longingly towards warmth and I am thinking of leaving for Fiji in the near future for a few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

H.E.MAUDE.

Mr. Raymond A. Baldwin.

c/o Commonwealth Bank of Australia,
Box 2718, G.P.O.,
Sydney, N.S.W.,
Australia.

21st January 1949.

Dear Mr Maude,

It was indeed a great pleasure, and a surprise too, to receive your letter of the 25th November a few days ago, with a used set of postage dues enclosed.

It was very kind of you to think of my wants, as used copies of postage dues of the Gilberts and Solomons are not easy to obtain, especially if used on covers. At one time it was thought that these stamps would be discontinued, as was done in Fiji. I understand that the Authorities in the BSIP asked that they become obsolete, but WPHG decided to continue their use, notwithstanding their abolition in Fiji.

I had managed to secure two or three surcharged at Ocean Island, one when Mr Ross was there, just before the evacuation, and it carries the old Ocean Island postmark, pre-war. The other two are dated since the return of the Administration. In order to obtain these, I had to post a heavy magazine in a sealed envelope to a resident on the island, and to ask that the GPO Sydney impress their tax rubber stamp showing the amount of the surcharge, else the tax would not be collected. However after much endeavour I managed to get what I wanted (I knew someone at the Sydney GPO), and the covers were duly taxed, and returned to me. I prefer covers to bear the exact amount of postage or postage due stamps, according to the rate, rather than what are called "philatelic" covers with stamps far in excess of the rate of postage affixed to them. Of course in order to obtain a high value stamp in used condition, it has been necessary to affix same to a letter to have it postmarked. I am hoping to do this when the £1 Silver Wedding stamps appear. Used copies of the £1 will be scarce enough. I like them to show as much of a postmark as possible, with date, and if possible to be on a registered letter, so that there will be backstamps en route.

If you could find time to favour me with the names of residents of Funafuti, Canton and Fanning Islands, to whom I might send letters over weight and liable to surcharge, I would be grateful. Now that I have the Ocean Island and Tarawa postmarks on postage dues, I would like to complete them with a cover from each of the other two.

Yes I missed the Beru postmark made from a provisional rubber datestamp prior to the arrival of the new steel datestamps. It was a blow, as I thought I had completed the post war provisional postal markings. It was Mr G. N. Morris, of Auckland, who collects along the same lines as I do, who pointed out the omission to me when he read an article I had contributed to "The Philatelist" (London) some time ago. He has a cover bearing this postmark. If you could spare a cover with this cancellation I would be overjoyed, as you may imagine my consternation when I discovered that I had missed it.

My collection of the G&EIC is perhaps the most complete that has been formed, and fills four volumes. I was fortunate enough to acquire a fine collection of early material upon the death of a friend, and this added to mine has built up a fairly complete record of the postal history of the Protectorate, afterwards Colony. There are gaps which may never be filled, as so few collected the G&EIP/C before the issue of the pictorial series of stamps, and the literary contributions of enthusiasts such as Grumbridge, Goldup and myself, attracted the attention of collectors in the Empire and the USA. No doubt the Treasury finances benefited somewhat as the result of our labours, in increased demand for stamps. I hope so. My earliest cover comes from Ocean Island and was posted there before the island was annexed by the Crown in September 1901. It bears Marshall Islands (German) stamps, and was backstamped in Sydney in the month the annexation took place. Mail in those days evidently passed through Jaluit. My next treasure in a pair of NSW stamps with the Brunner ship marking, also a cover with the first issue on Fiji and a 2nd NSW in combination posted from Ocean Island in 1911. The NSW post office had an agency at Ocean Island in those days. I also have an interesting proof of a stamp prepared for use but not issued. It is a King Edward VII key plate, with the name of the Colony let into the space at the top, and the values 5d, 6d and 1s are shown on the same card as pulls and duly approved. It was not generally known that a King Edward VII series of stamps was actually approved, and not proceeded with owing to the death of the king.

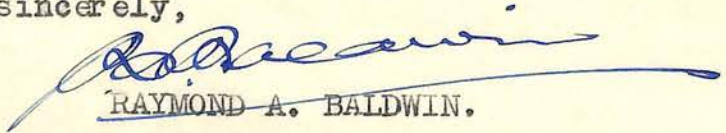
I also possess a fine collection of the Solomons, housed in five volumes, rich in early issues and proofs and colour trials. During the war, the Treasury was evacuated from Tulagi to Sydney, where it remained four years. The Treasurer upon seeing my collection, decided that it would be a loss to allow material of historic value to pass into the waste paper basket, and so he allowed me to see every cover received in his mail, and keep what I thought of interest. I did not find a great quantity, but I was able to add a chapter to the postal history of the BSIP

covering that period, enough to fill one volume. Such items as OHMS envelopes bearing US army and navy postmarks, some with code numbers and words, of great interest to students of postal history of the Protectorate. Had they been consigned to the waste paper basket, their loss to philately would have been a serious one. I have thus been able to illustrate in my collection, the complete postal history of the BSIP as far back as 1898, eighteen years before the first stamps appeared.

The present issue of the BSIP is not as attractive as one would have wished it to be. It was conceived when cost had to be first consideration, and the subjects portrayed are rather prosaic and commonplace. As the Crown Agent usually will not consider a new permanent issue under ten years, I recently ventured to write to the Resident Commissioner asking that when a new issue is contemplated, that the historic associations that are the unique possession of the Solomon Islands be exploited in the matter of designs, as has been done in the case of the issue for Pitcairn. The BSIP is rich in historical atmosphere, and the romance of the heroic voyagers who discovered the islands, the Spaniards who sailed from Peru in 1595, to La Perouse and his two frigates lost on Vanikoro two centuries later, and perhaps the historic battle of the Coral Sea which saved Australia from invasion, - there is a wealth of material for portrayal on a series of stamps, and the appeal would be great indeed. I backed up my suggestion with a brief survey of the historical associations. The present issue appeared in 1938, so a new issue may be thought of soon. Unfortunately the G&EIC lack the richness of the historical background which the BSIP possesses. I think the idea is a good one. I do hope the BSIP authorities may be brought to feel the same as I do about it. If other British colonies produce attractive issues, of well drawn design and production, why not the BSIP? The Falkland Islands and Cayman Islands have become immensely popular because of the excellence of their stamp issues. The cost may be greater, but the return is sustained throughout the life of the issue. Of course there must not be any ramps, or unnecessary issues to destroy the popularity that once lost is well nigh impossible to regain.

May I venture to offer my congratulations upon your appointment to the staff executive of the South Pacific Commission, an appointment which many feel you richly deserve after years of able service, experience and first hand knowledge of the Pacific peoples. Please accept my very best wishes in your new sphere.

Yours sincerely,


 RAYMOND A. BALDWIN.

Please accept a few periodicals posted out to you today.

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Flat No. 6,

86, Milson Road,

Cremorne Point.

15th July, 1949.

Dear Judge Ferguson,

Thank you very much indeed for sending me a copy of Part III of your "Bibliography of the New Hebrides": I have been reading through it with great interest as it gives me an excellent idea of the form such a work should take.

It was very good of you to agree to assist Dr. Capell in his linguistic survey. I am glad to say that the preliminaries (mostly concerning finance) that were holding up his work have all now been completed; and that he has now engaged a research assistant for 9 months and will commence work, with her assistance, without further delay. Personally I feel that it is going to turn out to be a most important project, as following on it we should be able to plan a co-ordinated campaign against illiteracy that will cover the Pacific.

I have delayed writing to you because I have been considering carefully the probable Commissioners' reaction to your suggestion that you might compile and edit a "Bibliography of the Publications in or relating to the Pacific".

My view is that it would be a hard struggle convincing them that the project would really lead to the welfare and advancement of the islanders: unless they were so convinced,

they would not consider it a proper subject for any grant-in-aid. The Commissioners are all out for practical proposals that are likely to result in an immediate advance in the standard of living and anything of an academic character they are inclined to leave to Universities, Museums, Libraries and such-like organizations to sponsor. I well remember what a tussle we had with them over Dr. Capell's linguistic survey, and so far they have refused to sanction our main bibliography project.

Secondly, I consider the work would be an immense undertaking and that you would have to be prepared to devote at least three solid years of work to it (I mean, of course, part-time work). Even to catalogue the vernacular presses that have sprung up from time to time in the Pacific would be quite an effort; and many of them have been turning out an endless stream of material for years.

Your own collection would, of course, prove a most valuable basis, particularly as regards the New Hebrides, but the output of the 16 territories combined (from both Mission, Government and, in places, commercial presses) must run into an enormous total. The Hawaiian Islands would not fall within the area but it would be necessary to consider the hundreds of publications turned out in island vernaculars by Mission Presses in Hawaii. I think it would be necessary, therefore, to visit Hawaii to go through the very large vernacular collections in the two main missionary society

libraries in Honolulu: also to Wellington to deal with the extensive vernacular collection in the Turnbull Library and to certain of the island groups themselves, where there are several collections.

I am quite sure that the Commission, for one, would never consider publishing any vernacular bibliography unless they were satisfied that it approached completeness, so far as is humanly possible, and this means examining all the material, however scattered. Their main bibliography on the South Pacific is estimated to require the services of three leading experts in Pacific literature (Bryan, Leeson and Taylor) for three to four years, working full-time.

I'm afraid you may think from all this that I am trying to throw cold water on your idea of a vernacular bibliography. Actually this is far from the case: I regard the project as sound and most valuable. So much so that if you felt like it I should be quite willing to join in with you and tackle the work as a joint team: myself to do the "outside" work - examining collections outside Australia, worrying mission bodies for check lists of publications, interviewing individual missionaries and island collectors in their homes and generally feeding you with bibliographic cards - while you would do the arranging, editing, proof reading and publication (I can, I think, guarantee publication, if not through the Commission then through more than one scientific body).

Alternatively, if you would like to finish off the Papua/Melanesian region yourself I would help you all I can and if you left Polynesia I would have a shot at it myself. (I have to visit the Turnbull Library on other work).

Or, again, should you feel inclined to tackle the whole area yourself I will furnish you with fairly complete data on the Gilbert and Ellice and assist you generally in every way possible.

In any event, however, I feel that the work would necessarily take several years, involve an extensive correspondence with perhaps a hundred persons and result in a fairly fat volume recording several thousand items.

I am off to New Caledonia and Fiji on Sunday but will be back again on the 6th August when perhaps we might have a further talk: both my wife and I very much enjoyed your kind hospitality and the opportunity of viewing your collections (essentially fascinating to me).

I am sending you a couple of numbers of "Tero", a Gilbertese monthly news-magazine, and also Newbold's New Zealand Catalogue, as you might be interested in the Maori literature listed on pp.39-43 (also the illustration on p.33). May I have the catalogue back when you have finished with it (but not "Terō" as I have other copies).

Yours sincerely,

S.L.M.

P.S. I see that I have omitted to tell you how to address the Commission - it is:-

The Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
Noumea,
New Caledonia:

and the Secretary-General's name is W.D.Forsyth.

The Senior Australian Commissioner is the Rev. Dr. J.W.Burton who lives at "The Mall, Leura". He would, I am sure, be willing to give you advice and assistance on any Commission matter.

Judges' Chambers,
Industrial Commission.
Suva.

29th June, 1949.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I have much pleasure in sending under separate cover a copy of Pt. III of my "Bibliography of the New Hebrides". I am sorry that I cannot send Parts I and II as the few printed were distributed long ago.

I have been in touch with Dr. Capell since your visit and intimated my desire to assist him with my publications as he may desire to see them.

Since your visit I have also rearranged such native material as I have here and am bringing my catalogue cards up to date. This will help towards

Search for further publications.

It has occurred to me that the Pacific Commission might care to publish a "Bibliography of the publications in or relating to the Pacific", based upon my cards and the holdings of other libraries here, & in Hawaii and U.S.A.

I would be prepared to edit this and see it through the press without charge to the Commission, save perhaps a visit to the libraries of Honolulu (if those islands were to be included).

It would probably be better, however, to confine the lists to the Western Pacific, where systematic lists do not exist.

I should be glad to know the correct address to adopt etc. in communicating with the Commission (presumably

it home.)³

Our best wishes to Mrs. Maude
and Joseph. Your visit was a
great pleasure to us.

Yours Sincerely
J. A. Ferguson.



Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

25th July, 1949.

My dear Maude,

Many thanks indeed for your two letters about Miss Sheils. I look forward very much to seeing her and indeed if you could send me her address in England I will write to her in case she is putting off the ordeal of coming to see me.

I am indeed sorry, though not entirely surprised, to hear about your disillusionment with the Commission. It would indeed be good, however, if we found you here.

When are you coming on leave again?

Yours ever,

Thidz Rogers

H. E. MAJDE, ESQ., O.B.E.

No 6 Flat,
86, Milson Road, Cremorne,
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia,
26th June, 1949.

My dear Rogers,

I took the liberty the other day of giving a letter of introduction to you to a Miss Helen Sheils, who is most anxious to meet the people at the Colonial Office who are responsible for turning out "Corena" and other publications. I think she's rather a pet: though nervous.

Anyway, it occurred to me afterwards that she might not be able to summon up enough courage to present it and, as it also served to thank you for your kind letter of congratulation, I am attaching a copy.

I'm afraid that I'm thoroughly disillusioned with the South Pacific Commission, which I predict is destined to spend many thousands of the taxpayers' money, without any commensurate benefit to the natives of the area, before it finally fizzles out. How right you were to offer your commiserations on my appointment. However, it is at least breaking me into civilized ways.

I rather doubt whether I can stand the atmosphere of political intrigue, cynicism and useless window-dressing much longer: so don't be surprised to find me a supplicant on the door of the C.O. I've managed to get out of the secretariat on to the Research Council, where things are a good deal better, but even so: what a contrast to the Colonial Service!

Yours ever,

P.R.M.

P. Rogers, Esquire,
The Colonial Office.

23rd June, 1949.

My dear Rogers,

This letter has a dual purpose: firstly to thank you for your kind note of congratulation on my O.B., which took ages to reach me here or I would have answered it long since, and secondly to serve as an introduction to Miss Helen Sheils, who is leaving here for England with the rather astonishing idea of getting a job on the staff of one of the Colonial Office publications.

I must say that Miss Sheils has all the qualifications for the work, if there should be a position available. She is a graduate of Sydney University, with first class honours in Philosophy and Economics. After leaving she joined the staff of the Australian School of Pacific Administration (which trains the administrative and education cadets for the Papua-New Guinea services), firstly as editor of their excellent journal of administration called "South Pacific" and later as lecturer on Logic and Scientific Method at the School itself.

I have had first class reports of Miss Sheil's work and abilities from mutual friends both inside and outside the school and can confidently recommend her to the C.O., should they want anyone with her experience. I may say that I tried to persuade her to stay in the Pacific as my research assistant in social development; but I hope that my loss may be your gain. Anyw y, I should be most grateful if you could put her in touch with the right people: I know none of the "journalists".

I do hope that I shall be able to visit England again before long; but I must say it doesn't seem probable at the moment. Sydney is bitterly cold and strikes prevent us from having electric light and gas - only one little oil stove.

P. Rogers, Esquire,
The Colonial Office.

Very sincerely yours,

H.E.M.



My Reference _____

Your Reference _____

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My dear hands,

Just a hasty line
to say how delighted I was
to see of your O.B.E. Congratulations
& best wishes for the C.M.A. to
follow!

How do you like the
new job? Having seen something
of the Commercial in the West-
Indies, you have my sympathy
as well as my congratulations
in it!

When do we see you
again in England?
Happy New Year, Yours ever Philip Rogers

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



August 22, 1949

AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Maude:

I am indeed appreciative of the receipt of your letter of August 11, together with the enclosed stamps, and I hasten to tell you how grateful I am for your kindness in this matter. When I mentioned the stamps to Dr. Oliver it was only in passing and I did not anticipate anybody going to the trouble to which you did to obtain them for me. I wish you would let me know how much they cost so that I can reimburse you in some small way for your trouble.

Dr. Oliver is here at the present time and after reading your letter he suggested that he and I buy a small tropical island, declare ourselves more or less independent and sovereign, and then proceed to make a fortune by issuing a series of stamps. He quite agrees that the 4-point program offers none of the opportunities that an active post office has for the accumulation of wealth.

He joins me in expressing our best regards and I personally wish to thank you again for your kindness in this matter. I trust that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you personally in the not too distant future.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles S. Reed II", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Charles S. Reed II

H.E. Maude, Esquire,
South Pacific Commission,
Sydney, Australia.

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Box 5254, G.P.O.

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

31st August, 1949.

P. Laxton, Esq.,
British Representative,
CANTON ISLAND,
Central Pacific.

My dear Laxton,

How nice of you to have the kind thought of persuading Mullahey to send me a set of "The Pageant of the Pacific" lithographs. And quite psychic, too, as I have long wanted a set but prevented by lack of dollars.

I enclose a copy of my letter to Mullahey in reply to his, which will show you that the gift was appreciated.

I was quite surprised to hear that you were still in the Phoenix and hope you have grown to like it there. I think I'd love Manra, Orona and Nikumaroro but loathe Canton: but still it must be rather trying with the children.

... We have got quite fond of Sydney - surprisingly so, after the islands - and find the work extremely interesting. I have taken over the social development side of the Research Council's work and enclose a brief summary of the 1949-50 programme to show what we are doing.

I do hope you are managing to do some research and writing up yourself. The lack of any basic studies on land customs in the Pacific is quite astonishing and represents a wonderful virgin field for work. Publication should offer no difficulties but if you do have any I should be only too glad to assist in that direction, as in any other.

With our best wishes to you both and be sure to look us up when you come this way.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude
H.E. MAUDE.

THE POLYNESIAN SOCIETY

(INCORPORATED)

c/o Alexander Turnbull Library,
Box 16, Government Buildings,

Wellington, C. 1.
N.Z.

1st Sept. 1949.

H. E. Maude, Esq., M.B.E.,
South Pacific Commission,
Mosman, N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA.



Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much for your suggestion that we should take up with the Dept. of External Affairs the matter of a wider use in their information libraries abroad, of the J.P.S. They do subscribe to a few now, but it can be no more than three or four. I agree with you that the appeal should be even wider, than that enjoyed by the N.Z. Geographer, for its region of interest and its subject scope are both greater.

Anyway, I am taking it up with the Dept. and as I know several of them there, we should be able to improve matters for them no less than for ourselves. I am most grateful for your interest, which has benefited us so frequently in the past.

With kind regards,
Sincerely yours,

C. R. H. Taylor
Hon. Secretary.

Approved by
airletter 23.9.49

As from: Junior Army & Navy Club,
Horse Guards Avenue,
London, S.W.1.
11th September, 1949

My dear Maude,

The date of our leaving England has yet to be finally fixed, but it seems that it will be mid-October, i.e., next month. We arrived a bit late, as you did. One should arrive in May, in order to get all things done in comfort. By "comfort," I mean warmth mostly. Our return to Sydney shall occur late in November, or during early December. I wonder if you are still at Cremorne, & for that matter, still working in the South Pacific Commission. I saw Sir Robert (Hong Kong & Pacific) quite early & there was talk about you, the best kind. I said a few things about the Commission, but only what I thought you would like me to say, nothing more. Later I was taken to a lot of others, including Sir Charles Jeffries - you will know him - & Rees Williams, the Under Secretary of State - not popular at all, it seems. But all this was because of my 29 years of absence from England, 29 years of total

absence. The more terrible thing followed: I was requested, in the interests of the Service, to have a sort of story written up about me, by a feature writer of a daily paper, in order to stimulate recruitment. Young men are not coming forward as they used to do. I demurred for some time, not at the object of course, but the means, but Sir Harry Luke, who has been really kind in many ways, where I referred it to him, strongly advised me to do as requested. So please, if you ever see it, remember that ^{what} ~~it~~ was written was done against my innermost feelings, but in the best of causes & that any lack of restraint that is revealed is the feature writer's work & not mine. I have been interviewed, Daily Mail, but the article has not appeared yet. The Daily Mail man told me as so many people have done, to "Write a book."

Some tutoring of administrative cadets for the W.P.H.C. has fallen to me, but I am unable to do much, because of my impending departure from England, & the consequent pressure of my own affairs.

You will recollect the Fairies bus singing, "Dorothy went to Gloucester". Luke writes of it in his book. I had been moving about, from Carlisle slowly down to Winchester. Lovely weather

all the time, bright sunny days. Then it rained in heavy showers, the afternoon I travelled from Hereford to Gloucester. I was very pleased. But owing to the condition of the present-day roads I did not "step in a puddle up to my middle" & therefore have no grudge against Gloucester, as did old Dr Fordon. The next day & for a week afterwards, the sun shone again without a break.

Another experience: I visited the Colonial Office one day, & was kept there a long time by unexpected calls. Then when I got to Victoria Street, & was about to board a bus, a voice said, "Good morning, Sir". Bawro Ratieta. Hertha knew that the other was in London. Thus was brought off a million to one chance. Bawro is now at the School of Oriental & African Studies, teaching & lecturing.

Well, cheers, all best wishes to you & Anson, in which Elsie joins. Get out of the Concession, is my advice.

Yours as ever,
J. H. M. Holland

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Tel. BW7606

Box No. 5254, G.P.O.,
Sydney,

12th September, 1949.

The Officer in Charge,
Joint Intelligence Bureau,
Block G.1., Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, VICT.

Dear Sir,

I have been endeavouring for some time to obtain a copy of "An Annotated Bibliography of the Southwest Pacific and Adjacent Areas", by the Allied Geographical Section: Southwest Pacific Area, and am advised that I should apply to you.

In making this request I would assure you that the four volumes are required for daily use, and not merely to add to my library. During the past 20 years I have been engaged in a variety of work in the Pacific Islands for the British Colonial Office and have recently been seconded from the post of Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony to be Deputy Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission and now Member for Social Development on the Research Council.

My present work demands constant reference to the literature on the South Seas and I possess all the other bibliographies and main reference works, including the Admiralty series BR519. Your publication, however, contains much material found in no other work and, with its invaluable annotations, would fill a much-felt gap.

Should you be able to spare me a copy of this bibliography, I would forward a remittance to cover its cost by return of post. Should you furthermore require any information on any territory in the Pacific Islands at any time, I should be pleased to prepare it for you.

Yours faithfully,

H.E.M.

H.E. Maude.

COPY.

SEVENTH PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS
New Zealand 1949

Box 27, Newmarket
Auckland, S.E.1.
New Zealand.

12th August, 1949.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,
South Pacific Commission,
Mosman.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Beaglehole has since advised me that he has a copy of your 'Administration and the development of co-operation in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony'.

I am sorry that your 'Functions of Maneaba' was not formally presented; notwithstanding, we should like to publish it in the Proceedings in the symposium 'Anthropological studies in Micronesia'. The three other contributors to the symposium took their papers away but I have asked them to let me have them. Skinner will be editing this symposium.

We do not have a copy of the abstract of your 'Colonization experiments in the Central Pacific' contributed to the Social Science symposium 'Demographic Problems in the Pacific'. Would you kindly prepare an abstract for it (350 words) and send it to me? I will advise Sutherland who is editing the Social Sciences Division.

External Affairs Department, Wellington, has now forwarded through the usual diplomatic channels the copies of minutes of Plenary sessions, including resolutions and research plan. Each set went forward with a covering letter from me drawing the attention of the particular government to those of the Resolutions that recommend or request administrative action. For instance Resolution 14 on the Mountain Papuans is drawn attention to in the covering letters to both the Indonesian and Australian governments. Resolution 16 on improvement of native agriculture is of interest to most governments and is therefore more widely mentioned. I send you a copy of one of the letters to indicate the type of references I have made to resolutions.

I am much obliged to you for arranging for us to receive the draft of the first meeting of the Research Council. This has now arrived and contains very much that is of interest to the Chairmen of our Standing Committees.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

GILBERT ARCHEY

Office of the Island Secretary.

Pitcairn Island

13th, September 1949.

Sir;

You may be surprised to receive this letter from me, but I feel writing to you just like writing to my Father. Hilda told me that you are making your Headquarter now in Sydney, as Commissioner for the Western Pacific, I believed. I hope that it will mean you will be visiting us more.

There are few matters which I like to ask you about for my own benefit.

1st. In regard to Mr. Moverley's work here, he told the Council on his first arrival here that he is only here to teach and to give any advice if needed. Now to be honest we called him Hitler, anything he wants he take without asking the Council first. If anything he wants he write to the High Commissioner and then tell the Council what the H.C. says about it, now dont you think he should see the Council first before sending any letter to the H.C. who is the head body on the Island? I think he should regognize the Council as the head body on the Island.

2nd.(School). I am very sorry to say that he is the wrong man for our children as far as his religion goes. He is not teaching any religious subject in school, his daughter been attending Sabbath School regularly since they came but now he stop her altogether now from any religious meetings, that's the talk of the people now, he want the Council to make amendments to the School Rules but nothing have been done yet to this effect. Could this be done without seeing the people first?

Supposing I have a child in school and I want to put him in the church school could I take him out and put him in a Church School? without inflicting any of the laws? I am asking you these questions because I know you are for the people.

3rd. In regard to the piece of land up Taro-Ground where the Station is erected, could the owners of these lands put in any

claim for their piece of land? If I am not mistaken I think you say on your arrival with the expedition, in the Island any piece of the land the Government needs they rent it for £3 per annum. I ask this as some of the owners have asked me about it and I don't know. If any claim could be made, would you please see the Western Pacific High Commission about it and what charge to be paid.

Well I am getting a bit sleepy now and any further matters I don't understand will put it before you for your advice. Trusting this finds you and yours all well as it is with us here.

The family joins me in sending their regards to you all,

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Young

[Handwritten notes, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher but appears to contain a list of items or instructions.]

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- spoken to Sir Bruner, who has taken original and marked on back:-
- (1) Munde will ask, saying brought to my notice.
 - (2) speak Chamberlain re 1. ? Hint to Newley.
 - (3) Re 2nd of Chamberlain. School Rules are appendix to Munde's constitution.
 - (4) Re 3rd. Munde's promise in record.
 ? H.G. to write Island secretary to submit claims.

Tarawa Island,
20th., September, 1949.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for your letter which arrived here last week telling me the details re Nei Teaira's house. I have had a long talk with Schutz and have now written out a cheque on my Bank, the Bank of New Zealand, 339 George St., Sydney, as the Treasury here assured me that your blank cheque (returned herewith) was out of date, and I thought this would be easier than writing again to you for a new cheque. When I received your letter, I asked Temete, who is still acting in the place of Mr. Friend to submit me a price for building this house and he came back with a bill for £71-4-0. I have enclosed this. I thought this was a little odd so went with him to view the house and he then agreed that he had over-estimated. He then submitted a revised cost of £44-5-11. I therefore, in the light of Schutz' original Account and your discussion with Kaobunang, made the cheque out for £45-0-0. I hope that you will think this is somewhere near the mark. It does appear to me that Taam had a larger house made than was originally decided on but I think Schutz realizes that when a maximum price has been decided more will not be paid. That the extra work done will have to be paid for by Taam - who incidental has recently received, I gather, quite a good sum from rehabilitation payments - and that, although he must have known it before, he cannot trust Kaobunang. Schutz admits that Kaobunang often says one thing to one person and nearly the opposite to the next if it suits his purpose. I frankly do not trust him and have already had to smooth out some of his statements. I must say in this case that the Tangitang have built a really excellent house for Nei Teaira - I would think as well made as any on Bairiki, and one that should last well.

I have also enclosed a copy of a letter I wrote to Schutz just after the house was completed, and his answer. As I have commented in the margin, Schutz did not reply to an earlier letter I wrote to him in the previous December, before the house was completed. I think however that he is as happy as he can be under the circumstances. Taam is away on tour at present but when he returns Schutz will be seeing him and I will see what the outcome is. I have told Schutz that as far as you are now concerned the transaction is complete. If however you would like me to act further please let me know.

I am finding the Co-Operative Work very interesting and will be sorry to have to hand over next year. I have just returned from the Ellice after making a survey of the Fusi there. They have had no help yet but in most cases are functioning reasonably well. I left a draft set of rules for their guidance on each Island and hope to stay at Nanumea next month to establish and Register their Society. Shipping in the Ellice is a big difficulty as you know only too well. I also have been right round the Gilberts trying to help and sort out their problems. R

The C.W.S. Advisory Committee is now functioning. Two meetings have been held. The Representatives from the North, Central and Southern Gilberts say their part and I hope to have an Ellice Representative appointed very shortly. Amongst other things it was decided that some £7,500 out of the C.W.S. profits from the 1948/49 year should be set aside as a reserve fund held by the C.W.S. on interest, for each Co-operative Society in proportion to the amount of Trading from that Society for the year. This should help a little with the Capital of the Societies. I think that this Committee really is important and is showing the Island people that they do now have a say through their reps. in advising on policy matters of the C.W.S. These reps. go out with me or by themselves and tell the Island members what is happening.

I too have just completed a survey accompanied by Greehe, from the B.P.C. of the Southern Gilberts (plus Marakei and Abaiang) and the Ellice preparing the way for a recruit of some 300 on each Group due this month. Only after the Island had paid its compensation money for the 1948 Strike, did we talk to the people. The method of selection on each Island is designed to see that no undesirable element reaches

Ocean Is. Briefly it is as follows. The Boboti Committee prepare the list of names of those wanting to go, it then goes to the Lands court, to the Native Govt. to the D.O. each in turn cutting out any names of those whom it is considered would not be good reps. from that Island or who for Land reasons should not go. I think the scheme will be a success. Also each Island appoints a true unimane from that Island who also will go To Bahaba and will be that Island's Rep. there. It was a strenuous Kia Kia tour rushing from Island to Island and am just recovering after the heavy seas.

There has been a serious drop in copra production so far this year in the South. The people put this down to lack of rainfall, but in a table I drew up for each Island comparing copra purchases in the Island Stores with a three months running average for rainfall the fourth month before the month of copra purchases and in nearly every case the rainfall had doubled since the previous year. Some old men say it is that the trees are resting, but I am inclined to think that it is the people who are resting after their very good year for 1948 with plenty of money for their copra. They have now bought all the major items they require, their bicycles and sewing machines etc and now are resting a little. Whatever it is it does not seem to be lack of rainfall so far. We are in the midst of a dry spell now but that would not have an immediate effect on the copra production.

I will gladly let you know if any useful new reports are published.

I hope that Mrs. Maude and yourself are keeping well,

Yours sincerely,



TAAM'S HOUSE.

1139 thatches @ ^{d.} 3/each.	=	£14 . 4 . 9
5370 te ba @ 5 for 2d	=	8 .15 . 8
100 lbs. string @ 1/4 per lb.	=	6 .13 . 4
67 fathoms of pandanus poles @ 9 ^d each.	=	2 .10 . 3
To wages one Foreman @ £6, per month.		6 . 0 . 0
" " 11 labourers @ £3, each per month		<u>33 . 0 . 0</u>
		<u>£71 . 4 . 0</u>

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TAAM'S HOUSE.

1139 thatches @ 3d each.	#	£14.	4.	9
3000 te ba @ 5 for 2d.	=	5.	0.	0
50 lbs string @ 1/4 per lb.	=	3.	6.	8
12 lbs assorted nails, @ 1/- per lb.	=	12.	0	
30 fathoms poles @ 9d each.	=	1.	2.	6
30 fathoms second hand pipes (Could be picked up on the Island not payable.				
To contract price:			£20.	0. 0
			<u>£44.</u>	<u>5. 11</u>

DEBIT NOTE.

Tarawa,
GILBERT ISLANDS.

2nd February, 1949.

Mr. H.E. Maude, Bairiki.

Dr. to TANGITANG BOBOTI, Tarawa.

To charges for building a home for
Nei Teaira Taam on Bairiki.

Materials:

1387	only	Thatches	• 2d ea.	11.	11.	2
3350	"	Te ba	• 5 - ld.	2.	15.	10
375	feet	Kinnara	• 1d - ft.	1.	11.	3
180	only	Tetongo	• 2 - ld		7.	6
15	lbs	Tekora	• 1/6 lb.	1.	2.	6

Labour:

1	Foreman	21 days	• £9 p.m.	6.	6.	0
10	Men	21 days	• £4/10. p.m. ea.	31.	10.	0
				55.	4.	3
			Plus 10%	5.	10.	5
				£ 60.	14.	8

Gr. O.K.

No. OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER,
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS
COLONY.

Tarawa Island.
7th February, 1949.

Mr. W. Schutz,
Tangitang Manager,
Abakoro, Tarawa.

Reference your Debit Note of 2nd Feb., 1949.

I would be grateful if you could call in at the Secretariat and discuss this matter with me.

2. Mr. Maude has given me authority to pay up to a certain amount but not the sum as set out. However, we could have a talk about it. Would you also bring along the correspondence Mr. Maude wrote to you about the building of this house. We have the rough copies of the letters here but the originals might help to sort it all out.

3. As I have some other accounts of Mr. Maude to settle I would appreciate it if you would endeavour to see me as soon as possible so that I can square everything up.



For Secretary to Government.

Abaokoro, Tarawa.
12th February, 1949.

Mr. I.G. Turbott,
BAIRIKI.

Dear Mr. Turbott,

I am really embarassed that a dispute should arise in regard to the cost of the building done for Mr. Maude by the Labourers of the Tangitang Boboti.

To the best of my knowledge, I impressed on Kaobunang to make it clear to Mr. Maude that I could not undertake the work for a fixed sum, knowing by experience how difficult it is to work out cost of Labour when working with Native Material.

If for argument sake, Kaobunang had agreed for the sum of £50, I was not informed of the fact. Because, had I been told that such an arrangement was made, I would have cancelled such an arrangement in writing, stating then the reason for my inability to figure out cost in advance.

Please inform Mr. Maude that the account rendered is the lowest I can make, that all cost of preparatory work of cross cutting timber for rafters etc., has been omitted and all transport cost in connection with the work not charged.

The help and assistance rendered by you in arranging towage and trucking of materials that help to shorten the building time, enables me to cut out these charges mentioned and I hope the account rendered will be acceptable to Mr. Maude.

Yours faithfully,



*what about
the letter I wrote
to you to sort
this out - in Dec
still unanswered
!!!*

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

24th January, 1950.

I. G. Turbott, Esq.,
Bairiki,
TARAWA, Gilbert Islands,
Central Pacific.

My dear Turbott,

You must have been wondering whether I was ever going to reply to your kind letter of the 20th September about Nei Teaira's house.

Actually I did write you a long letter on the 5th December, soon after I last returned from Noumea. But by some extraordinary mischance it disappeared in the hands of the typist at the office: hunt though we did high and low it never turned up again, and I just hadn't the heart to start all over again and write another one.

But as a month has now gone by I suppose I must give up hope that it will suddenly materialize and make a second attempt.

Anyway, what I did (and still do) want to do is to thank you most sincerely for the very great trouble you have evidently taken over Teaira's house, and its financing, and for so kindly spending £45 of your own money to square things up.

You will see from the attached Paying-in Slip that I duly paid £50 into your account with the Bank of New Zealand on the 8th December (when I wrote that unfortunate letter). The extra £5 was intended to refund to Taam a proportion of the additional expenses he must have incurred owing to Kaobunang's machinations: if, as you say, Taam has received a good sum from rehabilitation payments, he can stand paying a

part himself without hurt. We always meant to spend about £50 on Teaira's house, so will not miss the extra £5.

As you probably know, Kaobu~~ang~~ worked for me for a long time before the war (about 1936) but resigned when I refused to agree that his office hours should begin and end from the time he left and returned home.

I do envy you working with the co-operatives: it must be fascinating. It is good news that the C.W.S. Advisory Committee is now functioning: I often wondered whether the representatives really would speak and am reassured to hear that they do.

I think your method of selecting recruits for Ocean Island sounds excellent. It gives both the Island Boboti and the body of Unimane a feeling of responsibility in their behaviour. Also the Unimane do need giving a bit of authority if they are to continue to be a stabilising influence.

Evidently you have got to find new needs for the people if you are to increase copra production. But it should not prove hard: here in Sydney the shops are bursting with goods which the islanders would love to buy - from canoe timber and paint to bubble gum. I feel your buyers lack enterprise here and Suva as they do not launch out into new lines designed to create new wants.

Once again, thank you ever so much for fixing up the Teaira business.

Hoping to see you again before long and do please let me know if any reports or other useful documentary material appear on the Colony. I got a copy of Bouro's report on the P.R.O. and Cartland's on the Ellice lands settlement but have not seen, for instance, a print of Pusinelli's Census Report.

Wishing you all the best for 1950.

Yours sincerely,

Hein.

H. E. MAUDE.

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Tel. BW7606

Box No. 5254, G.P.O.,

Sydney,

23rd September, 1949

R.A. Baldwin, Esq.,
c/- The Commonwealth Bank of Australia,
Box 2718, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Baldwin,

I should have written before to thank you for your two letters and for kindly sending me the "Australian Stamp Journal" for June, 1945, and Dr. Grumbridge's articles: these will be a welcome addition to my collection of literature on the Colony (and almost complete the philatelic section).

I've no longer got the laggard posts of the Central Pacific to blame for my procrastination: life in Sydney, however, is pretty rushed and I have been on a visit to New Caledonia and Fiji as well.

Butaritari, Abemana and Beru used to be District Post Offices when I first went to the islands but now that the Gilberts has become a single administrative District they have been demoted to Island Post Offices.

The difficulty about the G. & E.I.C. bringing out a new issue is the designs. Hard did the ones for the last set but he retired in January and we have no artists at present. However, we had no-one on Pitcairn when we brought out the first issue.

Sorry to hear that Mr. Morris is dead. I remember him well in Auckland and had several talks with him on philatelic history.

Once again many thanks,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

c/o Commonwealth Bank of Australia,
Box 2718, G.P.O.,
Sydney.
6th September 1949.

Dear Mr Maude,

Please accept the enclosed copies of
"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" containing Dr Grumbridge's
article on Gilbert & Ellice Islands postmarks 1911-14.

He has written a short article in "The Philatelic
Journal", Jan-Mar 1949, published by P.L.Pemberton & Co.,
Ltd., of Leominster, a copy of which has just reached me.
I will endeavour to obtain another copy for your file.
His particular interest has been to trace the US Army
Postal installations set up in those islands falling
within the G&EIC postal system.

This week a registered letter came to me from
Christmas Island. It bears impressions of the new
steel datestamp, with the date December 3 1947!

Yours faithfully,


RAYMOND A. BALDWIN.

C/o Commonwealth Bank of Australia,
Box 2718, G.P.O.,
Sydney.
22nd July 1949.

Dear Mr Maude,

Thank you for the information contained in your letter to hand a few days ago.

I had written to the District Officer at Funafuti early in June, requesting him to buy a set of stamps for me and affix them to a registered letter, and asking for clear postmarks showing a date during period of issue of the stamps, - three months. No doubt a supply of stamps has been sent to the District Post Offices. I prefer stamps to bear a date during their currency, rather than one applied after they have gone out of issue. Had I waited till a small supply ordered from Tarawa reached Sydney, affixed the stamps to a letter and posted it to Funafuti, its arrival in time for a current postmark is rather doubtful.

Months ago I wrote to Tarawa asking the names of the Post Offices likely to receive supplies of both values, - 1d and £1, but no information has come to hand. I expect the following Post Offices will receive supplies: Ocean, Funafuti, Abemama, Beru, Canton and Fanning. I am hoping to get these postmarks, and will write for them as soon as the small supply I have ordered from Tarawa is received. There are two plates, 1 and 1a. I expect to receive plate 1 in the £1 from London, and have asked Tarawa to let me have plate 1a. I want a double row of 12 stamps with imprint and plate number. I managed to obtain plate 1a from Honiara, BSI, and plate 1 from London, in the 10s. Plate 1a seems to have turned up in the stamps sent to the Protectorate, so perhaps the same may happen with those sent to Tarawa. The Silver Wedding commemoratives should add a fair sum to the Colony's revenue. The £1 stamps with clear dated postmarks should be sought after in years to come, especially if the G&EIC retains its popularity. Of course it does not enjoy the popularity of say the BSI, but more and more collectors are becoming interested in the stamps and postal markings, and if wisdom and good judgment are exercised by those who have the responsibility for future stamp issues, designs and production and so forth, the G&EIC should do well from stamp sales to collectors. To depict the Battle of Tarawa (Betio) on the new 10s or £1 stamp would stimulate the

interest of new collectors especially in the US, in the stamps of the Colony. Grumbridge, Goldup, Ironmonger and self, have done much between us in bringing the G&EIC out of the philatelic doldrums, as the result of our contributions to some of the most important stamp journals with world wide circulations. It is time now for a new issue, the ten years set down by the Crown Agent for the life of a permanent series of stamps for a Colony, having elapsed. It is to be hoped that when the authorities give consideration to the issuing of a new series, there will be no cutting down of expense in the production of plates and designs and printing. The Bahamas recently issued a commemorative series to £1, and so as to cut down expense in printing, had the stamps printed in one colour for each value. The designs were of second rate standard too. This issue I learn, has been a complete flop. On the other hand the Falkland Islands retain their popularity because of the excellence of their stamps in production, colour selection and designs, and sales must be gratifying. The G&EIC have made a good start. It is to be hoped that good taste will prevail when the matter of a new issue is under consideration.

No doubt you endeavour to find time to visit the Mitchell Wing in the Public Library while you are in Sydney. There is a great wealth of material stored there in connection with the Pacific, unequalled perhaps anywhere else in the world. I have found a copy of the "Australian Stamp Journal" for June 1945, and enclose it together with "Gibbons Stamp Monthly" just to hand, with Dr Grumbridge's latest article on the G&EIC postmarks to 1941. I will see that you get the next number in which he concludes the article. He sent the MS out to Mr Morris and to me for comment before sending it to Gibbons'. I expect you knew Mr Morris (who was at one time Resident Magistrate in the Cook Islands (Niue)). His death some weeks ago came as a shock to his many philatelic friends in Sydney.

I shall be most grateful if you are able to secure an impression of the Peru rubber provisional datestamp for my collection. I did not know that it existed when I wrote the article on Post-War postal markings for "The Philatelist" of October 1947. I think you have a copy of this, having received one from Goldup when you were in England. One or two corrections should be made in this article: page 17 at bottom, fig 4 and fig 5 should be reversed. Of course I omitted to mention Peru on page 18. Having not seen it, I have wondered whether it conforms with fig 7 or 8.

Yours sincerely,


RAYMOND A. BALDWIN.

P.S.:

My earliest G&EIC philatelic piece is a postcard posted from Ocean Island to Sydney on July 14 1901, franked with two 5pf Marshall Island stamps which are postmarked Jaluit 7 September 1901. The arrival postmark is dated Sydney 23 September 1901.

This is the earliest date we have seen, and it illustrates the route by which letters were sent from Ocean Island prior to the annexation of the island by the British Crown in September 1901.

I came across this postcard quite accidentally some months ago.



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Tel. BW 7606

Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

27th September, 1949.

Dr. Gilbert Archey, Ph.D.,
Secretary-General, Seventh Pacific Science Congress,
Box 27, Newmarket,
AUCKLAND, S.E.1, New Zealand.

Dear Dr. Archey,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th August which I am sorry not to have replied to before. Thank goodness, the organization of the projects is now up-to-date and I am able to take a breather: being used to a large office staff I found it difficult at first to do my own chores.

I attach 2 copies of an abstract of my paper on "Colonization Experiments in the Central Pacific", which is within 10 or so words of 350. Hope its not too late by now.

I am afraid the paper on the "Functions of the Gilbertese Maneaba" was never written. I started on it but found it consisted so much of charts, incantations and such-like that it would be incomprehensible except to the initiated few, if delivered verbally. Some day I hope to write it up, with diagrams, for some publication.

As against that, I did write a "Report on Land Classification and Utilization" in the British Central Pacific Islands for Dr. Coulter (at his special request). He wrote back to me that it was interesting and contained much information that was quite unobtainable from any other source. He added that he would take it to New Zealand "for publication in the 'Proceedings'".

I gather that Coulter did not, in fact, manage to get to the Congress and have no idea what he did with the Report: possibly he got immersed in his new job and lost interest.

Anyway, I am sending over a copy of the effort in case anything can be done about its publication. I went to a good

deal of trouble to produce it and it contains a considerable mass of factual information about an almost unknown area which will be lost for good if I cannot get it put on permanent record somewhere. Perhaps you could advise me what best to do: I suppose it is not suitable for the "New Zealand Geographer"?

Thank you for forwarding a specimen copy of the covering letter you sent out to the various Governments with the minutes of the Plenary sessions. I am getting ahead with action on one or two of the resolutions which have special application to the South Pacific and have arranged with Beaglehole to let him know what is being done, for the benefit of his Committee. If you like I could keep you informed too, but I presume you would really only want information of this nature in order to pass it to Beaglehole himself?

I posted you a copy of our Progress Report the other day, in case you had not been sent one direct.

Alaric flew over from King's for the holidays and seemed to enjoy himself, despite an attack of the local brand of 'flu.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. MAUDE.

SEVENTH PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS

New Zealand ... February 1949

Colonization Experiments in the Central Pacific

by: H. E. Maude.

ABSTRACT

Although the native inhabitants are increasing in most Pacific Islands groups, over-population has become evident in the minute, barren Gilbert and Ellice atolls earlier than elsewhere.

To relieve pressure a colonization experiment was commenced in the Phoenix Group during 1937 and by 1940 729 voluntary colonists had been settled from the Gilberts, the residential population numbering over 1,000 by the end of 1948.

The settlers now possess all amenities of their former homelands, including schools, hospitals, wireless communication, elected local Governments and Co-operative Societies, and although some problems are still unsolved the scheme has proved a distinct success.

II

In 1941, Rambi Island in Fiji was purchased for the Banaban population of Ocean Island, whose land had been largely leased for phosphate mining.

Shortly afterwards, the Japanese destroyed their villages and removed them to Kusaie and Nauru, and on their recapture they agreed to go to Rambi for a trial period of two years.

Despite handicaps due to an unfavourable start and their pre-war dependence on imported foods, the superior commercial possibilities of Rambi appealed to the money-conscious Banabans. Remarkable progress has been made by them in systematically developing the island and a ballot taken in 1947 showed 85% as desiring to remain permanently: and no-one has, in fact, requested to return to Ocean Island.

III

Ellice Islanders show interest in acquiring land for commercial development rather than ordinary colonization. A co-operative group now work Niulakita, the southernmost island, bought by Government in 1941, and in 1945 the people of Vaitupu purchased Kioa in Fiji and are now engaged in an intensive development and settlement scheme there.

IV

The author has examined all British islands in Polynesia suitable for colonization and considers migration the only means by which the population pressure in the Central Pacific can be relieved and living standards raised. As other territories are, or soon will be, in the same position a plea is made for a population survey of the whole South Seas area by the South Pacific Commission. This would enable the various problems, whether of over or under-population, to be dealt with on a basis of inter-territorial co-operation, which might well result in many of them cancelling each other out.

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

28th September, 1949.

Dear Miss Dodds,

Your letter of the 1st September arrived on the 17th: not bad going. Sorry about the cheque, I enclose another one to replace it.

Thanks ever so much for kindly fixing up Goldup and Marks. I only hope they're appreciative too.

Yes, we really love the life in Sydney. For a change, that is, I doubt if I'd care for it permanently. We have a very nice flat overlooking the harbour and, almost for the first time in our lives, we can do what we like and go where we like.

I've got a wee office in the very centre of the city (in Martin Place) but try not to go to it too often, as I find I can work much better at home in the sun porch with the ferry boats going to and fro below me. Rather like my office view at Bairiki, only slightly more activity going on.

I wonder where you have been hearing bad tales of Sydney: must have been talking to Mrs. Friend, who I hear did not like it too much. We met her husband the other day, looking fit and fine: its amazing to think he left Tarawa before we did and is still here.

The Gilberts seem very far off these days and we seldom hear news. However, they are on my beat and I must try and visit them next year, if I can find time. It will be funny to be there as a tourist, without any responsibility for anything.

Let me know when you get bored and would like to work for us either in Noumea or Sydney.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

See M.

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS
COLONY.

1st September, 1949.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I enclose the cheque which you left with me to purchase two sets of the Silver Wedding Issue stamps for Mr. Goldup. I put it away in the safe and when the day finally arrived found it was out of date and the Treasury would not take it. As you seemed anxious that Mr. Goldup should have these First Day Covers I bought the two sets and sent them off to him. You also left me £1. 0. 1d. in cash for a set to be sent to Mr. B. Marks, which I have bought and sent. I am sorry to make all this bother - had I known the date of issue was to be so late this year I would have cashed the cheque and held the money but I completely forgot about it.

I hope you and Mrs. Maude are enjoying life in Sydney and hope it isn't as bad as the tales one hears about it. Bairiki is still as beautiful as ever.

Kindest regards to you both,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jean Ross", written over a horizontal line.

Bank of New Zealand

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339 GEORGE STREET
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

15th November, 1948

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£ 2-8-0.

J. H. Maude.



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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

18th October, 1949.

P.B. Laxton, Esq.,
British Representative,
CANTON ISLAND,
Phoenix Islands, Central Pacific.

Dear Laxton,

Your letter of the 14th June has at length reached me here: goodness only knows where it has been to in the meantime.

Yes, I am able to state fairly definitely that you are in the right bracket in point of seniority and experience for the post of Assistant Administrative Officer, or any position of a similar character and grading on the Commission staff. There are, I understand, one or two vacancies at present.

Whether you would succeed in getting appointed I cannot say, as there are naturally others (from the 6 metropolitan nations) competing for jobs in the secretariat. However, few of them have the experience in the area which you possess; and I would do my best to help.

Noumea is frankly very expensive but you would get a cost of living allowance, children's allowance, education allowance, etc., which would help. Housing conditions, furthermore, have not been too good to date but are steadily improving.

Thanks ever so much for a copy of your memorandum on Nikumaroro which I have read with great interest more than once and consider excellent. Why do'nt you write something for publication on similar lines: if you are ambitious at all you will find that it goes down well

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with the Colonial Office? Meanwhile, you need not worry about having sent it to me: I receive a good deal of confidential matter one way and another and naturally would get no more if I used any improperly.

I must say your letter and enclosure made me long to be back in the Phoenix myself, where I was very happy, but I suppose I am too old now to do anything worthwhile again.

I will throw out a few tentative feelers about secretariat positions when I visit Noumea next week, and if I find out anything worth passing on I will let you know.

With our very best to you both,

Yours sincerely,



H. E. MAUDE.

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

14th November, 1949.

Mr. Walter Sullivan,
c/o "The New York Times",
Times Square,
NEW YORK 18, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter of the 21st October, 1948, which apparently wandered about quite a bit before being eventually returned to you, re-forwarded to me at Tarawa, and from thence sent to Noumea and lastly Sydney, where it reached up with me last week at my present address.

I left the Gilberts soon after your visit as I have been loaned by the British Colonial Office to the South Pacific Commission. My present job is the very interesting one of Permanent Member for Social Development on the Commission's Research Council. My wife and I have chosen Sydney as our base of operation but do a good deal of travelling around the 16 territories in the South Pacific area, from Dutch New Guinea to Tahiti.

We both certainly appreciate your generous letter of thanks for what little we were able to do to entertain the "Buttonwood" party. If it served in some measure to bring a few Americans and British closer together we should feel amply repaid.

Should we ever visit New York we shall be delighted to take advantage of your kind offer to show us some of the sights. On the other hand, if you come to Sydney at any time, do not forget to look us up: surprisingly enough, after 20 years in the most isolated parts of the South Seas, we are thoroughly enjoying city life.

Sincerely yours,



H. E. MAUDE.

Shanghai, Dec. 26, 1948

Dear Mr. Maude,

This envelope apparently was erroneously stamped "Airmail" and hence wandered all over the earth.

I'm in China now covering the war. Was in a B-17 that crash-landed on a reef in the Philippines but came out of it with only a broken rib and minor injuries.

A very Happy New Year to Mrs. Maude and yourself.

Yours truly,

Walter Sullivan

The New York Times

TIMES SQUARE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

Aboard U.S.C.G.C. Buttonwood.
Off Bikati, Oct. 21, 1948

Mr. H.E. Maude, Resident Commissioner
Tarawa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Although I was impressed with your hospitality throughout our two-day stay, it never struck me with full force until I had returned to the ship and had heard their versions of it from the other officers and men.

Each told of new little touches that spoke of generosity where we knew there could not be abundance. I feel now that we must have absolutely drained Tarawa of its year's supply of spirits and imported foods. It seems to me that invasions of such scope should take a leaf from the pages of war and bring its own logistics.

From the tone of conversation aboard this vessel I suspect you will also have to pay a double indemnity for your kindness, for these boys are determined to come back.

If you and Mrs. Maude should ever pass through New York I earnestly beg you to give me prior notice. As a reporter I have developed an intense love for that little-loved metropolis and take great pleasure in showing people around. Perhaps you will pass through some day soon, before you have forgotten my offer.

Since we always say thanks, whether we mean it or not, it is difficult in this case to use enough emphasis. But very sincerely I had a lovely stay and am very grateful to yourself and Mrs. Burke.

Sincerely,

Walter Sullivan

Walter Sullivan
The New York Times
Times Square, N.Y.,

USA

Jim Sullivan

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Mr. H. E. Maude, Resident Commissioner
The Residency, Bairiki,
Tarawa
Gilbert and Ellice Islands

~~Mr. H. E. Maude~~
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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

15th November, 1949.

S.V. Stratford, Esq.,
Associate Secretary,
Australasian Inter-Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists,
148, Fox Valley Road,
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Stratford,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th October, which I found awaiting me on my recent return from a visit to the islands.

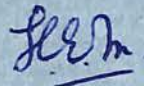
My wife and I would be delighted to come up to Wahroonga and accept your kind invitation to lunch at the Sanitarium. Indeed we have been meaning to call on you for some time, having promised our good friend Mr. Howse, of Abemama, that we would do so should we settle in Sydney. May we, however, leave it till next month, when we shall be coming to live in Epping, not far from your headquarters? Just at the moment I am rather rushed with organizational work and trying to fit in a visit to New Guinea at the same time.

If this is convenient, I will ring you up some time in the next few weeks and arrange a suitable date and time. Meanwhile, if there is any way in which I can be of assistance to the Conference authorities at any time please do not hesitate to ring me up at my office in Martin Place (BW 7606) or home at Cremorne (XY 2385) and we could arrange to have a talk at your City office in Hunter Street. I have, from time to time, been fortunate enough to be able to assist Adventists working in various parts of the Pacific, both officially and unofficially, and am always glad to do what little I can.

We became greatly attached to Mr. Howse in the

Gilberts and hope that he continues to do well. I do not think you could have made a better choice for work in a pioneer field, where there was naturally a certain amount of initial prejudice against a new Mission entering. One does not often meet anyone with such a genial, yet unmistakably Christian personality.

Yours sincerely,



H. E. MAUDE.

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148 FOX VALLEY ROAD, WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

19th October, 1949.

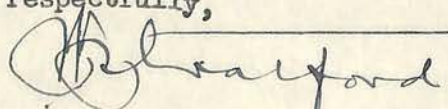
H.E. Maude, Esq. O .B.E.,
No. 6 Flat,
86 Milson Road,
CREMORNE POINT, SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

In a recent communication from our missionary on Pitcairn Island, Mr. F.P. Ward, we learn that you are at present in Sydney, and the Officers of our Australasian Inter-Union Conference, Wahroonga, are desirous of knowing whether we could be favoured by a visit to our Central Office here during the time of your stay in New South Wales. You will recollect, Sir, that on several occasions in our correspondence with you on various matters, we have made mention of the fact that we would be delighted to have you visit us here at Wahroonga some time. You will notice our telephone number, and you could personally get me on J.W. 1061 at any time. We would be glad to have your wife accompany you, if possible; and we could arrange to have lunch at our Sanitarium & Hospital Dining Room, which is near this Administrative building. We will have Special Meetings of our Mission Board extending from October 20 to October 26 inclusive; but any time after that, as it may be convenient to you, we shall be glad to have you come out. If you find it a little inconvenient to arrange transportation, we could have our car meet you at our office in the City, 13 Hunter Street. Should it be altogether inconvenient for you to come out to Wahroonga, would there be any possibility of one or two of us having a chat with you at our City Office, 13 Hunter Street?

Wishing you every success in the important work to which you have recently been appointed in connection with the South Pacific Commission.

Yours respectfully,


ASSOCIATE SECRETARY.

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Eldon Chambers,

Suva, Fiji.

Ans. 27.11.49

15th November, 19 49.

SIR HENRY MILNE SCOTT, K.C.
HENRY MAURICE SCOTT.

S/JL

My dear Maude,

I wonder whether you could tell me - if you cannot perhaps your wife may be able to - what has happened to the mats which my daughter was anxious to receive from Tarawa and which I think your wife was to some extent endeavouring to arrange.

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mats.

My daughter ^{father} still wants these if it be possible although in July whilst in Sydney I noticed Tivai came to the office and got an advance of £7.0.6. as he told my daughter then that he had some already at Tarawa but he could not get them because he wanted to send some biscuits and rice and other commodities up to Tarawa before he could get them. I am inclined to think this is all bluff and we will probably never see the £7.0.6 again but in the meantime I wonder whether you would be kind enough to put me in the way of trying to get the mats. If you think a line to the Chief Secretary in his office in Suva will help I will be glad if you will help.

There seems to be so many W.P.H.C. officials here - in fact they are falling over one another - that one does not know where to go and how to get any information these days. I remember it was so different in your time.

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I hope you and your wife are keeping well and I would like to take this opportunity of sending my wives and my daughters and my own best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year. We are going through an extraordinary state of affairs here but I had better leave most matters unsaid. What changes have taken place here as in other parts of the world. "

Yours v. truly,

Henry M. Scott

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,
South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY, New South Wales,
Australia.



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THE ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY,
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23rd November, 1949.

H.E. Maude, Esq., M.B.E.,
The South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY. NEW SOUTH WALES.



Dear Mr. Maude,

I should have acknowledged earlier your letter with the cheque for the Louis Becke typing. I hope it proved satisfactory.

I now have advice from Forsyth regarding the postponement of the plans for a bibliography, and in a way I am glad, for I would like a rest from such work for a time.

Thanks for putting me right about Dr. Baas Becking. I didn't care to get him to clarify it at the time, and I'd not seen it in print. I was sorry to see he'd had a tragic loss in his wife's death just before he came here.

I expect my book will be out about February with any luck, but it has been slower than I expected.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. R. H. Taylor

Librarian.

RECEIVED from Mr. H.E. Maude the sum
of five pounds five shillings (£5/5/-)
in payment for typing Thesis.

B. Ma Hayes.



SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

PENTAGONE, ANSE VATA,
NOUMEA.
NEW CALEDONIA.

COMMISSION DU PACIFIQUE SUD

PENTAGONE, ANSE VATA,
NOUMEA.
NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE.

In reply, please quote _____

23rd November, 1949.

Please address reply to
The Secretary-General

Dear Mr. Maude,

Remembering your kind offer to assist us in getting our boys safely on the plane to Noumea I am wondering if you would be so kind to help us out of some difficulties, which have arisen already.

First of all the boys need a visa in their passports. I have asked the local administration to instruct the French Consul General in Sydney to issue a visa for New Caledonia for a stay of two months. This will be done when the passports are presented at the Consulate. The difficulty now is that the boys are unable to go themselves. Would it be asked too much to have picked up the passports and to have them brought to the Consulate? I have written by same mail to the housemaster of their College and have told him that you would ring him up and that you and he could discuss these things how to arrange. Perhaps there is a possibility that someone of the college can do these things, but until now I have not experienced much help from the staff of that college in several matters. But anyhow it can be tried ~~that~~ they will do it. I asked him also to make sure that the passports would be ready as well as the health certificates.

Secondly I am enclosing an Exchange voucher for their tickets (Headoffice Margretstreet) The local Qantas agent told me something about a Minor Declaration, but he himself did not know what this was and he left it. Perhaps it is a statement from the parents that they approve that the boys are travelling, but I have paid the fares and that is enough proof it seems to me. I asked further the housemaster that if Qantas needed a statement that the boys are full time attending the college ~~the~~ ^{to be} supply such.

And last but not least the boys have to go to the airbase at Rose Bay on Tuesday evening 13th December, about 9 p.m. I believe. I have asked the housemaster to discuss this with you. Perhaps it can be arranged that someone of the college bring them to Rose Bay and this would save you some time. I hope I can leave this to you and the housemaster to arrange. The boys must have their health certificates for re-entering Australia. I hope they will not forget that.

My wife and I are very much in ^{your} debt, we hope that you will be able to let the college do most of the things and that it will not take too much of your time.

Julien F. arrived here without difficulties after all and he is settling down all right.

We do thank you in advance very, very much for your help and assistance,

Sincerely Yours,

Peckham

Answered by letter.

to city Dept.

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25.11.49.

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

24th November, 1949.

Dr. J.L. Grumbridge,
46, Fairfield Avenue,
RUISLIP, Middlesex,
England.

Dear Dr. Grumbridge,

Thank you ever so much for the articles, which will be a valuable addition to my collection of Gilbertiana. The stamp section is now virtually complete, and the rest is getting on satisfactorily: thanks to photostat and microfilm even the rarest item is now within the reach of a modest purse.

I cannot remember when I wrote to you last but I may, or may not, have told you that I am now seconded from the Colonial Service to the South Pacific Commission as Member for Social Development on the Research Council. The two enclosures will give an idea of what the Commission is and some of the work I am engaged on.

I have set up my headquarters in Sydney, where I find the library facilities and scientific contacts, essential to good work, are the best in the southern hemisphere. We have a nice flat overlooking the harbour and bridge and an office about 15 minutes by ferry and tram in the exact centre of the city. On the whole we find it a very pleasant break from the tropics and isolation.

It is very good of you to take so much trouble over Honor's Victories. There is no hurry about disposing of them, if you do not mind keeping on to them.

Congratulations on the daughter. Some day, maybe, we shall come home again and see you and her: but somehow I doubt if we shall, in actual fact, ever leave this part

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of the world again. England sounds even less attractive than when we were there in 1947.

Our kindest regards to yourself, and family,

Sincerely yours,

J.R.M.

Honour, who has suddenly woken up to the fact that I am writing, says that I am to mention that she has sent you some eatables for Christmas: so if it does not arrive you should worry the Post Office people.

J.R.M.

Dr. J. L. GRUMBRIDGE.

46, FAIRFIELD AVENUE,
RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

RUISLIP 2117.

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Dear Mr Grumbridge -

Here is the magazine you asked

last.

How are you? Flourishing, I hope.

We had a daughter 10 weeks ago -
a beautiful baby & we are thrilled to bits.

Am still holding your volumes.

Tried to place a few as a test I perceive
but no - he would take them. Fleming's
may improve. Anyway, they are safe
enough & dry enough.

Kindest regards to your folks

Sincerely

J. L. Grumbridge

Dr. J. L. GRUMBRIDGE.

46, FAIRFIELD AVENUE,
RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

RUISLIP 2117.

Do. 11. 48

Dear Mr Maude -

Goldwyn tells me he had the

honour to send you an unstamped air mail
letter to collect the used postage dues -

I got it back with them on. So I am
emulating his horrid example.

Actually I have just had a
letter from Baldwin saying you have
been appointed Post. Sec. General to the
Pacific Islands Commission with
HQ. at Noumea, so maybe this letter
came up with you in the wrong place!

I do hope the new job is
what you want. Anyway, it will keep
you in the islands, which I know you
preferred.

Sincerely

J. D. Kennedy

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BW 7606

Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY,
N.S.W.

24th November, 1949.

Dr. Katharine Luomala,
Associate Professor, Department
of Anthropology,
University of Hawaii,
HONOLULU, T.H.

Dear Dr. Luomala,

Thank you very much indeed for so kindly sending me the collection of your articles. They arrived today and I am already deep in the "Specialized Studies in Polynesian Anthropology", which has such a very direct bearing on our own Project S.5.

I believe you are the Secretary of the Anthropology and Social Sciences Committee of the Pacific Science Congress and should be most grateful if you would keep me in touch with the Committee's activities. I have already succeeded in implementing several of your resolutions and although I was not selected to be a member of the Committee (rather to my sorrow) my day to day activities would seem to parallel your work to an extent which would make us liable to overlap unless we keep in fairly close touch.

As some slight return for your many publications I am forwarding a copy of my paper to the Science Congress on "The Co-operative Movement in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony", which may interest you as you already know the local set-up. I think you have already got all my other articles on the Gilberts (about 6, as far as I remember)? We are looking forward to yours and trust that they will be coming out soon.

I am also asking Noumea headquarters to send you the first two Progress Reports of the Research Council

and to put you on their regular mailing list for all future publications relating to our work.

Honor and I both hope that you are quite recovered by now from your arduous sojourn on Tabiteuea. We ourselves have taken on a new lease of life since settling down in Sydney: there is no doubt that the Gilberts takes it out of one, physically and mentally, although it is so pleasant in other ways.

With our kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. E. Maude', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

H. E. MAUDE.

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY,
N.S.W.

24th November, 1949.

P. Laxton, Esq.,
c/o The Western Pacific High Commission,
SUVA, Fiji.

My dear Laxton,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your two letters, but it was useless doing so before the Commission sessions and I have been choked up with work since they ceased.

About a position on the Commission staff, I have established the fact the the only one vacant at the moment is the Assistant to the Head of the Conferences and Research Council division (John Ryan). Salary is, I understand, about £800 sterling, which with present Cost of Living and other allowances would make it worth about £1,500 sterling, while you were in Noumea.

Housing is not good yet and you would find it a bit of a squeeze with your family in one of the small flats currently available. Also they are rather dumped at the back without any view.

I fancy unofficially that Ryan will be leaving at the end of next year, when you should stand an excellent chance of stepping into his shoes. And the Educational Allowance (for each child at school) and Children's Allowance (for each child at home) is certainly something one does not get in the Colonial Service.

If you are still in Suva I would advise you to talk the whole matter over with Vaskess, unofficially and confidentially, before making any move, as I know he will give you good advice and show you copies of all the Regulations, staff rules, allowances, salary rates, etc. Dobbs would also give

you the local picture, though he would probably not have the local regulations at his finger-tips. It is difficult to advise you from here as I cannot say how you would like the international set-up at Noumea: if you do like that sort of thing, well and good.

One thing in its favour is that Noumea has a beautiful climate and children do well, I believe.

If you feel like applying and can get the consent of H.E. and Chamberlain I believe you would stand a good chance of landing the job. You would normally be on 2 years' secondment and could leave at any time you felt like, on giving 6 months' notice.

I was interested to read of your difficulties with whom you term the local "perfectionist" and naturally feel sympathetic on the question: it will teach you not to make a success of things when you were expected to fail. Some day I will write the history of the Webber letter and my leaving the Colony: I was rather amused to see the attacks still continuing in the latest report which arrived yesterday.

I quite agree that the expatriate staff must be steadily pruned: no doubt the price will be lessened efficiency (as in Tonga and Samoa) but that matters surprisingly little in practice. What does count is greater self-government, smaller expenditure and the native learning by his own mistakes.

I have just looked up the Staff Rules, etc., and estimate your salary and allowances in the present vacant post would be as follows (but Vaskess would be able to confirm):-

Basic salary	=	£ 750
Cost of Living Allowance	=	£ 312
Wife's Allowance	=	£208 ($\frac{2}{3}$ of above)
Education Allowance	=	£ 200x ³ (on assumption 2
Children's Allowance	=	£ 60x children at school
		& 2 at home)
		<u>£1,530</u> (sterling)

Converted to Fijian currency = £1,700

We hope that by now you have quite regained your health and wish you both a really happy holiday in New Zealand,

Sincerely yours,

J. C. M.

Western Pacific High Commission
Suva,

24th Oct 1944

My dear Maude,

Very many thanks
for your kind and encouraging
letter of the 18th Oct., which has
been up to Canton & back here
before delivery!

My two children from
home are joining me, as we
find that over £20 a month is
too much at present. If there's
a house for us at Nausori (house
meaning anything from a Quaset
upwards!) — I would be glad of
a job. I look forward to
hearing from you.

Many thanks also for
the suggestion re publication

Yours sincerely
Paul Baxter

Western Pacific High Commission,

not until a Suva

matter had established itself in
15th October, 1949

Dear Maude, Many thanks for your letter BW 7606 of the 31st Aug expressing your appreciation of the 'Louvassulias' lithographs — I was very happy at the chance.

I am in hospital at Suva at the moment and then going on leave to New Zealand to see about transferring our eldest child there from UK — also to look around & make such contacts as we are able. From where I return to Tarawa in late January or early February. My illness started as a fistula while at Gorchet, which eventually healed itself but

not until a mass of infective matter had established itself in a sort of cyst, sinus or abscess.

A large chunk of my posterior has now been joyfully excised by Doctor Doran, & I lie in some discomfort (hence my bad writing) while the slice heals itself.

I left the Aoro in Rawaki almost twelve months to the day from arriving; with a clear conscience. The machinations of "that man" who claimed the settlement a failure have been foiled with some degree of success. The actual position as I left was: @ Sydney Is - all lands settled but for 10

appeals a morale a Island Govt
excellent; work on lands etc much
better (i) Hull Is, lands largely
settled, the use & allocation of
Govt land settled, the "tain-
manabas" abolished and all simply
gathered under the original island
manaba with "boti" a protocol
settled; better morale & work (c)
Gardner, work excellent, island
government excellent, a new &
proper 'manaba' - "Nen maunga-n
Gallagher" built & consecrated,
& Mrs. Costland's leaseholders all
agitating to be permanent settlers.

In general the Co-ops working
with committees & vastly improved

financially ; and a Gilbertese
Club named "Tungasa Abanungu"
formed at Lanta Is with a
good building, radio-gramophone,
ping-pong, records & games donated
by public subscription plus its
own membership fee of £1 with
39 founding members all to credit.
The committee have made its own
rules and now run the whole
thing themselves ^{without} supervision
or check. The American interests
are quite fascinated with the
whole project, and would spoil
it by too much kindness if
given a chance. The other
club, the "Ginger Matangese" of
Manua has an active branch

at Hull, while at Gardner
they wanted to be different and
call this the "Bonano".

All this happy progress
did not please those quarters
who denied its possibility, and
I have been removed from the
Lands Commission as persona
non grata accordingly. At the
same time one of the funniest
documents which I have yet seen
was sent to the Res Com demanding
my removal, if you please, from
the Colonial Service. After entering
a formal notice that I would
if necessary pursue the matter to
the very furthest limits, I handed

The effusion and my detailed reply
to Mr Chamberlain who had
fortunately recently flown to GEIC.

He had it settled, by telegram,
in 96 hours, as far as any
post was concerned. I

naturally don't know about the
other gentleman's post, but do
not think it likely that he
will be placed on the short
list for Governorship's in the
immediate future. I'm sorry to
miss the Lands work (Reid Cavell
is off as well) (but I fear I
could not see the present
C.C.'s policy very enthusiastically).

Finally I hope you may excuse

all this parlous-political
scandal, but it illustrates
fairly clearly a rift of no
little importance to the Gilbertese,
between those who look for early
self-government & reduction in
expatriate officials, and those
who endlessly explore paper plans
for perfectionism and create an
ever more efficient bureaucracy. I
belong with no little conviction
to the first school: I could and
one day will (I fear I am conceited)
reduce the expatriate staff at
Tarawa to 7, with 10's at Ocean,
Fanning & Canton = 10 plus two
leave reserves.

And within thirty years some
of those could be native, if
not most. Trade Scheme & everything
included in above.

However Molly & I are going
to N.Z. to stay at Wellington,
then near Hamilton with friends
then perhaps to Brian McEwan
if I hear from him in time, and
maybe a week at "The Chateau" if
we can afford it. In the
meantime we'll have our other
children to join us from UK, take
them all to Tarawa for a year or
so and then see what...

In the meantime please forgive
my temerity in writing you so
informally, and accept my respects & best
wishes.

Your sincere friend
Paul Haxton

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

25th November, 1949.

Dear Mrs. Henderson,

I must apologise profusely for not having replied before to your two letters. The first I took with me to Fiji in the hope that I could find one or two people to whom you could apply for advice and assistance when you arrived.

And then as I was settling down, on my return here, to write to you about it all I got your second letter saying that you were already at Vatukoula, with a job and home.

I was really sorry to miss you when I visited the Gold Mines. I had expected to go and see the school but I guess both Mr. Miller and myself were pretty tired after touring around and so we gave it a miss. Of course if I had had any idea that you were working there I should have made a point of coming along. However I may see you when I come to Fiji in April and May.

The Gold Mines' life is certainly not typical of the islands but, as you say, it is not unlike what it would be on Ocean Island and Nauru, and they certainly seem to look after one well. I hope you will like it sufficiently to stay on until you get just what you want: we all differ in our likes and dislikes, but I personally should wish to be the manager of a copra plantation.

I will keep you two in mind should I hear of a suitable job but, just at present, I am more in touch with New Guinea than anywhere else, and I doubt if you would care for life there: or would you?

If you still want to go to Ocean or Nauru I would keep on at the Commission. Otherwise, one's application is apt to get buried in the files.

Let me know if I can be of assistance at any time,

Yours sincerely,

S.H.M.

C/o Emperor Gold Mine,
Vatukoula,
Fiji.
6-8-49.

Dear Mr. Maude,

As you will see by the address we took your advice and came to Fiji. We have been here just nine weeks, and have so far, not regretted coming. On arrival in Suva, we saw in the newspaper that you were coming to Fiji sometime in August, so we felt hopeful that we would meet you again. You can imagine our big disappointment when we heard yesterday, that you had spent Thursday here at the Mines. - If only we had known, and if only Mr. Miller had brought you up to the school. Mrs. Miller is the head-teacher, and I am her assistant. However, you couldn't know we were here, but we did feel disappointed to think of missing you like that.

We had intended to write and tell you about our jobs, so my husband suggested writing immediately, in hopes that you will receive the letter before leaving Fiji.

Sir Albert Ellis forwarded our letters (and your letter of introduction) to Mr. Bissett, who wrote advising Campbell to apply for a position in the usual way, and it would be

2. Considered when a vacancy occurred. Campbell duly applied, but so far we have heard nothing more. We were rather disappointed, and it was unfortunate Sir Albert was away in Australia, otherwise he may have interviewed Campbell. We read Sir Albert's three books and thoroughly enjoyed them.

We decided to try Fiji, and flew over from N.Z., early in June. For five weeks we toured around, and did a lot of sight-seeing. We also flew to "Vanua Levu" and came back by the "Adi Rewa" - a great experience, and one we wouldn't have missed. There is no need to tell you all we have seen, as you know the Islands so well, but we have had a grand time, and are very glad we came.

Everyone we met while touring about, was very kind and helpful and full of suggestions about jobs and so on. It was very hard to decide as there seemed to be so many openings. Many things required too much capital, so we decided it was better to take a position, and see how we liked living in Fiji. - So we decided on the Gold Mines, as the set

3. up seemed similar to all we had read about Ocean Island and Nauru. Campbell is working a Churn Drill, and I am teaching at the European School. We have been here just four weeks, and so far are progressing steadily. It was all very strange at first, but we are settling down alright. At present we are living in a fairly primitive way, while waiting for our household goods to arrive from N.Z. We are just cooking on a hot-plate, but hope to get a stove soon. The house is to be painted soon too. Our funniest make-shift is a Johnsons Baby Powder tin, used as a pepper pot! It looks rather comical, on the table.

We have a dear, little house, up on a hill (39 steps!) with a lovely view across the hills, and cone-fields, to the sea. A view of the sea means much to us. We fortunately do not see anything of the Mines, except the power house. Our garden is pretty, and shady, and Campbell is working hard, to get some vegetables in.

In many respects it is not at all the kind of Island life we visualized, but is a new experience and one we are enjoying. We think we will stay for a while and

4. then move on, as we still want to see other Island groups. - So if you continue to remember us, if a suitable position comes along at any time, we will always be grateful.

May we also congratulate you on your new position on the S. P. C.

We regret very much that we did not see you on Thursday, and hope very much that you will call at 'The 39 Steps', if you are round this way again any time.

Thank you once again for encouraging us to come to the Islands.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen and Campbell Henderson

148 North Avon Road,
Christchurch,
New Zealand
6th April, 1949.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much for your letter of 3rd March, and also the letter of introduction. We were awfully pleased to hear from you, and were very thrilled with your kind letters.

Thank you also for telling us how to contact your wife. If we are lucky enough to obtain a job in the Islands we will certainly see her, before we go.

We managed to get a copy of "Ocean Island and Nauru", and were quite enchanted with it. So much so, that I am afraid we will be awfully disappointed if we cannot go there. Also we looked up the "Pacific Islands Year Book" in the library, but haven't been able to really study it. We tried to obtain a copy, but unfortunately it seems out of print.

I wrote to Sir Albert Ellis to see if he could see us, but he happens to be in Australia, and will not be back in N.Z. for 6 or 7 weeks. That was rather blow. He told us the correct procedure would be to apply for a position to the N.Z. Manager, and so on. However we are under the difficulty

2. of not knowing what to apply for.

Sir Albert said he could not say very much till he was in receipt of your letter of introduction, so I posted it promptly to Australia, and we hope it will work the oracle! If we had known he was not in N.Z. we would have sent the letter of introduction, in the first place. I also added the plea that he would consider arranging for us to have an interview with the N.Z. manager. Till we hear from him our plans are at a standstill. I hope he won't consider we are bothering him too much, but we are so anxious to get away.

Of course we can't just expect jobs to fall into our lap, but at least we are trying all we can.

Everyone of course, is still against us, and my father-in-law keeps saying, 'you haven't gone to the Islands yet.' It makes us mad, which is a good sign I suppose, for it makes us all the more determined to go. Pop-in-law was even saying that if the man who has bought the business, doesn't make a go of it, Campbell might have to go back. It's a hideous thought

3. and makes us desire to get away, well away, as quickly as possible. We don't intend that to be our fate, and once we get to the Islands, we will see there to stay.

The "in-laws" have left the country, but Campbell is still up there showing the new man the ropes. He will be leaving next week, then we will be living with the "in-laws" at Sumner, till such time as we can get away.

Sumner is a seaside suburb of Christchurch and we have often climbed the surrounding hills, and sat up on them by ourselves, gazing at the sea, and pretending we were on some Island, at long last.

We asked about going on the Matua, but were told there wasn't a hope of getting on it till after the winter, and in case they will not take passengers on a round trip now, only to Fiji. Do you know any other boats we could perhaps go on?

If the reply from Sir Albert is not very favourable (we are praying that it will be) I think we will make for Fiji and try our luck there. If so, Mr. Maude, we wonder if you would be

4. so good as to tell us the name of someone to get in touch with, who might assist us in our quest.

You mentioned having spoken to several people in Suva about the prospect of obtaining a position, so if we could just see one of them, we would not feel too helpless when we first arrived. However, we do not want to bother you too much, as you have been so kind to us already, and you must be very busy at present.

Several Island boys from St. Andrews College, have been at our Church lately. I would love to speak to them, but the minister's wife always seems to have them in tow!

Campbell and I both send our thanks for your letter, and hope you are enjoying your trip. We positively go green with envy, every time we think of it! However we ^{are} still hopeful our turn is yet to come.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Henderson.

P.S. our new address is,
54 Wiggins Street,
Sumner,
Christ Church.

(I hopefully enclose it!)

British Consulate
New Caledonia

28th November 1949

Dear Mr Maude,

Thank you so much for going to so much trouble for me and my brat. I am surprised that we are so far behind in Australia. I really was under the impression that in a few years we could honestly compare in a small way with the States but evidently the social efforts are going in quite other directions! I think the 15 day camp very good but not worth while for a child who has to go from here. I hear the Forsyth child arrived but I have not seen them of late as we have been very busy with one thing and another. After the SPC meeting we went to the country for 5 days and took Barnett with us as he was not at all well. Then last week we went to the East Coast as Bill had to take a man on business. The whole place is dry as dry and bush fires in every direction which is a frightful menace in my way of thinking. They appear to originate all along the road and still no appeal is made to the population to take care nor any signs put up. As a matter of fact there is not even a road sign on the whole of the East Coast. You can easily miss the cities! Pauvre France!

Our girls will be home on PAA on the 17th at the break of dawn. We are looking forward to having them. Simone has made her arrangements to go away to Poindimie for most of her 2½ months holiday so even when you get the others back these leave so you have not much time together these days. Annabel has just finished her Leaving Exam and if she passes I have her for 6 months as she is not going to the Uni so far and

really cannot do anything else until she is 18 other than a bit of extras here. They will all be getting married soon. Don't the years fly ?

I hope this finds you somewhat rested after your hectic meetings etc. and that you have a Happy Christmas and all the Best in 1950. It seems only yesterday we were having our 1948 Christmas Dinner. I will have to get going on the Pudding this next week or so. It is a bit of an undertaking for me as we are always about 30. Its very nice to see ^{them} all together anyway.

With kind regards & many
Thanks again from us both,

Yours Sincerely

Bonnie Johnston

28th November, 1949.

Dear Forsyth,

Your letter about the appointment of the new typist-stenographer for this office came this morning. I feel sure you'll realize that I don't mind one scrap who is appointed to this position, as long as she can type and stenog. and is not too unpleasant personally: all appointments are necessarily made by yourself. I should have liked Sheila, had she been coming (as was at one time thought) but beyond that have no preferences.

You'll remember that I spoke to you about the possibility of Mrs Dickson joining the office here and I did not sense at the time that you were opposed to it: though it is true that you said that I should not offer her any hope that she would come over to Noumea or Suva for the sessions or conferences.

In any case I have not seen Mrs Dickson except on the day she arrived and, although I must confess that I had imagined that she had fixed up all details re her employment with you before she left, I would not have actually employed her here until I had written confirmation that it was as desired by you.

Under the circumstances I think the best thing to do is to write to Brig. Hunt in answer to his memo approving the appointment and ask whether it is intended to fill the post from headquarters or would he like me to seek applications

here. I will mention that I understand that Mrs Dickson is willing to take on the job and ask whether this is acceptable or not.

Believe me, I am quite prepared to accept your decision on this as on other matters,

Yours sincerely,

J. E. R.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

PENTAGON, ANSE VATA,
NOUMEA.
NEW CALEDONIA.

COMMISSION DU PACIFIQUE SUD

PENTAGONE, ANSE VATA.
NOUMEA.
NOUVELLE-CALEDONIE.

18th November, 1949.

In reply, please quote _____
PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

PERSONAL AND MOST CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Maude,

I trust you will believe that I have no thought of your lending yourself to any arrangement made without my concurrence as regards staff in Sydney. The purpose of this letter is no more than to inform you that I have reason to believe that Mrs. Dickson contemplates employment at the Sydney office. I have learned this only since her departure - the matter was not mentioned to me by her at-all. As the circumstances suggest that this may be a case or attempting to make a convenience of the Commission, I wish you to know that if this were so I would not agree to her employment in any capacity. I would prefer that this letter be not mentioned to anyone. Please let me emphasise the sincerity of my opening sentence.

Kind regards,

W. B. Forsyth

Los Angeles, Calif. 28 November 1949.

Dear Harry: Your letter of 15 November had arrived when I came in from Washington on Saturday. I had not realized that my inquiry had been passed on to you in such urgent terms. While I was in Washington, both before and after the trip to London, I got rather deeply into the E6 project with Coolidge and Foster, and there was some question as to the available means of reaching Tarawa. My best opportunity would have been by parachute, but those days may not return. At the moment there is no decision on E6 until I can get to Noumea and see what has been committed in my absence. Coolidge has never had the money to go ahead with this project in the way we were led to believe, or at least that is the way I see it now. Foster has a project for the US Army in Trust Territory area, but is ambitious to expand it to a world coverage of atolls. Since the money which they can get will be promoted on some such basis I have had to make some concessions, but have held out for some practical applications of an agriculture-economic nature, some of which are or will be acceptable in the highest research circles. I cannot believe we have to wait until world coverage is achieved in order to settle our problem. You may have seen MacDaniels of Cornell, who is now at Noumea on sabbatic leave and would go to Tarawa if time permitted, for a short stay. This would not be feasible under the arrangements you indicate. In the meantime I am hopeful we can arrange some of our pilot scheme on other sites, even if it means getting the job done piecemeal, with at us expense, or a minimum. After spending time in Washington and London I am becoming pessimistic minded and do not see how this thing is to be accomplished under the present prospects. All of this requires some careful going over between us, and I think some prior consultations at Suva. I spent considerable time with Parkman, both in New York and London, and feel there is more to this thing which has not been discussed than we realize. I have to submit the final Coolidge effort to the R.C. and advise him what we oppose and what we can promise. - If you have been reading the papers with any care you could surmise that the US Navy will not be undertaking very much just now. If I could get to Pago Pago I might sound them out, since they are the group concerned with the S.P.C. Then they might in turn request help from Kwajalein to Tarawa. If Benfeld had remained in office it would have been infinitely easier, but now I don't know.

Tomorrow I must be on my way again, and will get up to Stanford to see Keasing, and several others of use to us. I couldn't quite pass my own door without looking in. In New York I had a running account of the 4th meeting from Skellett, but it lacked a great deal which was important so far as I am concerned. As soon as I can get all hands pacified at Noumea I want to get over to Sydney to see you and the Canterbury people. Each letter from Noumea reveals some startling information, and I am never sure just how I do stand or what has been promised. Had I continued in Europe, that is Paris and the Hague, the indications were another two months

would be consumed. I cannot undertake that now. The Colonial Office attitude has been helpful, but I began to see that the people who were going to help us the most, or could, were not associated with the Colonial Office at all. The Colonial Economic Research Committee of which I had such high hopes when I started, in my innocent way, shot off its track in a blaze of glory, of a sort, and I decided right then the best thing to do was come back. But this cannot be a dissertation on all that happened, including the prospects for technical assistance. Some way or other, we are going to have to keep much closer informed on what is transpiring in this half of the world. The situation changes from day to day, and our prospects are closely wrapped up with it. — Since the meeting and the individual policy outcomes which must have resulted, I have heard no new proposals or alterations, but I have a feeling that changes here or there will result. I was uncertain how to estimate some of the things said to me and will not try to form any judgments until I can

FIRST FOLD

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Mrs. Harry E. Stovall
South Pacific Commissioner
Box 5254, P.O.
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia

H. G. Moore Sullivan
1925-5th Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif

AIR LETTER



VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION



SECOND FOLD

return to Noumea and get an extended point of view. — I am encouraged by your continued success in Sydney and begin to have ambitions that way myself. The few indications recently are that the French are much concerned about the possibility that the R. C. might leave Noumea for Sydney, where as a while back they were concerned that we would. Apparently everything is moving forward on an improved basis, new cars ordered and other signs of affluence. I hope they do not kid themselves that my circumstances have materially improved, because I am just as broke as I ever was; but it may look like something to the uninformed. I should be back in two weeks or so. If there is anything I can do for you in Honolulu you could write me care of Loring Hudson, Bishop Museum, Honolulu 35, T. H. I never mind taking on commitments, merely executing them. It is winter here now, as it was in Sydney when I was there. I seem to alternate between winters. I think we can settle most of the world's problems in the right atmosphere. We should see in a few weeks. Best regards.

c/- South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA.

30th November, 1949.

My dear Maudie,

Thank you ever so much for all your trouble over Julian's passport, and I'm awful sorry it was such a to-do. Of course I'd given Julian's birthplace to the Governor in the letter to him, and very nearly sent you a copy of the letter then decided there wasn't anything in it you'd need! Isn't it enough to make a cat sick though really, all that trouble to get a kid of thirteen out of the country for two months for his Christmas holidays. Surely only in Australia! Bar Russia I suppose, heaven knows what obstacles you'd have to overcome there.

It's been much on my conscience to write and say thank you for your trouble but I always seem to have such a scumble on mail-days. The boss never realises it's mail day till I give him letters to sign for other people always on that afternoon, then he gets all sorts of ideas about things, and personal correspondence always gets squeezed out. (Not that I'd write in office hours OF COURSE, but I mean after!!)

Sydney sounds horrible. I can't bear crowds, and realise from letters Ailsa's written to other people ~~here~~ that there's lots to be said for peace and stagnation here. It's getting unpleasantly hot though.

Lucy leaves on Tuesday and I feel quite sad. I suppose it's better from her point of view that she shouldn't stay, but I feel the place is going to lose colour somehow. She's really very lovable too.

I suppose Australia's in the throes of election frenzy, in addition to its Christmas shopping. Ida's been busy with her postal vote, as you can imagine, and with much speculation, detailed and general. Her knowledge of personalities involved in the various electorates seems to be inexhaustible. not confined to N.S.W. either. It will be interesting to see how it goes. I just cannot see Labour going out can you, though betting in general seems to be the other way, notably at Tattersalls!

Thank you very very much for all the magazines. You seem to have sent every conceivable variety, known and unknown, and they are much appreciated by the girls. They adorn the tables of our Ladies Lounge, which has come back into existence since the Session. I'm sure that must have used up all your win.

In haste as usual, & again
many apologies & thanks for the Julian
business.
Love from
Sheila.

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Box 5254, G.P.O. Sydney.

7th December, 1949.

J. Cummings Esq.,
C/o The Bank of New South Wales,
SUVA, FIJI.

My dear Cummings,

I came upon your letter the other day and it made me wonder how you are and what you are doing. I brought your note with me to Suva when I came in August last and we had a bit of a yarn about some of the points you raised, but I was never able to get away to have the longer talk I hoped.

I have been thinking about some of the matters mentioned by you and will jot down a few brief notes:-

- (i) Alcoholism. This is being investigated by Dr. Massal, our Member for Health, and it may be that the Commission will be able to bring pressure to bear. In most of the places I've been, lax enforcement of the law, rather than the law itself, causes the most trouble.
- (ii) Missions. You will never get Governments to prohibit the activities of outside missionary bodies, though Tonga does limit the number of missionaries. But I do anticipate a growth in the number and strength of indigenous churches.
- (iii) University. Much as I like your idea (and I have written urging it myself), I'm told, on the best authority, that the cost of a University, or even a University College, would be quite prohibitive. However, Mr. Dehick is joining us in January to investigate the whole subject of centralized technical and vocational training institutions, and you might care to have a chat with him before then.
- (iv) Native Businesses. We are pinning our faith, for the time being, on co-operatives, which may achieve what you are aiming at while distributing profits throughout a native community. It may be, however,

that its not the answer, in which case I can see that machinery for small commercial loans, such as you suggest, will probably be found necessary. I know that co-operatives do not suit all communities, e.g. the Indian, but I enclose a small essay of mine to show what they did do in one group of islands, at any rate.

...
I do hope you are doing well, wherever you may be these days. There are so few Europeans, I find, with a genuine interest in, and regard for, the natives of the islands where they live that I always enjoy hearing from you. If you are in Fiji at the time of the South Pacific Conference in April and May (~~when~~ I hope the South Sea Islander will have something to say for himself) I may see you then.

With our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. MAUDE.

c/o Bank of New South Wales
Suva
FIJI

April 18th. 1949.

My Dear Maude

Since talking to you in Suva, I have thought a lot about you and the Commission; about you, because I believe that you are entirely sincere in your hopes that the endeavours of the Commission, may result in something for the good of the indigenous people of the islands, and that the members of the Commission will consider solely the welfare of those people, and not be afraid of any clash with the commercial interests, which have profited excessively from the islands, and still continue to do so.

I wonder how many of the other members of the Commission, besides yourself, have any first hand experience of the islands, who have lived amongst the natives and understand their mentality, and their likes and dislikes.

You told me that you had some research specialists. What good can all the economists, and statisticians in the world, do for the natives if they have not personal experience, and practical minds, and are fearless in their efforts. You know yourself, that behind all commissions, conferences, pacts etc, there is always lurking behind the scenes the commercial interests, who care not a damn for the real object and ideals, so long as their own interests are not curtailed, or interfered with. There are many firms, as you know, operating all over the world, in tropical countries, even outside the islands, whose rapacity is unpardonable, and an insult to the name of God, who made also the colored people in his own likeness, and who have been despoiled to damnable limits.

I love these island people, as I know you do, and they are at last getting wise- after having served in two wars- to the manner in which they have been exploited by the white man, including the hypocritical missionary.

I would like to continue in expressing my views, which I assure you are sincere, but I know that you are a busy man, and I only wish that I had been able to secure some small job with the Commission, and do something for the people I love, although I venture to say that Commission will achieve little of benefit for the native.

May I, without boring you, and not wishing to make myself a nuisance, make a few suggestions, which would, in my humble estimation, be of help to the islanders, if the Commission is sincere in its object. As you know I have lived with the Malays in the jungle, with the Chinese in the middle of China, and for thirteen years amongst the islanders, and I think I know a little of their "make up". I might elaborate my ideas, but I do not want to waste your time, and you yourself can understand the reasons.

- (1) Prohibit absolutely the importations of alcoholic liquors into the islands, the curse of the white man to-day. This will have a twofold good influence. In the first place, UNTIL THE NATIVE IS ABLE TO GOVERN HIMSELF, his body and mentality will improve. In the second place, the white man who does no good to the native, either by example or precept, will soon be eliminated, when he cannot get his "booze"
- (2) Allow the native to choose and develop his own form of religious worship, and to be free from the coercion of the many denominational forms which war, one with the other at present, and are to a great extent commercialise. The missionary teaches one thing, and does not follow out his own teaching, and I assure^{you} the native is wise to this. They are not fools, and in most cases go to church, simply to sing, and they will go to the mission, which will give the best opportunity to do so. I know this for a fact.

- (3) Establish (for the English speaking native) in Suva, for example, a University with professors (old country professors, not New Zealanders) in the following subjects:-
Medicine and Surgery
Agriculture and Forestry
Engineering
Commercial training
Duties such as pertain to the District Officer

The professors to be men who have experience, or knowledge, of their work from a point of view, which would suit island conditions. Eventually, this University, without being too optimistic, could be run entirely by natives, including the native professors. I have many ideas on this subject, but I do not want to weary you, as you may think that it is too idealistic.

- (4) Encourage the native to go into business, granting to those suitable, (as the French authorities have done in Tahiti) a loan, without interest, to commence a small store, in the various parts of their island. Let the native now have an opportunity to develop the business of his own country and keep his profits, in his own country, for his own welfare, not for the welfare of the shareholders of white profiteers, as at present. The Tahitians have made quite a success, in a small way, in business enterprise, and I am sure that any native, if he is trained a little, or helped by an altruistic home government, will eventually establish his country on a sound business basis, and allow the white octopus to be eliminated, and take the medicine he deserves.

I think that if the home governments, after so many years of exploitation, really and truly want to help the native, and train them to run their own countries, it will be very easy to do so, so long as they do not look for monetary gain, and are willing to return to the islands some of the ill-gotten gains, which they have taken for pretty nearly a century.

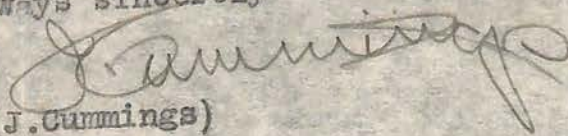
I hope that I have not bored you too much. You are a man I have sincerely liked, since I first met you, otherwise I would not go to the trouble of writing to you.

I long for Tahiti, and the people that I have learned to love, and I venture to say that France is not a bad coloniser, as many Britishers seem to think. There is too much color line in British colonies. If a colored man is good enough to fight for the mother country, he should be allowed to mix as he pleases, in ordinary life, as he did in war time, and if a white man wishes to live with, or marry a native woman, he should not be despised for doing so. There are many good men, who have been ruined by white women, and who have found happiness with a simple native woman, which I personally prefer, as you know.

I would very much like to hear from you, when you have time to write to me.

Best wishes to your wife and yourself

Always sincerely


(J. Cummings)

Approved 15.12.49.

9 DEC 1949

Dear Maude;

I have been thinking a long ²⁹⁶ time about the technical assistance and the 5-year plan, and I am now preparing directives for the statisticians, which I will send to you as soon as they are ready.

Of course, most of our projects are still very much at the periphery of things, with a few notable exceptions.

It seems logical to group existing and future projects under a few headings.

In the first place we have to know more about existing conditions in the region and we have to obtain a clear idea about potential natural resources.

Furthermore, in preparation of projects touching the community, technical training in various fields seems necessary.

Both above-mentioned groups of projects are a prerequisite to community development.

The projects undertaken may be classified as follows

1. Conditions and Resources

G₂, E₁, E₂, E₃, E₄, E₇, E₉, E₁₁, E₁₃
S₅, S₆, S₁₀, H₃, H₄

from that "There were no common funds" and "I'm not taking any of the money" etc. to the girls here. She is often dead-tired at night. Her skin is to join a team for work with indigenous people, and, in her enthusiasm, she is very happy at the hospital. kindly helped.

much more and is a bit of a woman on £1 a week! She is taking care for me on a budget and would it out for me a week on a salary increase. I haven't spoken to the S.G. for a long time. Her position is not so good. To obtain a more working programme.

in the organization of the project, in order development. I like to get your ideas on the board of many things, with technical assistance and community extension. I put the land utilization really at the head of many things, with technical assistance and community extension.

1. Technical assistance, S₁, S₂, S₃?
 2. Community development, H₂, H₃, H₄, H₅

available for such a place (which would be a volunteer job anyway).

These things don't make me happy. The other day we had a conference at the Governor's. Fonythe took an interpreter with him, about which the French were uneasy. I don't know how things will work out, but it's very difficult.

I am expecting Straatman in a few weeks. Then, at least, I will have somebody to talk to. Manuel is very obliging and is working hard at a project for Technical Assistance. Mrs. Manuel has arrived, but we saw little of her as she is suffering from arthritis and seems, moreover, very shy.

From Mac as yet no word. In a few days the laboratory equipment will arrive from Sydney, which will be a help.

I read in PIM an account of Mrs. Maudslayi's lecture on Pitcairn.

I also studied a report on 1940 Co-operative societies in the Gilbert & Ellice Islands. We are very lucky to have you both in the I.P.C.

What do you think about the N-2
elections? I told you the pendulum
was swinging back! I am curious to know
the outcome in Australia.

With the high wind the
house nearly blows over. You are
travelling in Sydney, away from this
G.F.S. hole! Sir Poirer wrote a
pointed letter to S.G. about my
attendance of the Stockholm Congress,
which was not "in the interest of the
non-self governing states".

Foyl's answer that I was going to
pay for the trip myself and that
the scientific contacts would be most
useful to the S.P.C.

This means that I cannot buy
a car and have to save for Dora and
for myself to go to Dick's wedding -

What about the Statistician
because the levity of my last letter.
Just think that the old man is getting
quicker, and no wonder.

Please give my regard
to your mother
as always

R. Mansfield



Auckland University College

(UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND)

Auckland, C. 12th December 49.

Mr. H.E. Maude,
The South Pacific Commission,
G.P.O. Box 5254,
SYDNEY

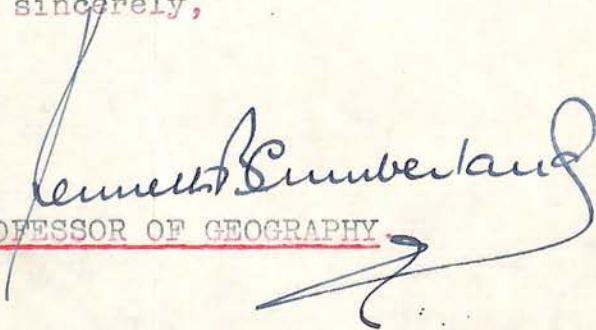
Dear Mr. Maude,

I had your letter of December 6th today. There was no need at all to worry about not having replied to a letter that chased you all round the Pacific. It was despatched only on the most remote chance of reaching you in time to have any relevance.

I was interested to hear, however, of the paper you did prepare. Dr. Archey has not told me about it, but I'll get in touch with him. There is still time to include it in the proceedings of the Congress.

I was in Sydney for 24 hours about 6 weeks ago on the way back here from Canberra, and fully intended to look you up, but engagements with Professor Mills at the University Commission and at the University itself made it quite impossible to find even half an hour. In a way I was surprised to have your letter from Sydney, because I understood while I was over there that your removal to Noumea was imminent.

Yours sincerely,


PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY

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Box 5254, G.P.O. Sydney.

6th December, 1949.

Dr. K.B. Cumberland,
Department of Geography,
Auckland University College.
AUCKLAND, C.1. NEW ZEALAND.

Dear Dr. Cumberland,

Some days ago, when I was sorting through my papers, I came across a letter from you inviting me to submit a paper for the symposium on "The Changing Agricultural Economy of the Pacific Islands" at the recent Pacific Science Congress, which I unfortunately appear never to have answered.

I do hope you realize that I had no idea of the existence of this letter when I met you in Auckland, or I would have referred to it. Actually, it must have arrived at Tarawa some time after I left and followed me around the Pacific; at any rate I did not receive it until I finally settled in Sydney last June.

Curiously enough, I did produce a paper (really a collection of facts and figures) on Land Utilization in the British Central Pacific for Dr. Coulter, who wanted it for some Committee or other of which he was Chairman.

Dr. Coulter did not, of course, attend the Congress himself but long after it was over I received a note from him saying that my effort ought to be read and reproduced in the proceedings.

It was not in suitable form for reading as a paper and I should not have done so even if I had had his note in time. As it is, I sent it over to Dr. Archey and asked whether either he or yourself would have any use for it. Its only value, I think, is that it contains a good deal of statistical and other information on a little known part of the world which is unobtainable from any published source. I have not heard from Dr. Archey since but possibly he has shown it to you.

With renewed apologies for not having replied to your letter when I received it,
Yours sincerely, *See*

SEVENTH PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS

NEW ZEALAND 1949

Department of Geography,
Auckland University College,
Auckland, C.1.,
NEW ZEALAND,
16th November, 1948.

Mr. H.E. Maude,
Tarawa,
Gilbert & Ellice Island Colony,
WESTERN PACIFIC.

Dear Mr. Maude,

7th PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS.

As you are probably well aware the 7th Pacific Science Congress is to be held in Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand, in February next. In the Division of Anthropology there is provision for a symposium on The Changing Agricultural Economy of the Pacific Islands.

As a result of an unavoidable oversight in the organisation of the work of the Division, I have just been asked, on my return from a field trip in the Southwest Pacific, to undertake the collection of papers and material for this symposium. I am writing to ask you whether you could at this late juncture write and submit a paper on the changing agricultural economy of the Pacific areas with which you are acquainted. The title of the symposium was arranged to cover both native agriculture and exotic commercial agriculture, and a statement describing changes brought about by the war and other external or internal factors in either native or commercial plantation economies, or both, would be very welcome.

If possible it would be helpful if you could submit by return, either to myself or to the Organising Secretary, the title and a brief outline (200 words or so) of your paper. The titles and abstracts of papers are officially due in November, so that they may be included in printed programmes.

I apologise sincerely for being unable to broach this matter earlier. I do hope, however, that you are able, in the time available, to write and submit a paper, because of the importance of the topic and the value attached to a contribution from your pen.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth B. Cumberland

HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT.

P.S. This is short notice & I know you must be busy preparing to take up your new post, but I do hope you are able to let me have even a short paper on changes you have experienced in the G. & E. Is.

KBS

Noumea, 13th December, 1949.

H. E. Maude Esq.,
P.O. Box 5254 G.P.O.
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

Dear Maude,

The Secretary-General had the kindness to show me your lecture on Social Development in the South Pacific for perusal.

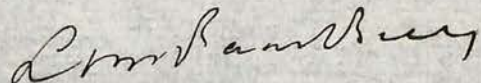
I must say that it is a most admirable address and I wish that you could find a medium to find it published in toto.

I must say also that the logical sequence you gave for development appeals to me very much and you were fortunate in being responsible for most of it in a period of twenty years of your life. But we should not forget that you were lording it over 16+9+3+3+1 tiny islands with a total area of 150 square miles. There were currents and counter currents but it was a definite entity.

I am now trying to arrive at the prognoses of other parts of the region and this is not easy. I wish you were here to talk things over for there is a great deal which is not right in my mind and which should be a topic of discussion.

In January Massal and I are going to Tahiti and after Mac is back and settled down, I propose that we all meet in Sydney in February, also to renew our contacts with the colleagues there.

With best regards,



L.G.M. Baas Beeking.

arrived 15.12.49.

Dear { Mr. Maude
Maude
Harry

17-11-49

(The pendulum seems to swing from right to left, so I take no chances)

Thank for kind letters. I am glad { Mrs Maude had such a success with her lecture. Her voice is enough and as she had something to say besides I am ~~some~~ sorry I could not attend. Mrs Marshall has arrived she is nice. John is going on a long vacation ^{with} Ailsa and he is also going to New Guinea ^(why?) _(why not?)

My assistant Streetmans is going to arrive to alleviate my intellectual starvation. [are you also an intellectual snob?] Mohamud Hali would be an acquisition!

How about Crawford's bright
boys, my future statisticians?

Especially Mr. Cutman?

Daya starts this morning as
an assistant nurse. She is
quite excited. She hopes to
work in the native clinic.
That is what we are here for,
isn't it (or isn't it?).

Sorry for this nonsensical
letter but I feel irreverent
this morning.

I am working on a
opera-report. I have no
literature. It is hopeless.

With kind regards to
your spouse } I remain
Mr. Maude }

As always
Yours sincerely
L. H. B.

Prof. D. L. S. M. B. S. B. S.
L. H. B.
L. H. B.

THE RESIDENCY,
TARAWA.

20th December 1948

I hereby certify that
H. E. Maude Esq. is suffering
from anaemia and requires
two bottles of stout per day.

M. J. O'Connell
M.B. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond)

Senior Medical Officer
Gilbert & Ellis Islands Colony.

24 Dec. 1949

Dear Mr. Maude,

Your Christmas wishes received this morning made me happy and not so happy - not so because I have been very conscious that I had not written to you in time for Christmas, and concerned, yet fatigue had been so present in the last couple of weeks that I have not had the will to do the things I most wanted to do.

Florence Birch told me she had met Mrs. Maude and you at the P. S. Society's Xmas party - I hope you had some converse. It looks as if I am going to desert her longer by staying on after my six months is up at the end of January.

When you wrote your kind letter after your return to Sydney I meant to reply that the only thing I didn't like in it was the hope expressed that I'd be here next time you came. I wanted to say I'd hoped you'd hope I'd be there next time being your librarian and bibliographer!

Then I let the waters of Dewey and Bliss close over my head and wrote not at all.

I certainly enjoyed your visit very much indeed, and think it's a terrible arrangement from all personal points of view other than, most importantly, your own, that you are there and we are here.

A very happy Christmas to Mrs. Maude and you, and hopes for an early meeting.

Ida Keason.

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

29th December, 1949.

Linly W. Rogers, Esq., A.M. Inst. C.E.,
Chief Executive for Staff Training,
The Broken Hill Pty., Co. Ltd.,
422, Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

Dear Mr. Rogers,

Thank you so much for kindly sending me the literature on the Staff and Trades Training Scheme in the Steel Industry, which I started reading last night and am finding most interesting.

I never realized before what an enormous organization the B.H.P. is - with 2,500 men in training (the population of a University) you must be kept pretty busy.

I am out at Epping for a month and move to Edgecliff on the 16th January. So if you should come up to Sydney please ring the office (BW 7606) and they will tell you where I am.

Hoping to see you before long, and with best wishes for 1950,

Yours sincerely,

H.E.M.

H. E. MAUDE.

The Broken Hill Pty., Co. Ltd.,
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING,

422 LITTLE COLLINS ST.,

MELBOURNE.

20th December 1949

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Ans'd.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,
Council Member,
South Pacific Social Development,
P.O. Box 5254,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Maude,

You may recall I rang you a few weeks ago when passing through Sydney, and we had a brief chat. Following this it occurred to me that you might be interested in the Training Scheme in the Steel Industry, which as Chief Executive for Staff Training, is my responsibility.

Therefore I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of our Staff Training Handbook, also of the Handbook which applies to our Trade Apprentices at our Whyalla Works in S.A., and in addition a copy of the Company Review in which a general description on the scheme, by myself, appears on pages Nos. 14-16. In the same issue the article on pages 8 and 9 describes training in the Collieries

I trust you will find this information of some interest and look forward to a talk with you on my next visit to Sydney.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Lily W Rogers

P.O.
Box 86 A

MANIHIKI.

30/12/49.

The Resident Commissioner,
RAROTONGA.

~~Dear~~ Sir,

Concerning your memorandum regarding the transfer of mother-of-pearl oyster spawn from here to Pukapuka. I have discussed this memorandum with old timers here such as Abela Williams, Ben Ellis and P. Woonton.

They say that spawn has been taken to other islands, but there is no record of any successes. It has nothing to do with the length of time in transit as many attempts have been made to sow spawn in the Rakahanga lagoon without any success. Both the Rakahanga and Pukapuka lagoons have muddy bottoms, pearl shell must have clean sand in order to reproduce itself.

The Pukapuka lagoon was sown with goldlipped shell many years ago, probably at the same time as the Suvarrow lagoon. Only a few shells that happened to light on coral rocks above the floor of the lagoon survived, and they were not able to breed.

Shells planted in the Rakahanga lagoon just remain there and don't grow and don't breed.

The first vessel to be going from here to Pukapuka will be the "Bellona" and if the Commanding Officer is agreeable I will send over some spawn. It will get there in 24 hours or less, and should survive.

Hitherto the spawn has been carried in tubs or tins and the salt water renewed each morning.

There is no special method used in sowing the spawn, it will establish itself anywhere if conditions are favourable, if the above facts are correct the only spawn likely to survive at Pakapuka will be that sown on coral heads above the

floor of the lagoon.

(Signed) A. H. Brown,
Resident Agent,
Manihiki.

Manihiki lagoon has a prolific growth of both mother-of-pearl shell and the Pipi shell. Skin diving takes place from about 4 fathoms to 9 or 10 fathoms.

Diving machines operate at a depth of 11 to 17 fathoms. Sometimes at 18 fathoms.

Small shells carry better than spawn but the water should be renewed twice a day and the spawn kept in the shade.
