3rd January, 1950.

Dear Lloyd,

Very many thanks for obtaining "Riptide in the Pacific". It must have been quite a best-seller as the commercial booksellers were quite unable to buy one and I see my copy belonged to Gill Purdie, who performed the secretarial work involved in its publishing.

Brian came through Sydney the other day, enroute from somewhere to somewhere, but he could have only stayed a few hours, I think, and not overnight. I guess he's beginning to know his way around by now: there's nothing like knocking about the country on no money to give one confidence.

I formed the impression that he was not entirely at home with his studies at the University and might be happier at a technical training institution or somewhere where he could do things with his hands. But I expect you have gone into all that long ago - has he ever been to a Vocational Guidance Clinic, I wonder? I couldn't get out of him what he really wants to be, other than a vet., but there are so many fascinating specialized occupations open nowadays to people who train for them that I feel sure that a proper Vocational Guidance man would keep him 100% absorbed and happy, both while training and later in the work itself.

be able to advise on a career which would

I'm glad you found Norman not too bad. Eryl has certainly made her own bed there and I hope its not going to be too uncomfortable to lie on. Most Australians are nice enough but some (and I hope Norman is not one) have no thoughts above beer, horse racing and getting the maximum amount of money for the minimum amount of work.

Alaric seems to enjoy himself all right out in the country where we are now but I can't say how he'll settle into our nice city flat, which we move into on the 16th. Personally I'm kept so busy writing that I wouldn't know whether I was in the country or town. I'm installing a couple of Dictaphones this month, however, - one in the office and one at home - and that should make a difference, I hope.

I'm sure you were wise to join Holland and myself and elect for a full pension. After all you'd never

be able to but a house on the $\frac{1}{4}$ x 10: most people blue it and suffer for the rest of their lives, and even if you invested it you'd need to get 10% to obtain the same return.

Thanks for the news of Fortune, Finney et al. I always backed up the latter against Fox-Strangways but evidently one was as bad as the other.

So long for the present. I hope to come to New Zealand for a visit in May.

Yrs.,

Geoffrey.

161 (not 181) Remuera Rd,
Remuera, N.Z.,
6th Decr, 1949.

My dear Harry,

Many thanks for your letter of the 25th Nov received last week.

Through the assistance of Professors Rutherford and Airey – the former a clubmate of mine – I was able to contact the Secretary of the A.U.C. Labour Club, Mr A.C. McLaren, an Assistant Master at Otahuhu Technical High School, whom, I had been informed, was shortly sailing for the Gold Coast to enter the Colonial Administrative Service. I told him of your need, that I was a retired Colonial Civil Servant, & invited him to my home for afternoon tea. The rest was easy. Tonight I have posted to you a copy (second-hand I fear) of 'Riptide in the Pacific'. & the donor refused to accept payment!

Dorie & I are deeply grateful to you & Honor for meeting Brian & giving him such a wonderful time in Sydney & I know he appreciates all you have done. We haven't heard from him lately, but we had a letter today from Dorie's niece informing us that he & Bruce intended visiting Melbourne & Adelaide before going to Barlow for Christmas. I don't envy them having to hike in the heat.

Am glad to hear that you have met my old pal Fraser Bremner at last & I hope you & Honor liked him.

Alaric was here on Sunday but he spent most of the day with Eryl & Norman playing Chess if you please. They have a spacious flat next door to us & appear to be very happy. Norman & I have 'swapped' a couple of beers since they moved in & I find that he improves on acquaintance, both,

between ourselves, I cannot resist the feeling that he is not Eryl's "type".

Marie is looking particularly well just now & still appears to enjoy life at "Little Kings". I took him to the Agricultural Show a couple of weeks ago & he was thrilled with the various events - particularly the jumping & the Sheep dog trials.

Dorie is slowly regaining her strength after the operation. I have been relieved of the cooking - thank God - but am still Chief Dhobi Walla, washerupper & Gardener. I intend to get a job early in the New Year but cannot quite make up my mind as to the type of work to undertake. I want to avoid having anything to do with figures if I can.

Dorie is a little disappointed that I recently elected for full pension instead of going for a lump sum to buy a house. I gave the matter very careful consideration & I can only hope that I have acted wisely.

We were all very thrilled with the recent election result & we hope the Australian public will follow our good example next week. I had decided not to remain in N.Z. if Labour had been returned.

Please give my salaams to the Hollands. When I last saw them they spoke of residing in Perth. I wonder what made them change their minds as I always had a hankering to go to W.A.

Had a nice letter from Ronald Garvey the other day.

Saw Harley Nott & his wife in Newmarket the other day. Charles has aged quite a deal & she looked about as happy as a ham bone in a Synagoge!

Ben Marks has been an patient in the matter with 'nerves'. I visited him one day & found him out in the garden. I told him that he was worrying too much about money & it was time he retired!

You will be pleased to hear that Colonel 'Bill' Fortune was re-elected

to Parliament with a big majority. Talking of Bills reminds me —
Did you hear that Colonel Finney has been sent to gaol for 18 months for embezzlement of £1100 odd from Bluff refugees at Pahiatua? His plea was that he had to spend so much on necessary entertainment. Won't Jox-Stringways chuckle when he hears this?!!
Cheerio for the present & all the best

Yours v. sincerely.
Lloyd

P.S. The booklet should reach you per Wanganella leaving here on Thursday 8th.
LK.

Noumea, January 10th 1954

Dear M. Maude,

The sending of that New Caledonian booklet was a very kind gift and I appreciate it very much. Thank you. I hope that the taking back of the yoke won't be too hard; happily Lasalle-Séré's star seems to be this time really diminishing, so there is a chance that Sydney shall go on to harbour the section and yourself.

I just got a personal letter from Mr Flexman saying that he will agree to the publishing of my text on Tanna as it stands.

John Ryan says that it is impossible to give a grant in aid on 1954's budget. I hope it can be done on 1955. This grant will be in effect the condition for the ORSTOM in Paris giving the rest. I think you understand the situation. M. Bagnicourt, as director of IFO, wrote an official letter raising the question of the grant. Here we are. d'accord?

I hope Mrs Maude and you are in the best of health, and will remain throughout this new year.

With best wishes and greetings to all at the office

Yours sincerely

[signature]

c/o Bank of New South Wales
Suva
FIJI

Jan.16. 1950.

My Dear Maude

It was a real pleasure to get your letter, as you are a man for whom I have a high regard and respect, and furthermore I am sure that you are not a hypocrite, prevaricator, or frustrator, like so many government officials.

Some of the senior officials here, such as Judd, Gittins, Acland, Cole and a few more, I like very much, being always the same, and ready to help one, with courtesy and kindness. On the otherhand, there are men of the Bevington type, who deserve to have their bottoms well kicked every day, until their intolerance and arrogance is beaten out of them. They forget that they are the servants of the public, on whom they depend for their salaries, and that they must, like our good gentlemanly King, appreciate that we are all the same in the sight of God.

I am going to live in the LAU group, where there is only one other white man- Stockwell, as you no doubt know. The Government has leased to me the quarters of the D.C. at Lomaloma, and I think that I can find the peace there, which I found in the old days in Tahiti. I have lived a very lonely life in many parts of the world, the north west of Canada, the Malayan jungle, the Interior of China, and then later in Tahiti, and like the famous French juggler and dog trainer, I find that "The more I see of men, the more I like my dogs". Our so-called civilisation, and what it produces, seems to me to be nothing more or less than a monotonous subjection to the rackets of the money barons, who detest any individuality but their own, and expect everyone to subject themselves to the silly conventions and mass psychology for which they are responsible, the result being that there is no longer any liberty of free expression or thought. In Lomaloma I will be free, if I am only left alone, and I will help the native in any way I can.

I have read with interest your notes in your letter, and your article on the co-operative movement, and I venture to say that you had success in the G and E, on account of your own personality and keen interest in the welfare of the indigenous people, but how many others will you find like that. The most of the government officials, treat such jobs, as a means to earn a salary, leave, and an eventual pension, and have not a damned bit of interest in the people, and consequently never get their confidence or trust, and never really succeed in any project, beyond just a completion of their daily duties, and then retire to some club, where they are much more in their element, Blah Blahing and Haw Hawing to others of their ilk. There are many of them like that here, and God alone knows why they were ever allowed to undertake any kind of responsibility, or even qualify for the Service. Do you know Legge, one of the D O's here ? He is typical; foolish, devoid of character, personality, and no mental strength.

To come back to your letter, I would like to add a few more remarks touching the points you raised, and I venture to do so because I have had direct contact with the natives of the many countries

I worked in which, as a civil engineer, building railways and roads. I think that you will agree with me, that most of government officials depend absolutely for their knowledge of the people of the islands, on reports from D.O's or from native officials, who are afraid to say anything which might conflict with government rules and regulations, and the TRUTH never comes to light in most cases.

Referring to:-

Alcoholism which is not only the curse of the islands, but of most British countries. I do not agree with you entirely, that most of the abuse is due to lax enforcement of the law. Under the present legislation, the law will never prevent those coloured people, who have permits, from buying Rum, Whiskey etc, and sharing it with their friends who have not permits, or taking it back to their villages. Are you aware that many youths of colour in these islands, who are still at school, succeed in getting enough to drink from their friends who have permits? This is a fact. The only remedy I contend, is to stop entirely the importation of booze into the islands, except for medicinal purposes, or, and I HATE ANY FORM OF NATIONALISATION, is to have alcholic beverages, under importaion, distribution and control, by the government , as in my country of Canada, where there is very little public drinking. I am far from being a saint as you know, but it cuts me very deeply to see these fine islanders ruining themselves by drinking to excess-they cannot drink in mod eration like a decent white man- only to enrich the English exploiter.

Missions

I see your point, that government would never interfere with the activities of these creatures, who in a great many case, commercialise the teachings of Christ, and actually mock our good God. One can only hope that some thing will be done, as in Tonga, to further the power of indigenous churches. That is what the doctrine of "Human Rights" as approved by the U.N.O stands for, that of to worship the Almighty just as one pleases, irrespective of race or creed or colour. The islanders are now realising what hypocrites the missionaries are, and also the falsity of the teaching of the white man. I have talked to Derrick many times, who I think is a very worthy man, but very bigoted on the missionary question, for the simple reason that he blindly believes in their work, but has not the experience of seeing just how they work, how they fail, and what damned racketeers they are. It is just a very fine paying profession, and damned little to do, and the present day results are nil. All they want is MONEY for thei r own welfare, or their mission headquarters, which is the only end they strive for, a CREDIT BALANCE, and the greater that balance is the measure of their success. They never tell of their methods of extortio which I well know of.

Native Businesses

I think your co-operative schemes fill the bill in most cases, but I feel sure that a small loan to a tried native, and a man of some brain would be more effective in the small islands, where there are STILL white men, who are bleeding the natives, with MH or BP behind them. These latter are the curse of the islands, just as Whiteway Laidler, Hall&Holtz, Butterfield&Swire, Jardine Matheson, and others are the curse in other parts of the world.

To come to another point. May I criticise your Commission

without the least intention of giving offence. How many of your officers have actual experience of the native, understand their mentality, know their wishes, and have any interest, unlike yourself, beyond the attraction of their salaries. For example, take a man like Voelker. He was a fine soldier, but was only in Samoa for three years. What does he know really about the Samoan. I venture to say ,damn all. Just a job , that's all, and I am told that there are many like him. For that reason, I still contend, as I told you, that your Commission will achieve nothing of good for the native. They are not concerned with a lot of blarney, as to what they should do or not do, from a white man's point of view. They want their own form of government, and the profit which is derived from their country, and do not want to see the white man feathering his own nest, at the expense of the native, whilst having rammed down his throat the "colour bar".

You may think that I have a little axe to grind with the Commission? Ihave, a very small one. I applied for a position, and did not even receive the courtesy of a reply, and I am bold enough to say that I think I have more first hand knowledge of the islanders, in New Caledonia, Fiji, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and Les Establissements Francais de l'Oceanie than 75% of the men who are now working on the Commission. Furthermore my application was based on altruism, and love of the native, and not JUST A SALARY .

For example, Derrick tells me that he is going to Tahiti to report on, or investigate technical and vocational training. I can tell you before hand that there is neither, and furthermore, despite whatever the French members of the Commission may do to help him, he will find a resentment amongst the French population against a Britisher querying in the least way, or advising any policy of administration. Derrick speaks neither French nor Tahitian, and all he wil get on his visit to Tahiti will be a lot of official pleasantry, but he will never find the real wish of the Tahitian with regard to technical or vocational training, because he will be totally unable to contact them directly. The British Consul is also futile, and has only been in Tahiti for three years, and is only concerned in his own distractions, and pleasures. He is not a "career Consul".

I would like to write much more, because I think you may find some truth in my ramblings, but I will wait until I get settled in Lomaloma, when I will write to you again.

I wish you and yours, the very best of luck for 1950, and I I will repeat that I am writing candidly because you are a man after my own heart.

Alw ays sincerely

Jack Cummings

(J.Cummings)

Please write me when you have time

17 January
1950

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thankyou for kind enquiries about my health. I am better, though not back on a twelve hour daily basis. The humidity alone would make that difficult. I know it's been very hot in Sydney, but at least the over 100 days would have been fairly dry. Not that I've forgotten Sydney's general humidity.

I think I should tell you that I have come to the conclusion that Noumea is not for me much longer. I had thought, when Mr. Forsyth asked me if I would stay, that I could stick it out for a full year, that is, till the end of July. But I told him last week that I would like to get away at the end of March, or April at latest. I think I was moved largely by thought of the gloom of the Pentagon when all the people with whom I have contact go off to Fiji.

Also, Mrs. Forsyth leaves for Australia this weekend, and will be away some time, taking Katherine and Valerie. And Mrs. Hunt is going to N.Z. before the end of February and won't be back till after Fiji.

I'm not the most sociable of mortals, but the prospect is daunting.

He was sympathetic with my reasons, and very nice about it all. He wants me to try to find my successor, so I have written unofficially, with his approval, to Phyllis Brander Jones and to Taylor at the Trumbull.

If you happen to meet anyone suitable, please let me know.

Helen Sheils wrote just before Christmas from London - it was the first I knew of the tragedy of her mother's death, so delightful and so young a mother. She told me she had called you to know if your post was still open, and you had replied that matters were in train for the seconding of a New Guinea Officer.

She had the prospect of several congenial jobs, including one at

Makarere that appealed specially, but felt she must come back to her father. She was to sail by the Strathmore on January 5th.

John Ryan returned on Saturday and Alisa today. Also Marshall's assistant arrived today, and Baas Beckings a week or so ago.

By the way, though this is a personal note, may I include a reference to a book you may like to get for the office library. Our copy has just arrived. It is:—

Yates, Frank — Sampling methods for censuses and surveys. London, Charles Griffin, 1949. 24/-

It was written specially to meet the needs of the United Nations for the 1950 World Census of Agriculture etc., and should be very useful for all kinds of censuses and surveys.

I hope you won't be too sorely burdened between now and the time of going to Fiji, and I look forward to seeing you in Sydney when you return.

Very sincerely yours,

Ida Leeson.

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21 Jany 1950

Dear Harry,

this is just a note to advise you that I have used your name as a "reference" to support my meagre credentials.

I have some reason to believe that I may be offered a job with Mr Justice Reid's organisation - was asked to fill in a form which required the names of two "responsible" British citizens to whom reference might be made. I gave the names of Commander R.B.M. Long (ex Director of Naval Intelligence) and yours. I trust I have not been

too presumptuous in this and that you will be able to give me a clear bill if questioned as to my integrity.

In Canberra I saw most of the Heads of Departments but things there seemed very much in the air. Prof Copland was away in N.Z. I saw Maurice Brown who promised to go into ways & means concerning an appointment. He said he would seek the advice of Raymond Firth as well as write to Copland.

Here, I have met Murray Johnson & R Loades of the B.P.C. Bridges is also here & I hope to meet him soon. Blakie is away somewhere & will not return till next week. I shall also look up Chinnery.

I hope you will keep me

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in view of any worth while job in your organisation should chance to be within my capabilities.

I hope to return to Sydney at the end of the month & shall look forward to seeing you again. There are several things I should much like to discuss with you. My address, till Friday week will be C/o Bank of N.Z. Melbourne, thereafter, ditto, Sydney.

I have just had a batch of letters from Pops who sends her regards to you all.

Murray Johnston told me

That S. G. Clarke is living in Brisbane. Do you know his address?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Donald Kennedy

MONOWAI

Sydney - Auckland
27 July, 1950.

Dear Harry,

Many thanks for your letter in reply to mine. A slight change in my plans necessitates a short visit to N.Z. but I hope to return to Australia at an early date and to see you again in Sydney.

If anything is likely to eventuate concerning the pouring & building survey will you please write me

c/o Bank of New Zealand
Hastings,
which will be my quickest
forwarding address.

With kind regards,

Yrs.
Donald Kennedy

Waimarama Beach
Hastings. H.B.
27th Feb. 1950.

Dear Harry,

Your letter of the 5th Feb. has just come to hand. You would have received one from me written from the "Monowai. It acknowleged yours addressed to Melbourne and explained that a sudden change of plan had called me back temporarily to New Zealand.

I expect to return to Sydney in the near future and will have pleasure in looking you up.

The Commonwealth Department which I mentioned in my previous letter is asking for a further interview in Sydney. Prospects of a job with the National University do not seem bright at the moment. I had a letter from Maurice Brown advising that Firth does not think that things have "reached the stage when an actual appointment to their staff can be discussed" but asks for any manuscript notes I may have for the use of their staff members working in the Pacific. All I managed to recover from the debris of war would want a cryptographer with heaps of inspiration to interpret them. Furthermore, they are provocative, without explanation, and would be dynamite in the wrong hands, so I think they had better r.i.p.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Copy for H.E.M.

23rd January, 1950

Dr.K.L.Luomala,
Department of Anthropology,
University of Hawaii,
HONOLULU 14. T.H.

Dear Dr.Luomala,

Thank you ever so much for sending me a copy of the Pacific number of the "Journal of American Folklore", which arrived today.

I have not had time to read it as yet, being still at the office, but I can see from the contents that it is going to contain much of real interest to me.

I do hope that your timely note on "The Amateur Collector in Pacific Islands" will bear some fruit. I have a mind to reproduce it in one of our S.P.C. circulars; that is, unless you have any objection.

With best wishes for 1950.

Yours sincerely,

HEM.

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

30th January, 1950.

W.W.A. Miller, Esq.,
Administrative Officer,
Phoenix Islands District,
CANTON ISLAND.

My dear Miller,

I was sorry to miss you in Sydney on your way through from Melbourne. Dr. Rose told me about it but I was called away to Noumea and so could not get in touch.

May I offer you my double congratulations - firstly on your marriage, and secondly on your appointment to take charge of the Phoenix. You certainly had a fairly rotten spin in your early days of work for the Colony but I do hope that you will be happy now that you have a wife and a District of your own.

Personally I dont care for Canton too much but love the others; and as they are the most important from the administrative point of view I expect you will spend a good deal of your time on them.

You will remember that you asked me to obtain a transfer to Fiji for you, in view of your interest in the Indian peoples. Well, I kept on at it (even after my secondment to the Commission) until I was definitely informed by both Fiji and the High Commission that it was all approved and gone through.

This was not that I wanted you to leave the G. & E.I. Colony but because I felt you were not too happy there. I guess, however, that what with getting away from headquarters and marrying you are now quite content?

I am sending this letter by Dr. L.H. MacDaniels, Professor of Horticulture at Cornell University, who leaves here to spend a few weeks on Canton in connection with our coral island research project. He will make a preliminary botanical survey of the island as a prelude to the intensive work, which will be centered probably in the Gilberts.

MacDaniels will be able to tell you more about the project than I can. I really believe, however, that by the time it is finished it will prove of enormous benefit to the Colony by increasing fertility and productivity and breaking the coconut monoculture (which must be done quickly if the Colony is not to head for economic disaster).

Anyway, I should take it as a great favour if you would do what you can to help in Dr. MacDaniels' work by lending him some Gilbertese to show him the plant life, native names and dig for soil profiles and water. You will find him an extremely decent sort, easy to get on with and appreciative of everything done for him.

With best wishes for a happy and successful year in your new work.

Sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

Guernsey
Feb. 24 1950

My dear Harry.

I have just ~~be~~ read your letter to Mother as she could not read it at all. I managed it fairly satisfactorily. Mother is full of beans and seems very well indeed an full of energy. Dashing down to Town & back and here & there. This St Lawrence house is, to my mind, much better & handier. I think Mother thinks so too. Anyway to much easier to run. Mrs Wetherall is still here and quite fit again and seems quite happy. Sunday is Mother's worst day as it always tires her. Church in the morning. Then the B I meeting after lunch for about 2-2½ hours. The meeting, from outside, really at times sounds like a free fight for all. Everyone talking at once. They all enjoy themselves, especially Mother. Then church again in the evening. She even owns in evening that she is tired. I keep very quiet on the B I question as I'm afraid I can't quite believe every-

thing and mother cant understand anyone not believing everything. Something real is going to happen in 1953 so she tells me and that really may be so as we really are in a mess here. I stayed up till 4.30 am listening to the election results and went to bed quite despondent (as I think we really want a change) the Labour majority was about 60-70. Next day at about 4pm the majority was only 1 and then increased again & then went down & they have now an overall of 9 with five scottish to come in. The wireless said a moment ago that Attee was going to form a government. Everyone seems to think that if they had got a big majority the Bugt was going to give everyone a Shock. I wonder if this one will now as they will have to think about their majority & their "wild men". One paper says that seven Communist sympathisers have got in. They are not labelled as Communists but Labour. I sent Mother to bed at 11 pm but she came down twice to see how things were going. I dont know what

shall do but want to get a job of Birds. Anything would do. It gets rather boring doing nothing especially in the winter. I am going over to London on Monday to meet Doris and may fix up something then. Getting somewhere to live is the real problem. We haven't found Sq even heard of anywhere as yet. I'm not frightfully keen on Guernsey. Mother wants us to live here with her but I'm afraid Doris & she would get each others nerves. Doris & Mother are not as good as I am at disguising their thoughts and feelings. This being Saturday evening Mother is preparing her talk for tomorrow with reams of notes. It really keeps her mind at work and the amount she writes keeps her really busy. She is to give a talk at Castel Church some time soon which pleases her. She is a great Evangelist for the B.I.

Well the best of luck. Give my love to Honor and Clarie. I hear he has been doing great things at school and wants to be a vet. There are worse jobs. Your Walter.

First fold here

Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

13th March, 1950.

Dear Lowesa,

I am most contrite at not having answered your kind letter before. But, to be truthful, I had hoped that your feeling of despondency over your situation in the Commission (what you termed your "bad relapse") was only temporary and that I would hear later that things were progressing smoothly once more.

But perhaps I have been too optimistic this time and you have really decided to leave? What you say is, of course, very true. I do not think Emile or Mac are necessarily discontented with what, for want of better words, one might term secretariat control, though no doubt they are irritated from time to time by some of its effects on their work.

As for myself, over here in Sydney, I must say that it does not affect the social development section over much. My main worry now as always is lack of time and lack of clerical staff. Until I can be given sufficient clerical assistance to enable me to dictate all my letters and reports I shall continue to remain in constant arrears despite the 65-hour 7-day week.

I shall naturally support you whenever you want it, because you are my boss, you have always treated me fairly and squarely, because I like you personally and because I like working for you. I feel myself that the trouble is inherent in the Constitution of the Commission itself, which was apparently a compromise drawn up by two sides who could not agree whether the Secretary-General or the Deputy Chairman, in effect, was to run the show.

It seems to me, therefore, that only the Commissioners can resolve the difficulty which they have created and that the best thing is for Forsyth and yourself to place the points at issue before them for a ruling. Unless I am a bad prophet the decision will be, however, along the lines of the Secretary-General's contentions.

Cordially

Meanwhile, if you really decide to move on to a genuine research position elsewhere, I shall be personally very sorry and I do hope that you will refrain from doing anything of this nature until you have succeeded in obtaining the type of job which you would like. There is no hurry, is there, and you owe it to Daya and yourself to look after your own interests before taking any action?

I do hope to hear, however, that you are once again happy in your work and prepared to stay on (as you always said you would) at least till the end of the year.

I agreed with all in your Technical Assistance Report, which summed up the social development side successfully. My criticism of your criticism of my budgetary analysis would be, however, that it does not take into account the fact that only a small part of the allocation for the area will presumably be made to the Commission: most will go to the territories direct. But I doubt really if anyone will get anything.

You must be thinking the worst of me over not yet getting my report for the Research Council. I have nearly finished it but cannot just get the time to write the last few pages. This week, for sure, I promise it.

Honor sends her love to you both and I will be seeing you in a few weeks.

By writing so bad I typed it,

Yours ever,

SLR.

16-2-50

Dear Harry, I must say how glad I was to see you. It made me realize that, in my isolated position, one may easily run into a mental rut, repeating the same things over and over again. Your coming helped me to snap out of this. However, I am having a bad relapse now.

Mac told me yesterday that the Sec. Gen.' point of view had much to commend itself and while Smile is kind and polite I feel that he would also avoid a drastic (or what seems to him drastic) change. You, with your pacific mind (in more than one sense) will probably think along similar lines. Last night Hunt described the whole thing as "a personal affair" or, as "a clash between personalities". He is, of course, entirely on the administrative side. Now I have honestly tried to enter into a partnership with the S.G, but his statement, immediately following my offer, was that of complete supremacy of the Secretariat. Now, if this really is a question of personalities I think it most unfortunate if we would make the commission unpopular by internal disagreements.

As Hunt put it (he is sometimes wily) "how would you get along with Mande as S.G? would there be in that case any question about interpretation of the agreement"? (or words to that effect) I must say that this stumped me. Of course we would get along!

I think it better, therefore, to leave, in order not to spoil the whole thing. My health, and Daya's education are a sufficient excuse. I did not talk this over with anyone, but my only difficulty is "another job", because I have no money. As soon as I have located something, I will go. I am sorry Straatmans

is just here, but the other thing weighs heavier. I may have been a dead weight on the commission and the sooner this is removed the better. Dry a opposes all these plans, chiefly because she wants me to make this a success. But I feel that I cannot do much good here any more.

Please give my best regards to Hroom

as ever

L. B.B.

P.S. I did not entirely agree with your budgetary analysis in your preamble to the T.A. report. Herewith a tentative thing for your criticism.

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10-3-50

Dear Harry

After Forsyth's return, we had a long talk and I have decided to resign. I do not think there is a chance that the commissioners would accept my point of view, and I would not like, moreover, to start to make an exhibit. Even if I would win, the commissioners would always want an administrative, semi-diplomatic direction. In order to prevent all harm to the commission I resign because of my physical condition, which is not brilliant. The official letters to the commissioners have not been sent yet, I need another conference with Forsyth.

My getting acquainted with Honore and with you, Harry, has been one of the very few high spots in this very dreary year. I could get along with many people here too, I have a liking for the French, their weaknesses are apparent, but beneath all this there is something very fine. I have not been able to get any action, fire or enthousiasm out of Macmillan and I believe that my going will be a great relief to him. Emile is an independent man, and I believe that you and he are the only ones who will make the commission work. I assumed that science and administrators could actually enter into partnership. I have been mistaken. The administrators still look upon us as a kind of helotes, and I rather go to a place where I find more of my own kind. I know it is a fool's paradise, a University, but I have tried hard, the last ten years, to make the others understand, and I have made a mess of it. I think I will go somewhere to finish a

book, to a place where they can get some education.
I don't no where, but we will find out.

I asked to be relieved before the second meeting of the Research council as I cannot defend a programme which is, to my mind, like a patchwork-quilt.

It seems possible that Marsal will get part of his Research Institute. But he will have a hard time defending it. In a way I feel relieved. The houses, planned for us will not be ready within two years, and life at the cabin is primitive, to say the least, especially now the rains have started. With my best respects to Honour

Yours very sincerely

Lorenzo

Judges' Chambers,
Industrial Commission,
Sydney.

20th March, 1950.

H. E. Maude Esq.,
South Pacific Commission,
Box 4254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I was very pleased indeed to receive your letter of the 13th March, together with the four very interesting vernacular books. None of these was in my collection, hence I have pleasure in adding them. They are all important, too, because they represent translations of English classics.

I note that you have been very much pressed by the work of the Commission, and hope that in the future you may have some more leisure as a result of your organisation in business.

I am afraid that bibliography, particularly of vernacular books, will not appeal very much to the practical minds upon the Commission, but if the accumulation of printings goes on steadily, the material will be available whenever it becomes possible to undertake the work. I have been assisting Dr. Capell to some extent with vernacular works as he requires them.

Your information about the Rev. A.R. Tibbett of Fiji and his expert knowledge of Fiji literature interested me very much. I hope to get into touch with him later.

My wife and I will be very pleased to see Mrs. Maude and yourself when this can be arranged. You were fortunate in getting a flat at Double Bay, and when it suits you we would be able to visit you there. You would be very welcome here, but if we motor over to Double Bay this will give me an opportunity to see the books that you have been able to unpack so far.

I note that you have fixtures in New Zealand and Suva. Perhaps when you have returned from Suva and settled down again you may be able to give me a ring at home in the evening and arrange some date of meeting convenient to all parties.

Thanking you for your letter, and with best wishes to Mrs. Maude and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. Ferguson.

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

13th March, 1950.

Judge J.A. Ferguson,
81, Clanville Road,
ROSEVILLE,
N.S.W.

Dear Judge Ferguson,

I feel very ashamed at not having got into touch with you again, especially after the very kind letter you wrote to me; alas, ages ago. The reason was not lack of interest in your bibliographical work but the fact that the Commission handed me so much that I just could not keep my head above water, try as I did, so I had perforce to cut out everything not strictly germane to the projects and my other official duties. Week-ends are but a memory and I only got a single day off at Christmas.

However, I have now got an assistant and the staff is slightly increased, the work is only about two months in arrears, things are once again looking up and so I hope you will not mind my writing to you, despite the interval.

I put up a detailed scheme for a Bibliography of the South Pacific to the Fourth Session of the Commission in November: also one for a series of vernacular bibliographies: but they were both turned down on the grounds that they were of insufficient immediate practical importance. Our case was, I think, badly prepared and I will return to the charge at the next Research Council meeting in Sydney during August with a suggestion that we should at least sponsor a preliminary survey to investigate the possibility of preparing an exhaustive bibliography of the area, whether it would serve a sufficiently useful purpose, how the undertaking should be organised and

what it would cost (I estimate about £12,000). I shall also have a go at obtaining a few hundred pounds for vernacular bibliographies, to be expended in honoraria to recompense the authorities in each group who are willing to undertake the laborious work of compilation. When I was in Fiji last, I ascertained that the Rev. A.R. Tippett of Davuilevu was the present-day expert on Fijian literature and arranged with him to undertake the Fiji work if funds can eventually be found.

I am sending you a few more recent translations into Fijian to add to your collection, if indeed they are not already included in it. As far as I can make out they are:-

(i) Gulliver's Travels;

(ii) One of Rudyard Kipling's works;

(iii) King Solomon's Mines; and

(iv) Robinson Crusoe.

I am extremely interested in Ballon's bibliography of early vernacular publications in Hawaii, and the Marquisas, Marshalls and Carolines and wonder it it would be possible to get it published. I think I could arrange for publication provided the consent of the author (if he is alive) and others concerned could be obtained.

My wife and I have settled in Double Bay for the remainder of this year and I have unpacked a few of my books and papers, so am quite happy. None of those so far come to light are in a vernacular except some 30 to 40 books in Gilbertese which happened to be in a suitcase. A girl is coming twice a week to catalogue the South Seas works.

Perhaps we could meet you again some time in my flat, or your mansion. I am off to New Zealand next week but should have a week or two in Sydney before leaving for the South Pacific Conference in Suva, which, with the Commission session, will take about six weeks.

With renewed apologies for not having written before,

Yours sincerely,

H. E. Maude.

H. E. MAUDE.

Hotel Gosford
Gosford
21st July, 1949.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Your very full and interesting letter reached me just before we left for a few days vacation in this district.
As you are leaving for New Caledonia and Fiji on Sunday next I should like you to receive these few lines of appreciation of your kindness before you leave.
I am impressed by the soundness of your arguments regarding a general bibliography of native linguistic books, and the fact that the Commission would be unlikely to favour or support such a scheme because of its non-utilitarian aspect. My efforts should, I think, be restricted to making my collection as complete as may be and perhaps preparing lists for a limited area. I shall, therefore, make no suggestion to the Commission nor seek any countenance or support from it.
Hawaii, Marquesas, Marshalls & Carolines have been covered through all the early period by a very careful list compiled with the aid of the libraries in Hawaii & U.S.A. generally & the mission societies operating in those areas. The author was Ballou - it exists only in type-script and I possess a copy.

The area needing like treatment is the Western Pacific: Fiji; Rotuma; Samoa; Niue; Gilbert & Ellice; Rarotonga; Tahiti; Tonga; Solomons; Nauru; Papua & New Guinea; New Hebrides.

Dr. Capell will cover the field in a general way by referring shortly to existing literature in each language in each group. I hope to finish the New Hebrides shortly in conformity with the general plan of Part III. Whether I shall attempt anything after that I do not know but I shall be glad to have your advice in regard to any more extended plan and your cooperation so kindly offered. Perhaps when you return from your present trip we can discuss future projects more fully. Please watch for any linguistic books and obtain a copy for me as well if possible.

Many thanks for the Catalogue, which I find most interesting and shall return later. Also for the periodical in the vernacular, which I am very glad to have. I shall write for earlier issues. I am in touch with Dr. Capell and hope to be able to help him. Mrs. Ferguson and I will be very glad to see Mrs. Maude and yourself on your return.

With best wishes for your travelling,

Yours sincerely

J.A. Ferguson.

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

23rd March, 1950.

W.W. A. Miller, Esq.,
British Administrative Officer,
Canton Island,
Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony,
Central Pacific.

My dear Miller,

I was very glad indeed to get your interesting letter the other day, with all the news of the Phoenix. Your accounts of your experiences and troubles at Orona took me right back to the days when I was a District Officer. I can honestly say they were, despite the trials, the happiest days of my life and it is my great regret that one can never return (or so I am assured).

I have naturally always had a soft spot for the Phoenix, as one feels in a sense the founder of the place. I wonder if my old reports are still on file at Canton: If not I could probably let you have copies in time. Also the printed memorandum on the colonization of the Phoenix Islands which contains the blueprints of the original settlement scheme, and my later paper with the same name (read to the Fiji Society of Science and Industry), which gives the early history.

What a thrill it would be to return to the group and see the people who came with me on the first schooner trip: I suppose they are all old and decrepit now. I should rather dread the official welcome, though, being, as you know, a retiring sort of person. Last time I met some of the original colonists, they cried with emotion: and blow me if I did'nt cry too, which was all rather ridiculous.

We were sorry to miss you in Sydney but no doubt you will be back here on leave and we can forgather. I presume Dr. MacDaniels intends to go back to Canton for a longer spell and I have no doubt he will be grateful for any help you can give him. Actually he is a very decent sort, and easy to get on with.

I suppose Tamton you refer to as Chief Kaubure of Orona is the husband of Nei Manen and formerly of Teteirio on Beru. If so they were both very close friends of ours in the old days.

I am sending you:-

(1) the report of the Third Session of the Commission (the latest to be printed)

(2) the report of the Social Development Committee to the First Meeting of the Research Council (the Second Meeting is in August);

(3) my report on Technical Assistance; and

(4) the latest Progress Report;

and will keep you in mind if anything interesting should get published by us.

At the moment I am working hard on preparations for the South Pacific Conference and on proposals for mass literacy work and the provision of literature, which I hope may be agreed to by the Research Council. It is very different living in Sydney from the islands, but I cannot say I ever exactly took to Bairiki. I agree entirely with you that life in the Districts is fun - you can run your own show and there is little interference - but life at Colony Headquarters is really an ordeal. One is out of touch with the people and an unmixed diet of small talk can be very indigestible. I will send you a telegram if and when I pass through Canton: Maybe I could stay off for a couple of days, if you can put me up. This is taking advantage of your kind offer of assistance with a vengeance.

Meanwhile, all the best from my wife and myself, and if you see the redoutable Admiral Miller give him our respectful salutations. He has certainly stuck to his 60 footer like a Trojan.

Yours sincerely,

H.L.K.

Canton Island,
11th February 1950.

Dear Mr Maude,

I was very pleased to receive your letter at the end of last week and I thank you for your good wishes to my wife and myself. Two days after my arrival here Doctor MacDaniels came along to the house on the evening prior to his departure; at that time I had not received your letter. At the time he merely outlined your coral island research project and asked if I could aid him in obtaining well-water samples, this I did for him the next morning but it was a pity that we were not aware of each others presence on the island before. I informed him that I would be very pleased to aid in any project of this nature and hoped to have more about any details and requirements in due course. When I found out from Doc Rose that you were not in Sydney, I was very disappointed as I was looking forward to meeting you again; I asked your phone number on a slip of paper and intended passing Mr Maude, but when I returned to our hotel I couldn't find it anywhere

This appointment came as a surprise to me as I was scheduled to proceed to the Ellice Group on my return from leave, it appears that MacGregor who was on his second appointment to this District asked for a

transfer to the Ellice as an earnest endeavour to gain more useful experience in his career in the Service, and in consequence of Tarawa's approval of this. I was posted here towards the end of December.

From what opinions I have been able to form in my short time here, I believe that I shall enjoy my work in the District and I feel that I shall now be able to get my teeth into something tangible as opposed to my assignments at Tarawa where as the Secretariat Cadet, I was a sort of "head cook and bottle washer"! As to Tarawa itself, I am glad to be away from it; I believe that I am speaking for the majority of the residents there (and more so for the natives), when I say that your presence is indeed missed. The saying, which in effect states that a person's worth is not entirely appreciated until he departs has to my mind, a wealth of application in this instance.

I am very grateful to you for your efforts in fostering my application for a transfer to Fiji; the transfer was approved last March subject to a replacement being provided on appointment from the Colonial Office.

Up to October last no such replacement had appeared on the horizon and in posting me to the Phoenix I was informed that my transfer to Fiji had been indefinitely postponed, which in official jargon means that "I have all but had it"!

For the present I intend to let the issue ride but have "B.V'd" for future reference should it appear

expedient for me to dig it up in the future.

Last Wednesday ~~week~~ I departed on the "Margaret" on a preliminary visit to Maara and Orona but we hit a very unfriendly sea about 15 miles out and after being rolled, pitched and tossed for 3 hours in a heavy sharp swell, Rusty Miller advised returning as we were in for a bad beating; it took us more than 6 hours to retrace our steps.

The "Margaret" has been here since December the 23rd and Mackenzie has been able to effect some very effective towing since then with particular reference to lands problems. Since Wednesday we have been watching the weather and have decided to make another attempt tomorrow morning. The Weather Bureau men here state that the climatic conditions around here over the last 6 months have not been in any way normal, we need rain badly (18" in the Station cistern), short showers have fallen on three nights of this week and we are hopeful that ~~if~~ they foretell of more rain on the way.

Yesterday just to make things more interesting, our Clerk, Stubbornness Teroni (a good worker) went down with an appendicitis and with the help of Pennie Medical Technician I took him across to the Airfield yesterday afternoon and placed him aboard the Southbound C.P.A. Aircraft. One of the Lesters was a travel nurse and he would have had a good trip down; we are now awaiting a telegram from Lautoka Hospital as to his condition.

This occurrence has left us without a clerk in the middle of our handing-over, I have asked for a temporary replacement per the "Nimrod" due here around the 20th from Tarawa (she will be taking Mac and his wife to Funafuti); in the meantime Betty (my wife) who can type, and Tai-Tai, the Postmaster are attempting to fill the breach.

18th February.

Please excuse the break in this letter, the weather realised a change for the better on the evening of the 11th and we decided to make our departure at 8 a.m. on the 12th; in consequence I had to organise the travelling files here and my work in a few hours.

We arrived at Arora at 0700 hrs on the 13th and I proceeded ashore with Aroa (Gallagher's late servant and now Hardinghi's Loreman at Canton) who acted as interpreter for me during the tour. The atmosphere ashore was somewhat explosive, troubles exaggerated for my benefit, being the "new boy".

It appears that an overwhelming proportion of the population including the N.G. were ~~anti~~ against Tore continuing as N.M.; he had been brought across from Manra in 1945 in order to discipline the island; the island improved but Tore's strutting tactics did not come off and in consequence my three predecessors were on several occasions asked to case the results of his

engine or to tone down his brothers, but apparently little of a positive nature occurred. Mackenzie had spoken to me about the situation, so I was not unprepared for an interesting session on the subject. The net result has been that I have returned Tone to his home island (Maua), his hands could do with his presence there and he himself appeared relieved to have a rest. I shall find him another assignment as he has undoubted capabilities. The acting A.M. at Ocean is now Taunton (the former C.K.). He appears to have little go left in him as he is getting on in years and I shall probably have to make further changes on my return to Ocean in April, but I consider the present arrangement will suffice in the meantime and until I have a better knowledge of the respective capabilities of the N.G. officials on the three islands. The peoples of Ocean and Nauru were very interested to hear that I had heard from you and asked me to let you know that they will always remember you and pray for your continued success. The Banaba particularly requested that if you should find it possible to visit the District that I inform them in order that they could give you a real Gilbertese welcome. I, myself would welcome such an occasion very gladly indeed, as I know how much the Phoenix Group meant to you and to Mrs Maude.

We arrived back here at Cuatro yesterday. I only wish the tour could have been longer but with a goodly proportion of the trading-over to complete and the approaching arrival of the "Niagara", this was not possible.

The "Vaguest" is due to return from the Line Islands at the beginning of April, and I hope to be able to use her before she returns to Tarawa.

Tibowing was operated on a few hours after his arrival at Nadi and is making a good recovery; we hope to see him back in about 10 days.

Yesterday, four cases of ~~mea~~ measles (two on the Govt. Station) were diagnosed; I have had the Doctor paint the throats of all the Staff and their dependants here with mercurochrome in an attempt to lessen any spreading of the disease and hope we do not have an epidemic as this would not be exactly helpful, at particularly at this time.

If I can be of any assistance to you either officially or unofficially, please do not hesitate to ask.

There is one request that I would like to make if it possible to meet it without inconvenience to yourself and possibly ~~x~~ not across "proper channels." Whilst at Tarawa, I read with great interest the publications which the South Pacific Commission issued in relation to their programme and preliminary conferences; normally such information takes months to circulate through the Districts in the Colony and I would be grateful if any available

space requires could find their way directly here, as the information contained in them will be, I am sure of great usefulness in the pursuance of our common effort.

In conclusion, I would like to wish Mrs Maude and yourself all the very best in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

William Miller.

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

23rd March, 1950.

P.B. Laxton, Esq.,
OCEAN ISLAND,
Central Pacific.

My dear Laxton,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your article on Nikumaroro. I should have done so before but have been working on the next year's Research Programme.

Honor and I have both read through your article and consider it excellent. As for me, it really took me back to those early days on Gardner and made me quite sentimental.

Whether J.P.S. will publish it I am doubtful as they usually confine themselves to anthropological or historical studies couched in more scientific terminology. Yours is a vivid picture of the island and its inhabitants and would, I should think, be suitable for "Walkabout", the Australian Geographical Journal, or possibly "The New Zealand Geographer". If J.P.S. will not take it, would you like me to get in touch with either of these publications? Like most of the semi-popular press, however, they like some photographic illustrations: have you any? If not I think I have some taken on Nikumaroro which they could use.

Sorry the High Commission were difficult about your application to join the South Pacific Commission on secondment. Anyway I consider you did well not to resign

from the Colonial Service, certainly not for a job on the Commission which would, I feel, be a very temporary position (say 2 or 3 years at the outside).

Dr. Rose tells me that you are now District Officer on Ocean Island so I am addressing this letter to you there in the hopes that it will reach you. I wish you the best of luck in your new sphere, though I must admit that I can think of better districts.

I do hope that you will get "Nikumaroro" into print without difficulty. Let me know should you want me to have a try with Australian or New Zealand publications, and in particular "Walkabout" or the "New Zealand Geographer".

Yours sincerely,

H.E.M.

Flat No 1, Awaroa Road,
Henderson.
12th January 1950
(also c/o Burns Philps, Auckland)

My dear Maude,

Very many thanks indeed for your kind letter of the 24th November; I appreciate very much the trouble to which you have gone and the kindness shown me.

The result does not measure up to it, I fear. I concocted an application, sending a copy privately to Ryan, telling him that I was asking whether I could forward one officially, and at the same time asked W.P.H.C. I had already reached New Zealand, and could not therefore discuss it all, but Dobbs wrote me a nice letter, with plenty of chocolate coating, but containing the pill, viz: that if I were successful and took up the appointment my confirmation in the Colonial Service would not be forthcoming. If I were already confirmed, and had to resign on accepting the South Pacific Commission job I might even face it, but to leave unconfirmed, especially after the bout with Cartland, would be a slur: certainly I feel Cartland would advertise it as such. I therefore replied regretting the trouble, and asking for the application to be put into cold storage. A pity in many ways, but at least I go back to the Gilberts, and look forward, during the next three years, to consolidating my present hapharzard knowledge, mastering the language and inter alia establishing my position in the service and saving a little money.

I have taken up your kind and encouraging suggestion that I should attempt an article based on my report, and enclose the result. It is unscientific and popular in tone. Deliberately so, as I have aimed ambitiously and tried to write a vivid picture of the living people. I

have sent it to the Journal of the Polynesian Society, addressed to C.R.H.Taylor, the Hon Secretary, explaining the aim. I also asked if I could join the Society and took the liberty of mentioning your name, and also asked for the return of the article if not required, since "Corona" might be interested, or perhaps "Man" of Australia, horrible publication though it is. I enclose a carbon in case you may be interested. It hasn't been submitted for official approval, and I've told the Journal that they cannot therefore mention my status in the service or otherwise indicate that it is other than purely private. Hence, incidentally, the somewhat effusive praise of our mutual friend on page eight and nine, for anything more unscientific than his obstinate prejudice I cannot imagine. However.

My leave is up on January 31st or so, but I hope to persuade Phosphate to organise a passage for us via Ocean and if they do so it might avoid the prompt return to Suva and long expensive wait there, and I might also get some waiting time. Our other two children join us leaving England February ninth, so I hope to travel up together if possible without having to take unpaid leave. As I understand that you are likely to come to New Zealand we may hope for the pleasure of paying our respects to you and your wife before we go.

Our very best wishes for the New Year, and many to follow, and again my heartfelt thanks for your kind help and interest.

Yours very sincerely,

Paul B. Laxton

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

23rd March, 1950.

D.C. Cartland, Esq.,
Tarawa Island
via Ocean Island,
Central Pacific.

My dear Cartland,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 16th January and a copy of your instructions to Lands Commissioners on the procedure for conducting lands settlements work. I found them most interesting and it brought back vividly my early days of trial and error on Ocean Island and Tamana. I wonder that has happened to the Ocean Island records?

I am glad that it has been found possible to retain so much of the old system, though I recognise the many salutary improvements which you have been able to devise. In particular, I appreciated the excellent advice in the last paragraph (24). Much patience is certainly required of a Lands Commissioner and it is not all who have the necessary temperament.

It must be heartening to know that you are now on the last lap of the Lands Commission. Tabiteuea will be a real tester, and possibly Nonouti, but Nikunau and the South should cause no trouble.

I sympathise with you very much over your feelings about Bairiki. I was never happy cooped up on that dismal sandbank and I do not believe that isolation from the outside world and forced propinquity to each other will ever produce a happy station. If we could have only lived on the outer islands, as you ~~have~~, nothing would have dragged us away from the Colony until retirement.

Here life is just as different as can be, but it has its compensations. We have a nice flat at Double Bay: the only top story flat in Sydney with its private rose garden on a terrace reached by a little bridge from my office. One way and another, I suppose it is good for one to have a year or two of city life and a temperate climate in the middle of one's service. I hope you will come and look us up when you are next down on leave: which cannot be far off now?

I hope you are wrong about a European representing the Gilberts at the South Pacific Conference. When even New Guinea can find a team of 8 natives to represent them, it is going to look a bad advertisement for the Empire if we are the only ones who cannot find a native sufficiently intelligent to say a few words (if necessary in his own language).

If you ever bring any land codes out I would be most grateful for these: I see from paragraph 19 of your instructions that you have issued directions regarding the formation of codes.

I am off to Fiji next month for the Conference, and after that should really go visiting some of the territories. Unfortunately there is so much writing work attached to this job that it is hard to get away from Sydney.

I do hope that you will like Tamana. Some do not, but I must admit that I had a marvellous time there and have a great affection for the people. Remember me to my Tibu there, a girl by the name of Takenateiti: by now, I suppose, quite grown up. She was only 11 when I adopted her.

With kind regards to you both and our best wishes for a successful completion of your work in the Colony,

Yours sincerely,

H.E.M.

Tarawa,
via Ocean Island,
Western Pacific.

16th Jan. 1950.

Dear Mr Maude,

I am sending you a copy of some instructions which I recently wrote for Lands Commissioners since they outline the procedure now being used in effecting lands settlements and I thought it might be of interest to you. It has been arrived at by a process of trial and error and has to be adapted to local variations from the norm, but on the whole it is found to work pretty well. We are making fairly satisfactory progress, the main hold-up being staff shortage, of course. Last year the duty strength averaged 2.7 (including myself) and in no year have we touched 3 yet. The rehab programme as regards replanting of trees was completed by Roberts (P.G.) who put in some very hard work in supervising the checking of 360,530 replantings, 205,155 being passed for payment, and paying out £75,260. He was also able to wind up the war rents by making the outstanding payments and getting all the over-payments refunded. Townsend settled Kuria and Aranuka between May and August (the preliminary lands lsiting having been done in '48) and the appeals from all the three central islands have been heard. T. began the settlement of Beru in October and expects to complete it in about April. I have instructed him on no account to upset any of the judgments which you gave when you started the settlements since we are trying to instil into the islanders the idea that the Commission's judgments are irrevocable. I have got the Lands Courts of Abaiang and Marakei busy hearing the cases which have accumulated since Grimble settled them and also the lands have been listed throughout their length and we corrected duplications and omissions which occurred under the former method of listing landowners and then their lands. In October I started the settlement of Maiana but had to return in December for end of the year

office work (the financial year now also ends on 31st Dec.). I am off again tomorrow and expect to wind it up in mid-March. It was made somewhat tricky by the large number of absentees. Over 400 persons, excluding babies but including adult relatives of litigants, visited Miana for the settlement. I just succeeded in hearing all their cases before coming away and we managed to get them all home to their islands during the month. Later on, in about May, I'm going to Tamana to prepare a Lands Register from your records and hear such cases as have accumulated since you were there. Townsend goes on to Nonouti after Beru and Roberts is going to Arorae when he returns from leave in July. Lake is due back at about the same time but it is not certain that he will be coming back into the Commission. If he does he will be going to Onotoa. Townsend will be just about due for leave when he is through with Nonouti. Laxton parted company with the Commission rather abruptly last August. He deliberately disregarded my precise instructions over various matters and I took him to task. I rather think his Suva sojurn unbalanced him - acting in high posts and laying down the law to us poor mortals up here - but he is a hard worker and has considerable ability and resource and if this incident has restored his sense of proportion he should do well.

Bairiki is not altogether a happy station nowadays. It has become somewhat cliquish and we are glad that the job takes us away on tour for much of the time. An extraordinary circular ticking off a number of people who had not signed the Residency book and making sarcastic reference to their social standing seems to have started the rot. Jimmy Cooke has resigned, Doc Rose is not coming back and others have put in for transfers. I suppose it will blow over in time.

Turbott and Penitala have been chosen to represent the Colony at the conference in April. Turbott is still acting for Alexander and he is going down to Maiana with me tomorrow since I had found that the Tangitang had got themselves rather unpopular there and I advised that he should look into various allegations.

I hope your family are well.

Our kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Cartland.

Dear Hem.

The Secretariat,
St. Johns,
Antigua,
Leeward Islands.
6th April, 1950.

This letter is being typed on a typewriter of extremely ancient vintage, with an extremely worn ribbon so I only hope the results will be reasonably legible. Thank you very much for your (for you) extremely long letter of the 14th January. I feel very honoured indeed but its probably Honor I should thank as she probably made you write it. I am sorry I have not answered it earlier but you will see from what follows later in this letter that private letter writing is not easy at the best of times here and the circumstances are not propitious at the moment. The Antigua Trades and Labour Union has called a strike on the waterfront and threaten if the firm with whom they have the dispute does not sack a man because the man, a unionist, was rude to the President of the Union, they will call out all the workers in the sugar factory, on the sugar estates and on the cotton estates - in fact there'll be a bloody riot probably! Oh dear, it does make one hanker for the good old days when one squatted in a babai pit and hoped to grab a babai slasher by the leg, or hoisted Tiriata on the roof of the local gaol. It would not be so bad but H.E. has ratted and on the day the strike was declared popped off to Montserrat for 18 days holiday, leaving me as Governor's Deputy to hold what may be a very bloody baby. Anyway, to hell with them, this letter will take my mind off it for a while.

I had hoped that you of all people might have understood my reasons for taking this bloody job on. Stop looking into your sanguinary crystal and talking absolute rubbish. I am not interested in a damned Governorship with all the trimmings, except I frankly admit it would give me a hell of a thrill to get one - and one only- namely Fiji and the W.P.H.C. All I am interested in is doing a good job, having an interesting one and having a salary on which I can bring up and educate the brats. The last point is of course the major one. One other consideration of course and that is being in a reasonably healthy place or being where the medical facilities are excellent. Surely my refusal of the two Resident Commissionerships, the A & C Tonga and the C.S. W,P,H,C, (the latter mainly on health grounds as Grantham would promise no staff) indicate that I am reasonably truthful in the matter. I have not decided, as your bloody crystal ball tells you, "to indulge, for various reasons, in a career in the Colonial Service." I wanted a job with a bit more money and the only way it seemed possible to get it was to go outside the Pacific. I did not reckon that I would have to accept a job at less - £135 a year less - than I was getting in Fiji. I agree with what you say about my becoming C.S. Fiji after having been A,C,S, but as you know the C.O. do the craziest things at times and Fiji is far away from London. As for Sir Bloody Freeston, you should hear what they think of him here. They practically spit when you mention his name and they reckon he was the meanest, stingiest, most inefficient Governor they've ever had. Some of the newspaper cuttings on him would make you laugh like hell.

My Lord, its a good job the U.K. taxpayer or his M.P. has not yet caught up with the racket that the S.P.C. appears to be. The Caribbean Commission is older and that still goes on wasting money like water. But I must say you do yourself very proud with your house and your staff.

Now for some news of this place. We have been here about 11 weeks. It is, the words of the hymn adequately express it, a place "where every prospect pleases and only man is vile". That really is a very true description. The island some 100 ~~miles~~ square miles is low, and hilly in parts, rising to some 1000 feet. All is covered with either sugar cane or cotton - even many of the lower hills. There are very many lovely little bays and beaches and the bathing is as fine as I have struck anywhere. The water too is tolerably cool so that a bathe refreshes one, and one does not emerge from the water feeling exhausted as in Fiji. The island is full of history and ruins of old forts simply abound. It must have been one of the most heavily fortified areas in the world at the time of the Napoleonic wars. As you probably know Nelson was based here and docked his ships here. Alas the dockyard is falling into rack and ruin and this poverty stricken administration can do nothing about it, nor will the Admiralty or anywhere or anyone else who has been approached. The climate is really superb; rather like a very hot English summer. At night the temperature has frequently

(new ribbon!)

fallen to 60 degrees. It would be hard to find a healthier place in the tropics I should think. Unfortunately it is subject to periodic droughts which is rather tiresome since then the sugar cane and cotton on which this island wholly depend are then ruined and things become very difficult. Anyway, from a health point of view, I have scored enormously by leaving Fiji and coming here. One feels more consistently fitter.

Now for the noble Earl - and you had better burn this letter after you have read it. He is the queerest mixture of anyone I have ever struck. He is a mixture of good and bad - and quite unpredictable. I do not deny that he has his bad points, but it is a pity that the only news and rumours one hears of him are to his disadvantage. He has his good points too, but those are never publicized. I would try and sum him up by saying that at heart he is a rebel, but that he is not quite convinced of the righteousness of his cause. This is turn makes him have a slight inferiority complex and the inevitable defence mechanism that goes with such a complex. The result is he expects people to criticise him but usually prefers to get in first by being rude to them. When he came out here he behaved I gather like a complete boor and very disgracefully. I wish I had been there then for I think I could have saved him making such an ass of himself. Certainly he did and wrote things that no self-respecting Colonial Secretary should have allowed him to do or write. It is rather tragic. He would never have been any good as a Governor but he would not have been a really bad one.

Before we arrived we heard that he had a peculiarly anti-feminist complex (rather like Wernham about female Kaubure!). I therefore decided just how we would deal with him. I told Delia that she was on no account to show surprise or shock at anything he did or said. For two days he needled her by telling stories and making remarks that are not usually made in a Government House. As instructed, Delia merely hooted with laughter when he told such a story, which completely nonplussed the noble Earl and after two days he dropped this line and has never reverted to it. Doubtless he must think that Delia's mind is a veritable cesspit for enjoying his stories so hugely, but it has been well worth it.

We stayed at Government House with him for five days when we arrived. When we walked in he had a coat on which rather surprised me and - believe it or not - a Macdonald tartan tie! Apparently his clan is somehow distantly related to ours. I was so startled I did not comment at the time. Some days later at a dinner on H.M.S. "Glasgow," he leant over to Delia and asked her why she had not commented on his tie. She said she felt she could hardly comment on it the moment she met him. His reply was she must have heard so many scurrilous stories about him that she should have treated him as an old acquaintance and said what she liked.

We were somewhat alarmed as to how he might react to the twins. We need not have worried. He has a very deep love of children. One day I returned to Government House from the office about 4.30 p.m. and on entering the lounge found all the cushions had been stripped off the chairs and amid some 40 cushions were H.E. and the twins on hands and knees building houses!

That is one of his good traits. Another is his great generosity. He is at present educating about 12 West Indian lads whose parents cannot afford it. Again, our Police Band is very poor. The other day the Barbados Bandmaster, who is excellent, came up here for three weeks to train and teach them. All the expenses were met from H.E's pocket. It is true of course that he is well off but not everyone who is well off spends their money like he does.

Another curious trait is his real love of music, classical or otherwise. He plays the piano tolerably well and loves a "sing-song".

He has only one real passion though and that is politics. When the U.K. elections were on recently he would not see me for two days he was so busy listening to the results and analysing them. There is no doubt that his real home is the hustings. He loves to make speeches, and self-publicity is meat and drink to him. If ever he gets home and into the House of Lords, whoever may be Colonial Secretary had better look out for squalls.

As a Governor he is a complete washout alas. He feels very keenly the poverty of these places for which many of us see no real solution. He hates the Colonial Development and Welfare Organization feeling that instead of paying all their so called experts, the money should be handed over to the islands to spend. I think he is partly right in this.

His office hours are - believe it or not - 10.30 - 11.43 a.m. the latter because it takes him two minutes to get from his office to the lounge and he has to be lifting his first pink gin sharp at 11.45 a.m. (I may here say that the morning we arrived I kept step with him before lunch and had seven pink gins - and huge ones they were, no sissy drinks. It damned nearly made me tight but I survived and I think I went up in his estimation for it). He then resumes work about 4 p.m. until possibly 5 p.m. It is both laughable and pathetic. He has very little interest in anything save constitutional reform and staff matters. I sent him up five files the other day and he spoke to me quite severely the next morning - and meant it too. As a result I only usually send him up things that he has to sign and deal with everything else by saving telegram. (A curious sidelight on his love of self-publicity - any savingram that has been faired that I submit to him he signs "Baldwin of Bewdley". He simply cannot resist doing so though I have told him it is quite unnecessary). To all intents and purposes though I am the ruddy Governor.

But he is such an unpredicatable cuss. He'll have some Trade Unionist or journalist in for a chat - for he is most hospitable - make some frightful faux pas quite unintentionally which I will discover a week later by chance and then have to spend some days trying to get him out of the mess. Files are anathema to him anyway.

He never does any original work himself and the longest minute or comment he has ever written was this (normally he merely puts "Approved" or "Seen" "B of B") . A telegram came to him the other day from the Comptroller saying that his Social Welfare Adviser, one Miss Ibberson, a formidable old lady of 60, proposed to visit here between certain dates and asking H.E. if it was convenient. When the telegram came down to me it had written on it by H.E. "C.S. Please reply immediately en clair as follows - 'I regard her visit as a sheer waste of time and money' B of B". From what I have seen on the files, my predecessors would have sent this. I waited three days and then took it to him and said that I thought he was being a bit dogmatic. He roared with laughter and told me to send it in polite language although he adhered to his written opinion. If you deal with him in the right way, he's easy to manage and I cannot think why my predecessors and others did not take a little trouble with him. We all get on swimmingly with the old boy and never have any difference of opinion.

Myoffice consists of myself, a West Indian Assistant Colonial Secretary who is both lazy and useless and was appointed because he was a great buddy of his predecessor's, 3 West Indian typists of very poor calibre and two registry clerks, also West Indians. And yet despite this we have sent over 200 saving telegrams to the S.S. since I arrived. The work is hopelessly in arrears; I have recently been answering things sent out in early 1948! But the office machinery is beginning to hum and we are slowly shifting into top gear. But I personally have to average over 10 hours a day to do it. My best day was 15½ hours. I have always worked pretty hard but the jobs I had before were a sinecure compared to this, which is not unlike that of W.P.H.C. C.S. except that I have no F.S. (I have to do all the Estimates) nor a host of competent Assistant Secretaries. I'll have earned my next move if and when it does come.

I have not seen Ronald Garvey yet - poor devil he has been having the hell of a time in B.H. and all because the bloodyU.K. Usury would not let him devalue when everyone else did.

Well, I really must close now as I'm tired. My love to Honor and Alaric and to you, Sir, my most respectful regards even though you seem to be engaged in one of the biggest rackets running today. It will be a great day when we meet again though and I sincerely hope for your sake it is not in the West Indies. Lets make it Bora Bora or Beru.

Mac.

P.S. Don't forget to consign this missive to the flames.

12th April 1950.

The Berley Hotel
Dickens St.
St. Kilda
Melbourne.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for writing such a long, informative and helpful letter.

I'm sorry about the survey job. Had it got no further than Mr. Surridge's letter I should not have been surprised and I should have reconciled myself more easily to 'not being wanted' rather than to 'not being released' for the work. Of course I don't know what has been going on in the Gilberts for the last 12 months, and I feel that the WPHC have every right to expect me to get cracking and do some work after they allowed me to do this study tour especially for my ~~the~~ job. However I could not hold back a burning desire to do that survey as soon as I heard that Mr. Surridge thought I could do it. My keenness gave me a faint hope that the WPHC might allow a mere 6 months release after I had been back on the job for 6 months or so. I think the WPHC refusal was to be expected, whatever their actual reasons may be, but now that I know that you also thought I could have done the job, I naturally feel disappointed. I hope you get a good man for the job.

Your comments on the subject of 'career' certainly hit the nail right on the head. I think I am probably exaggerating in my own mind the danger that I

may be transferred to another colony to become assistant to some District Administrator's assistant. My recent experience in Cyprus and Ceylon, gained since my first letter to you, has confirmed my growing suspicion that it is not only the Gilberts and the Gilbertese and my work there that I enjoy, but also that it is a type of work which I should enjoy anywhere. I think I have now reached the stage you mention and will probably do my best to stick to work on cooperative development lines as I think that even in later years I shall prefer it to straight administration. Under the circumstances, I was delighted with the remarks in the second part of your letter and it helped to push into the background the disappointment of the first half.

As you rightly say we have the children's welfare and education to consider for a few years when we are agreeing what to do and where to do it, but I hope this will not loom too large as a difficulty.

I presume ⊕ Alarie is still schooling in New Zealand. I hope he gets a glimpse of his father now and again.

Thank you again for your letter and good wishes. The latter are warmly reciprocated by Rona and myself to yourself and Mrs Maude.

yours sincerely

W. G. Alexander

⊕ The insertion inner of his name was in order that I might obtain a second opinion from Rona on the spelling.

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BW 7606

Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

14th April, 1950.

W.G. Alexander, Esq., M.B.E.,
The Berley Hotel,
Dicken Street, St. Kilda,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Alexander,

Thanks for your letter of the 1st April. I hope that you will by now have got mine of the 4th, explaining how the High Commissioner would not approve your joining us on secondment. Possibly he is right and I must learn to take such knockbacks in a christian spirit.

I see that you are staying at the Barley, where Honor and I always put up when in Melbourne: we were there last in November.

I was very glad to hear your plans for a co-operative central bank. It is just what I wanted and it was only because there seemed no way of getting it (not having the technical know how) that I compromised on a Government's Savings Bank. As you say, it is (or was) a spiritless show, run without vision or enterprise, and will never do any good so long as it is a routine Government department where service and enthusiasm are at a discount. I do really wish you the best of luck and were I Resident Commissioner I would back your idea to the limit.

You mention your wife's natural dislike on travelling on the 60 footers. I expect you know that the new drug "dramamine" is a complete success for all forms of travel sickness. And I mean complete : only one in a 100, I believe, fails to achieve absolute immunity from sea sickness on any vessel. If I were you I would buy all I can in Melbourne. They are hard to get, being new and needing Dollars, and cost 1/- a pill; but they are worth it every time.

Thanks for your offer to take stuff for us to the islands. Actually we have nothing at the moment but will remember you when we want any chores done up there. I have a feeling I shall return when Peel goes, of course, it depends on the powers to be.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and your wife from us both,

Yours very sincerely,

S.G.M.

1st April 1950.

as from:-
The Berley Hotel
Dickens St.
St. Kilda
Melbourne
Victoria

P & O STRATHEDEN
Adelaide
South Australia

Dear Mr. Maude,

I am due to arrive at the above address with my wife and small family on Monday 3rd April and we hope to leave again for Ocean Island by "Tarawa" from Melbourne about 15th April. My sister and a friend of my wife's from army nursing days are travelling with us and intend to stay with us for two or three months.

I don't suppose that there is anything that we can do for you or for Mrs. Maude either at Ocean Island or at Tarawa, but if there is, please let us know. If it did so happen that you wanted to send anything to the Gilberts we would of course be glad to take it for you.

Since I last wrote to you I have spent a most instructive two months in Cyprus and Ceylon. In Cyprus I met Mr. Swindge who said that he had sent your my name for consideration for a six months

Coop. Survey job in the Pacific Islands and he suggested that I should advise you of my dates in Melbourne just in case you wanted to ask me any questions.

It may interest you to know that I now feel qualified to try and guide the people in the G&EIC in the forming of island coop. savings banks with a Coop. Central Bank at Tarawa, my ideas have formed and are nearly ready for submission, discussion and trial if Mr Peel thinks them useful & practical. The present Govt Savings Bank was being run from the centre without much spirit when I left but it may have improved while I've been away. I always felt you must be right about your thrift and savings policy and now I have ideas on how to provide the service the people need if they are to ~~catch~~ 'catch on' to the idea themselves.

In every way I feel far better qualified now to help our people. I don't mean planning and blueprints, so much as feeling that I should now have ideas about how to help them over almost any difficulty that may arise in my sphere of work. I was rather working in the dark before.

I am very much looking foward to being back in the Gilberts again after this twelve month break and my wife too seems pleased to be getting back. The

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westerly gales and travelling in Maureen and Margaret were things she feared at the end of our last tour but she is not now so frightened of the former and does not anticipate having to do much of the latter.

Baoro appeared cheerful when he saw my wife off in London on 2nd March. The evening before, he took Wipine Powell to see some of the sights of London, including Buckingham Palace. It was hard for him to see us, first me in January, then my wife in March, setting off on our return journeys to his homeland.

If you have nothing we can do for you in the Gilberts please don't bother to reply to this letter. I know how busy you always are.

Our regards to yourself and Mrs Maude,

yours sincerely

W. G. Alexander.

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BW 7606

Box 5254, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY,

N.S.W.

4th April, 1950.

W.G. Alexander, Esq., M.B.E.,

My dear Alexander,

I was delighted to get your letter from Colombo and to hear that you have had a good leave: Winnie Powell sounds quite a bright experiment and I am glad it turned out a success.

I had a letter from Surridge, writing from Cyprus, in which he recommended you strongly for the work of surveying the whole co-operative movement in the South Pacific and establishing what needs doing to extend it to the other territories. It would have been a real service to the whole Pacific and would have benefited some two to three million people in 16 separate territories.

Needless to say I was very pleased to get Surridge's letter as I knew well that no one could do this work better than you, especially after your experience of the movement in other areas. So armed with it I approached Chamberlain in a tactful letter explaining the importance of using your specialised talents and experience for the benefit of the greater number of people rather than the few and requesting permission to ask Peel to consider your six months secondment to the Commission.

However, Chamberlain turned it down with a thud, to my great disappointment, so I must now look to finding someone from Unesco or I.L.O. who, however high-powered, will know nothing

of local needs and conditions and can therefore be no substitute for yourself.

Had Chamberlain considered the proposition I would have flown down to Melbourne to discuss matters with you further (or asked you to fly up here for a few hours chat - at our expense). At it is, however, I guess there is not much point: disappointing for both of us I feel.

I am off to the South Pacific Conference on the 23rd and hope that the Gilbert and Ellice will put up a good team. I travel with the delegation from Australian and Dutch New Guinea who have been training and debating for months. Judging by the bevies of reporters, film and radio men who seem to be going, it should be quite a show and most of the territories are really sending strong delegations, particularly Western and Eastern Samoa, the Cook Islands, Tonga and Dutch New Guinea.

I am really sorry to hear that Bauro is lonely in London, although I do not wonder at it. We sent him a food parcel or two and Honor has written to him twice. I must now do the same: indeed I am really ashamed not having done so before.

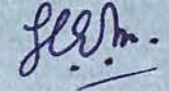
It must be sad to think that all things being equal, you have only one more tour in the Colony. I am quite sure you will never find another its equal: nowhere fewer problems, nowhere nicer people. But from the standpoint of your career and your family's welfare it would probably be wisest to make the break.

And for a career experience in the Secretariat is essential, if you want to get to the top, so I should barrack for a transfer to secretariat work before very long. But are you sure that you want a conventional career in the Administrative Service: District Officer, Provincial Commissioner, Colonial Secretary and then Governor? Probably I am crazy but I should have thought that promotion through the co-operative department to be Chief Registrar of co-operatives (or whatever he is termed) in say Nigeria would provide a more satisfactory life and one more useful to one's fellow creatures. Anyway, I will let you know if I come across anything in any sphere of activity (including the international game) likely to interest you as being of constructive value.

Sorry we seem like missing you but if you do by any chance call at Sydney on your way back mind you get in touch with us (BW 7606 at the office and FM 1341 at home) and if there is anything we can do for your wife or yourself at any time at all please do not hesitate to write to us at our Sydney box number 5254 G.P.O.

With our very best wishes for a happy and successful tour to you both,

Yours very sincerely,



S.S. "Himalaya"
17th January 1950.

20th Feb to 19th March
c/o The Grand Oriental Hotel
Post Box No. 34.
Colombo, Ceylon.

Dear Mr. Maude,

When Christmas came around, I was in England on leave and did not have your address, so now that I have obtained an address which I hope will find you, my wife and I wish to convey to you and yours our best wishes for 1950.

When we left the colony in April last year we passed through Melbourne without visiting Sydney and now it appears that we shall probably do the same thing on the way back. I am having a couple of months in Cyprus and Ceylon after two months study in England and I am due in Melbourne with my wife and family about 3rd April on the S.S. "Strathedan". I expect we shall spend a few days or weeks in Melbourne and then get off to Ocean Island.

My wife took Winnie Powell, of Butaritari, home with her as a nurse to help her with the children and so far the experiment has been a tremendous success. The girl has had a wonderful time and has been of priceless assistance to my

wife, who would otherwise have had very little free time or rest during her leave. We have three small children now, Alison 3½, Stuart 1½ and Timothy 6 months.

We are looking forward now to returning to the Gilberts and I hope to be able to do some useful work there after this study tour.

I have read a little in newspapers and periodicals of the activities of the Commission and of yourself in particular, and I met Mr B.E.V. Parham from Fiji when I was in London during September and he told me a little also. I wanted to meet Parham particularly because I knew that he had been the energy, if not the inspiration, behind the cooperative movement in Fiji, and I wanted to know how they were faring with the influential and aristocratic native Fijians, and a few other things besides.

I gather that some of your work has taken you out round the Pacific Islands and so I don't know whether this letter will find you in Sydney or not. However it will doubtless catch

up with you somewhere.

Bauro Ratieta is very lonely and homesick in London and his homesickness has increased with the news, as yet unconfirmed, that he may be asked to stay in England until April 1951. He appreciates his opportunities and will probably make the best of them but he finds it a hard battle with homesickness. He came to stay with us twice, each time for a week, and I also saw him a few times in London. He has seen Mr & Mrs Lurpin who are on this ship on their way out to the Gilberts for the first time, and he has met Mr Bryant and Atwell Lake several times. I think he saw Wernham recently too. His mail is now coming through quite well, but all these things merely mitigate and, helpful as they have been to him, I feel that his existence is only temporarily brightened by them and reverts to a quiet sadness. However, he is far more settled and acclimatised now than he was earlier last year when he felt the cold and did not seem to derive full nourishment

from the food. He looked to me to be in good health when I saw him last week.

I think that after the end of this year I shall have to be on the lookout for some kind of a secretariat job which I might have a crack at for a while, because I think that variety of escherience is important, and although I am very happy in my present work, I feel that I am liable to be transferred in any case at the end of my next tour and I may as well face that fact and try to make the best of it. I don't want to find myself an A.D.O. in Africa. However, I am in no mood for haste in this matter, as I never eschect to be happier than I am now in the Gilberts, and probably the future will be decided for me and I shall have no control over it whatsoever. I mention it to you simply because if at any time in the nesct year or two you had any suggestions or advice to offer or saw anything constructive which you thought I might do, I should always appreciate and value your advice more

than that of any other person.

I hope all goes well with regard to your son's education and health and please convey our kind regards and respects to Mrs Maude.

Again wishing you all the best in 1950.

yours sincerely

W. G. Alexander.

Tarawa
14/4/50

Dear Mr. Maude,

This is but a brief note to let you know I received your letter dated 24th January 1950, with an enclosed Paying-in Slip for £50 on my a/c with the Bank of N.Z. Thank you for this.

I saw Taam and explained I had received a letter from you - and handed him £5 explaining what it was for and who had sent it. I hope ere this you have heard from him

Tomorrow at dawn I take off from Tarawa lagoon per "Sunderland" to fly to Suva to the S.P. Commission - Tarawa is a busy port. An overseas Cofra ship, a plane and 3 Colony Vessels!

The chances are that I will see you long before this letter reaches you - after the Conference I am flying to N.Z. on leave.

My sincere regards to Mrs Maude and Claire

Yours sincerely,

Ian Talbot

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BW 7606

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

PERSONAL.

18th April, 1950.

The Hon. C. Wedgwood,
The Australian School of
Pacific Administration,
MOSMAN, N.S.W.

Dear Cecilia,

Thank you so much for your exceedingly kind letter: I honestly do not know when I have felt so flattered before. Owing to some peculiar kink in my psychological make-up I usually live in imminent expectation of getting the sack and when I find someone actually thinks I could do a job of work for them I get a tremendous kick.

But to be quite serious, I should like a post such as Principal of the School for a variety of reasons. Firstly it would enable me to end my service career still immersed in Pacific problems (which, as you know, is my main interest in life) instead of having to accept a transfer to Africa or Malaya to tide over the period until I become pensionable: I dread this. Secondly, I am a great believer in the worthwhileness of the School and would like to see it grow into a real "School of Pacific Administration", with Australian, English and New Zealand cadets all attending (and interchange of serving officers between the territories of each country). And thirdly, it would be acceptable on personal grounds, since it would enable me to set up a settled home in Sydney, where the library facilities are an irresistible attraction and the possibility of having Alaric living at home and being educated here an even stronger attraction to Honor. I presume the salary is sufficient to manage on.

Having said this, however, I must also say that the only way in which such an appointment could come about would be by request by Australia to the Colonial Office. England would presumably be glad to oblige Australia by lending me: the request might even flatter them. Furthermore, I have risen to the top of the Pacific service so they can offer me nothing here and possibly little elsewhere (as I am such a dyed in the wool Pacific specialist). However, I have no quarrel with my present job and Australia might consider that I can be of more use on the Commission than the School: I have no idea, but Trevor Pyman, at External Affairs, would know.

But you can also see, I am sure, that England would never let me apply on my own bat, for it would look too horribly as if they were trying to interfere with a purely Australian affair - the administration of Papua and New Guinea - by pushing a Colonial Office man into a position where he could influence the whole training of future members of the service (and thus, to no small extent, the future trend of Government policy itself).

And I cannot afford to resign from the Colonial Service even if I wanted to, for I would forfeit very considerable pension rights.

So there it is. Whether I could do the job I have no idea, for I am no iron disciplinarian (I usually see the other person's point of view only too acutely) and have never lectured (it would honestly be an ordeal, even if I could do it): on the other hand I like all the staff I have met at the school, particularly McAuley and Arthur and believe they have the right idea of what is wanted. But you would definitely have to stay on for a year or so to hold my hand!

Once again many thanks for your letter, which has meant a lot to me; we never seem to meet as we both work full-time but must have a reunion when I get back from the Conference,

Yrs.,
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL TERRITORIES.

TELEPHONE NO.: XM 1035.

THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF
PACIFIC ADMINISTRATION,
MOSMAN, N.S.W.

5. April
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In reply quote No.

Dear Harry.

At last the powers-that-be are advertising for a Principal for this School, so I am writing to you rather in a forlorn hope. Is there any chance of persuading you to apply for the job? It seems to me that you are the person who could really build this School into what it could & should become: a training centre for the Pacific. And I believe you are the only person who could. I do think that this place could have a valuable future; it has survived five years of political jiggery-pokery & - for a time - maladministration. It needs a leader who knows Colonial Conditions from practical experience (this for the sake of the District

Services trainees and from the point of view of the so-called "practical men" who still think training unnecessary), ~~and~~ who has administrative ability & experience and above all in whom everyone — students, staff & Canberra can feel absolute trust. You have all these qualities (and a great many more), and heaven knows they — particularly the last — are very rare.

In addition your connection with the British Colonial Service, will give a better hope of attracting the C.O's interest in the School, with reference to training for the Pacific, than could be entertained where the ~~head~~ Principle without this connection.

I know that it is hateful, when one has attained such a position as yours, to apply for

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a position which you are not sure of being given. But it seems ~~to me~~ that if you did apply the probability in favour of your appointment is about 1,000 to 1. Under the Labour Government your being English would have been against you; under this Government I think the reverse is true — especially since Menzies ~~have~~ publicly proclaimed that he plans to have officers for the Territories trained in a manner comparible to the training given to British C.O men. Of course I do see that working under D.E.T. has its grave disadvantages but are they greater than the ham-stringing conditions under which you seem to be working now for the S.P.C?

As regards the attitude of the staff here: in Arthur, the Registrar, he would have a man

as straight as yourself, very able & enormously hardworking. But for him the School would have foundered 12 months ago. He also has enormous patience & tact in handling temperamental lecturers!

Jim McCauley, the key man at the School after Arthur, is as you know, I think anxious for you to come. The other lecturers, in so far as they know you, feel the same. As for myself, I can only say that if you were to be made Principal here, I should seriously think of braving my family's anger & disappointment & returning to this Education work if I am still wanted.

So please do think of applying. If you come, then the past five years will have been worth while after all.

Yours sincerely

Camilla Wedgwood.

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

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21st July, 1950.

P.B. Laxton, Esq., M.C.,
Administrative Officer,
Ocean Island, Central Pacific.

My dear Laxton,

Just a hurried note to thank you for your letter of the 24th May, which I found waiting for me after my return from New Zealand.

When in Auckland and Wellington I spoke both to Dr. Cumberland, the Editor of the "New Zealand Geographer", and Mr. Taylor, the Editor of the "Journal of the Polynesian Society", about your article, and left them to fight out which is to publish it (subject, of course, to your consent which I see from your letter I can now presume).

Both periodicals are about the same standing, though the "New Zealand Geographer" has a larger circulation, so I do not think it much matters which one it gets into. Sir Albert Ellis, who incidentally speaks highly of you, writes for the "New Zealand Geographer".

I am glad to hear that you are happy on Ocean Island and hope that things continue to go well for you and your family. And I will be glad to have a look at your manual of police duties and court procedure, when completed, though I am afraid my Gilbertese has now rusted away. I have always had a bad memory and could only keep up my Gilbertese by constant speaking practice.

With best wishes from us both,

Yours sincerely,

SCRm.

Ocean Island,

24th May 1950

Rec'd 1/6/50

My dear Maude,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 23rd March. I should have replied early but have been awaiting mail from New Zealand which would clear up the question of whether the J.P.S. would publish my Gardner article or not. I saw them in Wellington, and they said they would. Apparently they are intending to produce an occasional more 'popular' article from time to time, and my submission came up at a good time. However, it was to go in the March issue, which I have not received yet, so I don't really know what happened. No doubt you will have got the relevant issue by now, and will know. I await the ship "Astoria" due in from Auckland today but Captain Rasmussen has her out of sight of the island, and hasn't given an ETA, so although she is expected today, noone is cer--tain. As the "Triona" clears at about 2.00 pm today I am writing to catch the mail. If the JPS change their mind I should be very happy to hand the article over to you for "Walkabout" or anything similiar you recommend. I'm afraid I have no good photos - only those snaps on the report which you have. I should be very happy if you would put in what you wished, under your own name of course ~~if~~ unless you don't wish that.

The South Pacific Commission flop (from my point of view) was disappointing at the time, but I value the chance of further experience up here. With family responsibilities and no technical qualifications it would

not have been right of me to have let slip the Colonial Service, apart from the fact that I like it and believe in it, in spite of all current irritations.

We are very happy here - my family having joined me. So far the work has been a somewhat tedious round of entertaining and running a hotel for officers in transit, but after the frigate "Tutira" and the King's Birthday things look more reasonable for a few months. I intend to get with the Higher Standard Gilbertese, which I need to pass this tour, and also to attempt to write a manual of police duties and court procedure and evidence etc on a very simple plan suitable to the Colony Constabulary and Island police etc. It would be in English, Gilbertese and Ellice, and if I can get on with it I hope, with your agreement, to send it to you with a view to getting the standard of Gilbertese as high as possible, before publication. It will be some months yet before it's complete.

I met John Hinchey at Tarawa on his recent visit. He was very busy, but we managed a couple of hours over drinks on one day. I have made myself slightly unpopular (again..) by making a crack to him that apparently struck home and has been repeated, namely, that at present the conduct of Government business is such that if the colony were to sink beneath the waves with the exception of Bairiki it would make about 10 % difference to the work done. Like all such would-be epigrams it is quite exaggerated, but contains the germ of truth. Tarawa are hopelessly entangled in red tape, partly of their own devising and partly due to the WPHC. Until it is cleared away the nest of expatriate officers will continue at a level far above the means of the Colony, and no

real progress will be made towards a truly native government.

The Alexanders were through recently, still full of enthusiasm and a pleasure to meet. I think Gemmel Alexander is about the best we have in the colony at present.

You may have heard that Lake is going to Tonga.

We entertained Mr Cude yesterday. He is on the "Triona" on his way home to Nauru. He retires later this year, I believe. He was full of enthusiasm for the efficient way the Conference was run and organised, and praised Ian Turbot very highly, among others.

RG Roberts is by now in NZ on leave. He was also thourgh here and met Goerge Kemp, the new Director of Education. Kemp seems an excellent man, with a sufficiently broad view ~~point~~ of affairs to be able to formulate a policy, and enough practical ability to carry it through. He will, I think, pull the Education side of things out of its present disgraceful state.

I spent four weeks on Tarawa before coming here, and made my peace with HH, Mr Peel, whom I like and admire. I suppose he won't stay all that long. On Tarawa I returned to my old stamping ground, and negotiated Betio and Bonriki rents, which had been left to stew since Mike Townsend and I left them in 1947. It was a pleasure to meet the scallawags of Temakin on Betio once again; they hawn't changed, and reacted and responded in much the same way as three years ago. I am very fond of them, for all their sculldugger y.

I'll write again re the Nikumaroro article after the "Astoria" appears with the mail. In the meantime, our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Bairiki,
Tarawa.

22nd July, 1950.

Dear Mr Maud,

This is just a short note to say that I am sorry I am not able to send you all the Land Codes made so far since the Colony has run out of duplicating ink. I was having them all Roneoed but only got the two most recent ones done before the calamity occurred. I am sending them (Beru and Tamana) and a copy of a letter from Townsend re the Beru Code. Percy Roberts is due here on the Nimanoa in two or three days time and I expect to push off early in August.. I'll tell him to send the others when they are ready.

We are still hoping and waiting for rain. There have been the odd short shower but nothing like enough to liven up the palms.

I have the Townsends back in Tarawa at present to give them a short break in what is likely to prove a long sojourn in Nonouti. It is proving one of the toughest settlements undertaken to-date owing to the vast number of plots brought about by excessive segmentation in effecting the partition of estates. The tendency has been to share each plot among the heirs (i.e. if there were three plots and three heirs each heir would get a third of each plot thus creating six new plots or trebling the former number). It may make for fair shares but it's rotten from the point of view of land utilisation.

My kind regards to Mrs Maud,

Yours sincerely,

A C Catford.

Travellers' Club.
Pall Mall.
London S.W.1.
25th. July 1950.

Dear Maude,

I expect you are surprised to get a letter from me, but having just finisehd reading the "Kon Tiki Expedition", I should very much like to know what all you experts think about his migratory theory It certainly sounds plausible enough.

From what I have read in the press from time to time, it sounds as though you boys of the S.P. Commission are really getting down to doing some useful work. Am I right? There is a lot to be done & many spheres where co-ordination & pooling of effort & resources can produce good results; the danger as I see it is from trying to do too much all at once & seeking quick & spectacular results.

Chamberlain is in England I hear. I have not sought him out. I told Sidebotham that had I still been H.C.W.P. Chamberlain would not have got a C.M.G., which is perhaps prejudice. At anyrate Sidebotham did not appreciate my remark.

At a Buckingham Palace Garden Party we ran into the Mac Quires & Trafford Smith. The Roths were also there. We hope to see something more of the Roths a bit later when we go back to London before returning to Hong Kong, which we do in September. We arrived home in mid-June, but I haven't had much of a holiday yet, as the C.O. have been at me all the time. Fortunately we left Hong Kong just before the Korean business blew up. This was just as well, as otherwise I should have had to stay on, not that it would have made any difference.

All the best to you both from my wife & myself.
Yours ever. A Chalmers.

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

26th July, 1950.

Dr. W.T. Morrell,
Professor of History,
Otago University,
DUNEDIN, New Zealand.

Dear Morrell,

Thank you for returning the article on Hawaiin Consuls. Curiously enough I had been about to write and remind you as I wanted it for an article. Must be telepathy.

You're wrong about the Auckland Chair of Anthropology: one Ralph Piddington got it. An Australian who took his degree in Sydney, I believe, and a very competent Anthropologist; at present Lecturer at Edinburgh.

I like the South Pacific Commission well enough, though, as you say, it is a complete change from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. But I don't live in Noumea, and never have. I found it far too remote and dead for any effective work so made my headquarters in Sydney, where I have now lived for nearly a year and a half. Sydney is really an excellent centre for any work connected with the islands, being in direct air communication with practically the whole South Seas and at the same time possessing the all important library facilities and scientific contacts.

We have the second meeting of the Research Council here in about a fortnight and things will be very busy for a time. It seems rather absurd to be planning research work five years ahead,when we're about to have a war, and there has, actually, been talk of a postponement.

Nothing has been published on the South Pacific Conference as yet but I will send you the proceedings when they do come out - it will be a short and formal document. Personally I think you'd get the best idea of what went on from the pages of the Pacific Islands Monthly for the last few months: I presume it's available in Dunedin.

Roth was certainly in bad shape when he left Fiji: we had him here in Sydney for a week or two and he was very depressed. However, I heard that his health has since improved considerably, and his outlook correspondingly, and that he is probably returning to Fiji before long. I certainly hope so.

I shall look you up should I ever visit Dunedin. This is unlikely, however, although I get to Auckland and Wellington fairly frequently. Do you never come to Sydney?

I must stop and get on with the Research Council preparations,

Yours sincerely,

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TELEPHONE 22-243

16 SKIBO STREET,
KEW,
DUNEDIN, S.W.1

29th May 1950

Dear Maude,

I feel ashamed of my long delay in returning the pamphlet you so generously lent me. The fact is my mind was not on Hawaii at the time of its receipt – I moved on, so to speak, from Fiji to Tonga & thence to Samoa & for a time overlooked the pamphlet, which was under a pile of papers. I have now read it, however, with interest & profit, & am most grateful to you for letting me see it.

I don't think I have ever thanked you, either, for your very helpful answer to my queries about the Western Pacific High Commission.

No doubt the South Pacific Commission is a complete change from your Gilbert & Ellice Islands work & it has enabled you to achieve your object of remaining in the Pacific Islands. The Commission was very fortunate to secure your services; & you were well advised not to pin your hopes on the Auckland School of Anthropology, for (so far as I know) nothing has yet been done.

The recent conference must have been very interesting. I have seen a few photographs & there was a certain amount of news about it in the Dunedin papers – probably more at Auckland – but it is not easy to get more than a vague idea of its working & achievements. If there is an official publication about it in due course – I don't mean a verbatim report, which I should

never have time to read, but a briefer summary — would it be possible for me to get a copy?

My visit to Fiji is still a very vivid memory. I had a very pleasant reminder of it last year when Dr. Hoadley was here for the Pacific Science Congress (since when I hear he has been in the Gilbert & Ellice Is.) & I invited Roth down too. Unfortunately this letter never reached him & the next thing I heard was that he had had a heart attack. I have since heard from him on his way to England, but he sounded very depressed, though whether on account of his health or of some miscarriage of his ~~Fougn~~ Fijian affairs plans I don't know. Has there been any change of policy in this matter?

My work proceeds slowly. It is possible I may lay it aside for a year in 1951, as I have another scheme in view for a year's refresher leave, but I shall certainly not give it up.

How are you liking Nouméa? Is Mrs Maude with you there, or is she still in Auckland? Please remember me to her, if she is in New Zealand & ever comes down to Dunedin. Tell her we should be most disappointed if she did not look us up (subject to the qualification about 1951, which however is not yet a settled thing). The same of course applies to yourself.

With kind regards & thanks for the loan of the pamphlet,

Yours sincerely

W. T. Morrell

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

26th July, 1950.

B.C. Cartland, Esq.,
Chief Lands Commissioner,
Tarawa Island,
Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

My dear Cartland,

Your letter of the 1st July has just arrived and I hasten to reply about the Tamana Lands Court fees in the hope that it may catch you before you leave.

The fees were all placed in a Deposit: Trust Account, and have remained undisturbed pending the completion of the Lands Settlement on this Island, when they were to be distributed. I hadn't realised that the Deposit: Trust Account main cash book was destroyed but imagined that this was one of the few records which Clarke took with him to Sydney.

There was also, as far as I can recollect, a Deposit: Trust Account for the fees collected during the Beru Lands Settlement (Teteirio). They did not amount to much, but would be worth retrieving, if possible.

We are about to begin the annual meeting of the Research Council in a few days so I must stop and get on with the preparations, but I'll look forward to seeing you when you come through Sydney.

Yours sincerely,

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Tarawa,
G.E.I.C.

1st July, 1950.

Dear Mr Maude,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd of March, which reached me at Tamana about five weeks ago. I had gone there from Beru, where I had spent three weeks hearing the appeals and revising the copra tax and I got back last week. I thought them both very pleasant islands, but Beru is at present having a bad time with the drought. Tamana had over 5 inches of rain during the seven weeks, not having had any for the previous five months, and it was enought to save many trees which were looking very sickly when we arrived there.

A considerable amount of work had accumulated in the office during my absence and I am afraid I have not got time at present, before the mail going out to-day, to write more than a note. I wanted mainly to ask if you can remember what happened to the fees which were collected in'38. Among you Tamana papers there was a cash book, which had been kept by Tione and which showed £10.17.6 as having been collected. The Native Members say that it was not divided out among them. I imagine that since the settlement was not completed before you left Tamana you took the money back with you to Ocean and deposited it in the Treasury. The pre-war records were of course all destroyed but if you would confirm this I do not think I would have any trouble in getting the Treasury to fork out in order to get the old men paid.

Your Tibu, Nei Takenateiti, is now married and living with her husband at Marakei so I have not been able to remember you to her as yet. Bauro (Tikana) and Tione were with me for the Tamana settlement and send you their regards.

My wife and Michael are leaving on the Tungaru,

which is taking this mail out, and I shall be following as soon as Percy Roberts gets back. He is going to act for me while I'm on leave and the latest news was that he would be sailing from NZ in mid-July. We are planning to spend our leave in Tasmania but I shall have to go to Sydney to collect our daughter, Anna, and I shall be very pleased to look you up when I arrive there.

I shall besending you copies of all the lands codes by the next mail. They are provisional codes in that they contain clauses which are innovations on customary law and therefore cannot be promulgated under the Ordinance as it is worded at present. We plan to test them out for a few years before giving them statutory force. The lawyers would shudder to read this, but our legal advice sefvice is so rotten here that I would not have any qualms about pleading justification on the grounds of expediency.

Our kind regards to you and Mrs Wards.

Yours sincerely

D C Cattell.

London Missionary Society.

Rongorongo Training Institution.

Beru, Gilbert Islands.

Via Suva, Fiji, Central Pacific.

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Dear Mr Reade

Your letter of 15th June, '50, was received here by me as I have been Editor of the Karatu te Ota for nearly two years now.

I have made enquiries concerning your subscription. The Treasurer informs me that it expired at the end of 1949. He suggests that, if convenient to you, you send cash for say five years, instead of enclosing stamps.

We have made a note of your Sydney address.

I should very much like to have an Article from you sometime. Your many friends in the Gilberts would be delighted to have news of you.

I hope you are enjoying your present work to the full.

I am looking forward to returning next year. I'm a weary old woman.

My loving greetings to Honor, & very good wishes to both of you.

Yours Sincerely

E May Bateman

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

22nd September, 1950.

Bauro Ratieta, Esq.,
C/o School of Oriental and African Studies,
University of London,
LONDON, W.C.1, England.

Dear Bauro,

I was very glad indeed to get your letter of the 24th August and to learn that you are alive and flourishing. You must please forgive me for not having replied to your previous letters; all of which I duly received and read with great interest but never got down to answering owing to the pressure of office work during the early and formative days of the Commission's activities. However, I showed them both to my wife and know that she wrote to you at least once.

You have been very often in our thoughts, despite the rush of life here, and I am overjoyed to hear (from several sources) how well you have been doing in England. It isn't an easy place to live in, after the South Seas, and I give you full marks for the way in which you have stuck it out. Congratulations on obtaining a Distinction Certificate in English and I do hope that you do as well in the other subjects which you were taking. In any case, the knowledge you will have gained as a result of the work will always be an invaluable asset.

I honestly cannot picture you on a lecture tour: you used to be as shy in public as myself, and I am sure I die a thousand deaths every time I speak in front of an audience. I suppose it is like being thrown into deep water: you either sink or learn to swim, and later you find it comparatively easy.

I had a very kind letter from Mr. Milner a few weeks ago in which he gave good reports of you. Also Major Holland, who now lives in Sydney, often mentions you, as did Mr. Alexander when he passed through Australia. I understand that Sir Alexander Grantham is now home (the Travellers Club, Pall Mall) and might like you to say a word to him on the 'phone: he was the best High Commissioner we ever had.

We shall look forward to seeing you in January with Mr. Hughes. My wife hopes that, if we are not changing flats just at that moment (as seems unfortunately probable), you will

come and stay with us throughout your visit to Sydney.

Anyway, we wish you the very best of luck for the remainder of your stay in the United Kingdom and may you continue to do as well as you have done up to the present.

Yours sincerely,

LLM.

C/o School of Oriental & African Studies,
University of London, W.C.1.

24th August, 1950.

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,
C/o The New Zealand Trade Commissioner,
14, Martin Place,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

Just another line Sir to let you know how I am getting on these days. I have not left England yet as the School has offered me an extension of my appointment and, with the approval of the G & E, I have accepted the offer. I am glad because this will give me more time in which to try and complete my studies. I am trying to do a five-subject course - English, Maths, History, Economics, and Elements of English Law. I don't know if I have already mentioned this to you in my last letter but I have had a crack at English and have been awarded some kind of a 'Distinction Certificate' by the Cambridge Syndicate, having passed (by sheer luck) my first examination in English. This has given me great encouragement. I am trying to do the other subjects during my spare time but the extension of my contract with the School will only take me up to the end of December, so that it will not be possible for me to complete the whole course here and I shall have to do the rest in the Gilberts by correspondence. I shall have to get a good supply of books.

Passages for Mr. Hughes and myself have been booked on the "Strathird" scheduled to leave England for Australia on or about the 18th January, 1951, and we are looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Maude in Sydney on our way through. We are disembarking at Sydney. I sincerely hope that we shall have the chance of seeing you both then, even if only for an hour or so.

I have just returned from a lecture-tour in the Midlands, South Wales and Scotland where I had the pleasure of addressing various types of audiences. The subject of my talk was mainly concerned with life in the Gilbert & Ellice with a brief statement regarding the social, economic and political developments in the Colony. The tour was organised by the Central Office of Information and I was extremely delighted to see these various parts of Great Britain. It made me nervous at the start but I soon got over it and I was glad to notice everyone so keenly interested in what I had to say about the Gilbert & Ellice. It was indeed a wonderful experience for me. When I was in Glasgow I saw the ship-yard where the "Queen Mary" was built. It was really wonderful. Next month I shall be going South-West (possibly Cornwall) to give the same talk there and I think that by the time I leave here I shall have

seen most of Great Britain. And this is all due to you Sir, thank you ever so much again.

The weather has not been too bad recently and I am glad to say that I have been keeping well. I have been quite busy however at the School and my work is getting on pretty well (slowly though but steadily) and I shall have done most of what is required by the time Mr. Hughes and I leave here, at least I hope so.

I have been seeing Mr. Milner quite often now that he is back here at the School and I was extremely glad to know that he had been to see you and that you were quite marurung. He told me that, although he did not go to the Gilberts, he had been fortunate in having been able to obtain first-hand knowledge and plenty of useful material from you in connexion with the Gilberts and he was very glad indeed. I said what a great opportunity it was his meeting you and I reassured him that there is no other I-Matang possessing a more comprehensive and genuine background knowledge of the Pacific, and particularly the Gilbert & Ellice Islands, than Mr. Maude.

Well I think that is about all for the present. I will write again. How is Arariki ? I suppose he has grown up a big man now. Best wishes to yourself, Mrs. Maude and Arariki.

I have read about the S.P.C. conference, Nasinu, in the P.I.M. with great interest.

Yours sincerely,

Bauro Ratieta.

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21st Oct., 1949.

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

I was extremely delighted to hear from Mrs. Maude and to know that you are all well. I am sorry for not having replied earlier. I am more or less getting used to England now and have made quite a number of good friends. I have been very lucky indeed as far as the weather is concerned, for this last summer has been exceptionally mild and I hope that by the time the "warm season" is over I shall have got used to the English climate and that the winter won't bother me too much. It is getting colder now as a matter of fact.

I am getting on very well with my work in the School. Apart from that I am going in for evening classes on English, Mathematics and Law and I hope to pass my Lower Certificate in English in December, the examination is being held in Cambridge. Sometimes I go to the London School of Economics and listen to lectures on Anthropology, etc. by Professor Raymond Firth and I find these lectures very interesting indeed.

Although this is a bit old news you will be glad to hear that in June last I had the honour of being invited to represent the G and E at the opening of the "Colonial Month" by H.M. The King and I was exceedingly thrilled to see the King and His Queen in Person with my own eyes !

I have been in constant touch with the G and E officers now on leave in this country, particularly with Mr. Alexander, with whom I spent my last holidays, one week at his home in West Kirby, Cheshire, then another week in the Lake District in Windermere. They have been very kind to me. And Mr. Lake has also had me for a week-end at his home Kingsley Green, Haslemere. I have also met Major Holland, Major Wernham. The other day Major Holland and I were the guests of Sir Harry Luke at his home in East Grinstead and we had a nice long talk about the Gilberts. Sir Harry is very well indeed and he was very glad to see a Gilbertese in England. I have not yet met Mr. Macdonald but hope to see him before long. The other day I met Mr. Bryant in the Royal Empire Society and had dinner together. Mr. Bryant is expecting a baby very soon and he and Mrs. Bryant are all well too. The Colonial Office is keeping in touch with me also, so I am not lonely any more.

By the way, did you hear my two broadcasts to the Pacific ? I wonder whether you did and what you thought of them ? Perhaps you might let me know when you write to me again.

Mr. Williams is now in Uganda and I wonder how he likes Africa ! I know Mrs. Williams doesn't like Africa.

Well I think I'd better say "A Very Happy Christmas" to you both now and "Best Wishes", it is getting on to the edge of the paper.

Hoping to hear from you again soon.

Yours sincerely,

Bomu Taoma.

My kind regards to Arariki.

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11th June, 1949.

H. E. Maude Esq., O.B.E.
S. P. C.
Noumea.

Dear Sir,

You will be glad to hear that I have at last reached London – all well thank God. I actually landed on the morning of the 28th May, having travelled all the way by air from Fiji through Canton, Honolulu, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Boston, Newfoundland – then across the foggy Atlantic to Shannon in South Ireland. I felt terribly cold here but fortunately we didn't go further North to the Pole! I had an excellent flight all the way and was very glad indeed to

see these wonderful places en route to London. The night view of Chicago and New York was particularly attractive. I was a bit nervous though when crossing the Atlantic, as the weather wasn't too good, but that P.A.A. managed to get through all right. And now I am in the midst of "Heavenly" London, the place is so huge and wonderful that if I were to tell you about everything I see, it would naturally take me one solid calendar year to do so! I am really enjoying my time despite the cold which I still feel in this so-called Summer of yours! However, I am gradually becoming used to it and also to know certain places. I find the underground system the most reliable means

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of getting about in London.

I started work at the School on May 30th and am being well looked after. Professor Firth, the Head of the Department in which I am working, is indeed a very nice man and Mr. Hughes, who will be coming out with me to the G. & E. when my year is up, has very kindly been acting as my Daily Guide.

The Phonetics Section of the Dept. states — rather to my surprise — that they find Gilbertese much more harder and complicated than Fijian! Glory! If it took 18 months (as I understand) to teach Fijian, I wonder how long it will take to do Gilbertese? The work will have to be done in any case, and done properly too.

These people are so clever: they say there is a BIG difference in the sounds of the vowels in the words "KAN" and "KAM". It's going to be a really big job but I am proud of it.

I have been to the Colonial Office Information Dept. who do not seem to know much about the Gilbertese and I had to answer quite a number of questions. And furthermore the Officer in Charge of Broadcasting doesn't even know what a tele-radio set is. This actually was in my annual report on the Public Relations Dept., a copy of which was passed to him for info. Next week I am going to see the B.B.C. (at least they want to see me) and I understand that they would like me to do some broadcasting

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about the Gilberts – Glory! I hope I won't be too nervous or else people wouldn't know what on earth I am talking about. Things are really becoming too big for me altogether. I only wish you were here Sir.

On Thursday June 9th (King's Birthday) I went to see the Trooping of the Colours, somewhere near Trafalgar Square. Never in my life had I seen thousands and thousands of people – so dense that I could see but very little of the ceremony. It's a real experience this London.

I hope you got my letter that I wrote from Suva. I think this is about all I can say for the present. I will write again and hoping to hear from you soon. Regards to you both.

Yours sincerely, Barnes Radin.

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TELEPHONE 43-816

4th October 1950

H. E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.
Box 5254 G.P.O.
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Many thanks for your letter of 6th ultimo and for the copy of "Seven in the Half-deck". I am reading this with the greatest interest. Apart from Malden Island there are features which appeal to me more than they would to you for the reason that my first thirteen years of island travelling was done almost entirely on sailing ships. Some of the experiences were particularly hard and I am therefore able to enter into the spirit of the author of the book.

Regarding Malden, I can see that the details are of particular interest. In the old days we always looked on that island as being paramount among the phosphate-guano islands. It was far ahead of any that the old American Company ever worked, so that metaphorically we used to touch our hats when Malden Island was mentioned little thinking that we would come across two islands as far ahead of Malden as one can imagine. Then we young fellows used to hear a lot about "Boku-la" as the Niue boys always called it: possibly the name was "Motu-la" - the island of great heat. Anyway we knew all about the methods of work and the very original type of jetty constructed there. It had to stand terrific surfs and I believe at times was washed away which of course was the fate of some of our Phoenix islands jetties.

After finishing the book I intend sending it down to Jenny. She is keen on having a library of island books. They have a definite fascination for her since the Tarawa experience and I am afraid she will be wanting to go down there again some of these days. Meanwhile her studies give her plenty to think about.

When you were in Auckland last I told you about some of the developments on Rambi including the Stone of Remembrance. I had a letter from Mr. Coode the other day saying that the two metal tablets for the Stone prepared in Melbourne at the request of the Banabans have been duly received at Rambi and are much appeciated. The base for the Stone had been prepared and when the whole thing is finished Mr. Coode has promised to send me photographs. If they turn out at all well I must send you one.

Development work on Rambi has been retarded through difficulty in obtaining cement, etc. Rotan asked for our assistance recently and we have just supplied a 50 ton order of cement which should keep them busy for some time. From what Coode says they are very keen on building their houses themselves which I am sure is very laudable.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Maude and yourself in which I know my wife would desire to join,

Yours sincerely,

Albert J. Ellis.

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

4th October, 1950.

J.H. Terry, Esq.,
Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd.,
Island Agencies Department,
7 Bridge Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Terry,

Could you please have this letter forwarded to Mr. B.C. Cartland, the Chief Lands Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, who I believe is at present on leave in Australia?

Also I should be most grateful if you could request one of your staff to let me know the dates on which Tungi, the Premier of Tonga, will be arriving and departing from Sydney and where he will be staying. This is because we have one or two matters for discussion with him.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude

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

4th October, 1950.

B.C. Cartland, Esq.,
C/o Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd.,
7 Bridge Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

My dear Cartland,

Just a brief note to thank you for sending me copies of the Beru and Tamana Codes, and also Townsend's memorandum. I shall look forward to the others when the Colony collects sufficient ink to finish them.

I hope that Townsend is managing to cope with the Nonouti settlement: the excessive segmentation you mention must make it a real tester. But I still feel that Tabiteuea will prove the world's ~~worse~~ worst.

Sorry not to have seen you when you passed through Sydney: but maybe you didn't, or else had to hurry to get in some of your leave before Anna went back to school.

I imagine that you are now in Tasmania, so am sending this c/o Burns, Philp, with (knowing the happy-go-lucky habits of that Company) a copy to Tarawa. Should you ever be in Sydney and at a loose end do give us a ring: our home at Edgecliff is FM1341, the Sydney office at Martin Place BW7606 and my own research section office in Cremorne is XY5132.

Yours sincerely,

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

2nd November, 1950.

Dear Sandwith,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th October, which I found awaiting me on my return from New Caledonia on Saturday.

We should be very glad to meet your niece as you suggest some time later in the month.

I doubt if the Tonga people are really annoyed: probably more surprised than anything at your rather unusual behaviour all round.

I should say peanuts in the islands would be a paying proposition. Indeed, Tungi himself is at present in Australia engaged in investigating this very question. Of coral (and other) islands available for purchase there are several - what about Caroline and Flint Islands?

Yours sincerely,

Leon.

George Sandwith, Esq.,
Bondi Pacific Private Hotel,
BONDI BEACH.

Nandi Pacific Private Hotel.
Nandi Beach.

25th October. 1950.

Dear Maude.

Just a line to tell you that the Union Shipping Co. have procured seats on the Canadian Pacific Air Line arriving at ~~Suva~~ Fiji on the 5th December where we stop at Nandi Hotel for the night. On the 6th we go by bus to Suva, and stop at the Grand Pacific until the 12th. I have 2 single berths on the "Matua" for Nukualofa on the 12th.

Bearing in mind what you said, I am bringing my ukuleles to Nukualofa, and have also offered to do the job for £50 b.a. less than the amount agreed, pro bono publico and all that sort of thing! However, I rather gather

(The trouble at Nukualofa)
They are annoyed because I did not sail this month, and they sent a sort of ultimatum for me to arrive by 30th November. I explained that the only connection I could get was on the 12th Dec. from Fiji & there is not much in it!

However, I hope that you will both come and dine with Noel (my wife) & self after her arrival on the "Orcades" on the 6th November. Perhaps you would have a bite of Rarotonga and do a shake?

Sincerely,

George Sandwith

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N.B. Have you got any more small coral islands going cheap? What do you think of peanut growing on the islands?

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

12th December, 1950.

Dear Father Bourke,

I feel very guilty at not having replied to your kind letter before this. I was struggling, however, to get the better of all my official correspondence before writing to my friends: there seems no end to it on this Commission and I only hope it results in some good eventually.

I am not supposed to have a private mailing-list or I would certainly have you placed high on it. As it is I have written to the secretariat in Noumea asking them to send you Commission literature for your library and trust that they can do this. I know they are having trouble in keeping their distribution within bounds: when I was last in Noumea the mailing-list had risen to over 700 entries and I felt that too many on it had a very questionable interest in our activities whereas the actual island residents were seldom receiving anything.

What problems you have in Samoa. Surely no place in the Pacific of comparable size can muster such an array. One can't help feeling that if only the United Nations would leave the territory alone for a while to digest its constitutional change it could do no harm.

I trust that any changes made in the allocation of revenues from the N.Z.R.E. will not affect the management of the estates. If Samoan politics are to have a say in their running it would probably settle the revenue question all right; for there would soon be no revenue to worry about.

This artificial wave of prosperity, too, will leave a lot of problems when it comes to an end, as it must. I suppose it may not be altogether bad for the Samoans in the long run if they have to revert to a subsistence economy, but it will cause much heartburning.

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

I was glad to hear news of Captain Jones, whom I often think about. He and I were pioneers together in the Phoenix Islands before the war. Those were grand days and I only wish one could re-live them again. Poor Jones was in bad shape when I first met him on Hull Island and I believe I was able to do him a good turn by pointing out the virtues of portulacca (pigweed) as a diet. He certainly put on weight in a marvellous manner as soon as he started eating it.

How I wish I could get out to the islands more on this job, but I seem to be increasingly chained to an office desk by reports, and more reports. Sydney just now is quite as hot as Samoa, and I was going to say twice as sticky, but that could not be.

I have not forgotten my promise to send you a list of my missing numbers of the "Pacific Islands Monthly" and also my duplicates, and do so now. Unfortunately the latter are not yet unpacked, but should be in a month or two, as we move into a permanent house next week.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Fleam.

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Catholic Mission,
Apia, W.SAMOA.
23rd Sept., 1950

Dear Mr Maude

Recently I received a copy of the SPC, Project E.2 Report No 1., and presume that you sent it. Many thanks indeed. Please, if the Commission has a mailing-list for its reports, would you please put me on it, if possible. I would like to have a file of the SPC reports in the library here, though of course there is a fair amount about the Commission and its activities in the PIM.

Samoa is still very much what it has always been -- more or less of a headache to anybody who has anything to do with its control. The latest UNO Visiting Mission came and went, and has now produced its report, fair enough but certainly not 100%. For example, it would like to take over the NZRE and have all the revenue permanently set aside for the local Govt -- at least that is the idea of the Trusteeship Council conclusion. Of course, the fact that the land was originally bought and paid for, and title investigated by a Commission which on the whole did a very good job, also that the funds for development came from abroad, and practically all the labour, are not stressed these days. The most that the Samoans have done is to share in the proceeds, officially these days through the giving of the profits -- over £400,000 to date -- for local works, and unofficially through the wholesale stealing which is going on all the time. Add to that the fact that Campbell, the Vaitele manager, was chopped with a bush-knife recently, and that an overseer at Mulifanua was given a charge from a shot-gun at about

twenty-feet range, and that a few others have been threatened, and you have a rather unpleasant picture developing. Of course, there is another side to the picture, in that certain folk have not done anything to lead the Samoans to love them -- had it been one other manager, I would not have been surprised. Still, the increase in crimes of violence and theft is alarming.

The country is more prosperous than ever before, and probably the Samoans are more in debt than ever before. The most recent cocoa prices have reached £300 and £310 per ton, while the copra price under the MOF agreement, is good, even though well below the open market price. As Ryckmans pointed out once in the UNO Trusteeship Council, this Govt. is in a position to be envied by practically all the countries represented in the Council -- no public debt, quite a good reserve fund, no heavy defense expenditure, and flourishing overseas trade; add the fact that we are one of the very few countries with a favourable dollar trade, and you really have an extraordinary picture. Add to that the peculiar feature of a country whose Samoan leaders are clamouring for more authority and advancing their claims to be able to run almost everything, and yet they are not tied down by what is generally considered as the sign of maturity -- legal liability for debt. It's a great world, isn't it. But don't think I don't like it. In spite of all the peculiarities, I find the people attractive and have no desire to pack up and go back to NZ.

By the way, have just interrupted this letter to have a chat with an old friend of yours who sends his best wishes -- Capt. Jones, our Harbour-master.

Public Health and Education are having a great time here at present. The money is being spent freely, and well spent, too. But the Education programme is liable to produce a number of headaches owing to the idea that a boy who has been in school in Apia should work in an office or a store; there are not, and will never be, enough places for them all, and we may have a large group of disgruntled young men in the near future. It will probably have a destructive effect on the present faaSamoa social life, and the period of change may well be a difficult one.

The population is increasing by leaps and bounds, but the roading programme is opening up land, which will make room for all for some time to come. There has been practically no cocoanut planting in the last twenty or thirty years, so the copra exports will probably decrease. Cocoa and bananas are being planted in all the new areas, so there will be a steady income from those sources as long as the markets are good. Of course, in case of necessity, the Samoan can live quite well off his land; the country does not understand the extremes of poverty and the famines which occur elsewhere.

This letter has rambled far enough, on dangerous ground, too. Hope to have the pleasure of meeting you here again some day. In the meantime, every good wish from

Yours sincerely

J Bourke S.M.

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Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

18th December, 1950.

My dear Andrew,

I was glad to receive your letter last week but sorry to see that Pitcairn still has its troubles.

Some of the other folk on the Island have written to me in the same way as you have but all I can do is to pass on their views (and yours) to the High Commissioner.

As you know, I am not working for the High Commission, or even for the British Government, at present, but have been lent by them to an international organization: the South Pacific Commission. So I have no power these days to interfere in any of the affairs of Pitcairn.

I am sorry that I had no time to reply to your letters which I received last year. But I was very busy starting in my new job, so I asked my wife to write instead.

But I did go and see Sir Brian Freeston myself and talked to him about affairs on Pitcairn. And after some months of thinking about what was best to do, Sir Brian decided to send Mr. Dobbs to the island just as Sir Harry Luke sent me in 1940.

I was pleased when I heard that Mr. Dobbs was going, because I hoped that he would be able to fix up all the difficulties which you and others had mentioned in your letters. From what I heard, Mr. Dobbs did a good job on Pitcairn and explained everything to the people; so the things you mention must have gone wrong since then.

Well, I'll do all that I can; and that is to pass on the news of the island to the High Commissioner. But I hope that things will soon settle down quietly again, like they used to be when Honor and I were on the island.

Mr. Andrew Young,
Secretary to Government,
PITCAIRN ISLAND, via Wellington, N.Z.

We still think of Pitcairn very often and would like to be back again among all the kind people there. As you know, we were both very happy living with you all for nearly a year and still think of many of you as being among our best friends.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. MAUDE

Mr.H.E.Maude Esq.O.B.E.

Sydney,Australia.

Pitcairn Island

24th,October 1950.

Sir;

Again I am taking this oppertunity of writing to you,you may think that I am getting to be a bit of a nusicance,but I feel that I can place all my troubles before you and ask your held,you know my troubles that I have to place before you the past year through one mans jealeous feeling I might say,that is in regard to Floyds Office as Inspector of Police.

I am very very sorry to say that Mr.Dobbs made a very big mistake by choosing him for that position,I am sure if he had only mention it to the Council before he goes away the Council would not approved of him, because you know,every Captain,and Officers passing here know what sort of man he is.He like to be talk of he want people to talk of him,but he is causing so much trouble among the people and also the Government that I am asking you please use your influence to gethim out of this position,

I have been working in the Government for 12 years and I have never come into trouble during my 12 years like what I am experience these two years.Now since 1941 the Government have been going on in a very good and peaceable manner no Government man have try to put himself up into any position than what the Law said he is.but I am sorryto say after Mr.Dobbs went away thinks have all been change which the Council have nothing to show ,of ~~cause~~ cause Mr.Dobbs fully explained to the people each mans duty.~~is~~

Now in regard to the Inspector he is causing trouble in the Government I am very sorry to say the Government is the only one who is making trouble on the Island althrough this one man he try to take control of all the dutys laid out for the Magistrate,the Chairman of I.C.and there works, and the people saw what he is doing,the Council try to step in than the trouble started,just think he try to stop Mr.Thomas not to take any women up to Henderson Island,when he fail on that than he try to stop women from going on board passenger ships in there turn,he went so far as to bring up a charge against myself,Vernon,and Elwyn,Coxswain of the boats for law 104 aiding and abetting women.

Your instruction as how to carry out court case cant do for him , I try to explain to him the way you told us in 1941 how to carry a case but he take no notice of it,now these thinks which I have mention he is doing on his own,with Mr. Moverley they work hand in hand he wont recog-

recognized the Council in anything he is making things bad for the Moverleys,making the people talk for them,and what was told them they would beleived without waitingto see whether its correct or not and make trouble out of it.

They should make their aquaintance more in among the people will get the people to like them better,the cry of the people now is to ask when they take there 6 month holiday off to ask that they dont come back, I can use the same words Mrs Moverley stand before the people in Public meeting and tell the people,they are good people,and a very bad people.

Well its getting quite late now and I want to write some other letters so I will close,with my best regards to you and the family,hoping you are all well,and will be looking forward to be hearing from you.

I am ,

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Young.

Andrew young

Pitcairn Island.
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Dear Mr Maude

Mr Dobbs is leaving by the "Rangitata" tomorrow, he has been here for a month, and has cleared up many, many things. he has really done a lot of ~~the~~ good. he fully explained in public meeting that Mr Moverley and Nurse both comes under the Magistrate and his government thus clearing up many, many useless worries and troubles, they both has been very troublesome because they were appointed Officers by the High Commissioner, when Mr Dobbs leaves we hope everything will remain peacefull with no ill will or envy arising like before he came.

Before going any further, Thornton, Norris and John asked me to tell you confidentially, Mr Dobbs can't patch your toe nails, as for myself I think he is very good just a bit confused with our local rules of the same things which gives you so many headaches when you were here. of Women, Boats, Goats and Ships. only the table has turned the other way round. when the rules were made the ships only takes 60 to 80 passengers at a time because not much travelings then. and the women are twice as much going aboard ships. now the ships are carrying from 400 to 800 passengers each way and less than half the women than when the rules were made going aboard ships now. the government has sent some time ago to the H.C. to see if they can alter those Women, Boat, Ship rules but recieved no reply so they don't know what to do. Mr Dobbs said you will be in Fiji by the time he arrives for the High Commission meetings

so am taking upon myself to ask you please to ask the High Commissioner if he can inform the ~~local~~ Government if they are allowed to change any of the local rules ~~mainly~~ mainly mameing the Women, Boat, Ship rules. I'm sure I heard you say the High Commissioner are not interested in our local rules, but the government are not willing to take any steps ~~because~~ until they hear from the H.C. I also think to be sure of something is always the best way.

I had an attack of appendicitis two weeks ago so went to see the Dr on the "Akaroa" last Friday week & he gave me some Sulphathiazol to take & gave me an injection of Penneillin & put me on a diet of water & liquid only. one sure gets weak and hungry on that diet too. but its the only chance of avoiding and operation imediately.

We will have to go back to Auckland Mr Moverley said he can only teach Alaric exercises here. I was so dissappointed too. The Principal for the school for the deaf told us when we were in Auckland if our school teacher worth anything Alaric can be taught here as well as in the deaf school because he is perfect in lipreading, anyhow my Mother always says. dissappointments are always God's appointments.

Roy is doing well in the Post Office he has Orca to help him now it seem all the difficulties are about cleared up since Mr Dobbs arrived, but the Post Office lost a lot when Mrs Moverley was working in it. John & Bernice told me Mrs Moverley once

told them the High Commissioner don't give a hoot if the Post Office here only makes four shillings a year. but since Mr Dobbs arrivial people are Stamp mad again he said exactly the same things you and Honor told us in Auckland.

Irma recieved a letter from the Matron in the Sanitarium where she worked offering her four pounds ten shillings a week and her keep if she would return. Mabel is very sick otherwise Irma would return imediately, am sorry she can't for she didn't want to leave when she left and her parents prefered her to stay she has left off working in the dispensary with Nurse here, the two just can't hit it together. don't tell Mr Dobbs I told you but you ask him what Nurse told him about Irma then form your own opinion.

Alaric recieved a parcel from Mrs Maude but no letter since we came home. None of us had the Asthma since we came home, as a matter of fact no colds even.

Poor Floyd is still the same as when you last saw him longing to be Magistrate.

Everybody has been hoping & half expecting you instead of Mr Dobbs. so will look forward to seeing you next time. I guess we'll be seeing you in Auckland again soon.

Robert sends his best regards. love to Honor & Alaric if you see them before I write

I remain yours Sincerely Hilda Young

No. 2.

Office of the Island Secretary,

Pitcairn Island

16th, October 1949.

Sir;

I am taking another priveledge to address you ~~again~~ as I am again in trouble with the Moverleys in regard to the Station of which at the present time I am in charge, but it seems as if some one is watching my movements how I do on the Station and reporting to Mr. Moverley.

(1) In regard to certain furnitures which was ordered for the Station Mrs. Moverley wrote to The High Commissioner to take them over for there use but the Council deceide that all furnitures be kept on the Station for that use, but it seems that if my family went up with me some one will start to make trouble, I think that as long as I am in charge I am entitle to use anything belonging to the Station, What is your mind in regard to this point.

(2) I am very sorry to say that the Island as far as I can see are in a very critical position I expect the coming year will be rebellion among the people here its on the road for it now which in a way I dont blame the people for the way the Government is running I am sorry to say that Mr. Moverley has everything now under his hand the Magistrate seems to let him have all to say the way he thinks, which I think the Council should have something to say. The same way in the Post Office now that Roy is back to his Post-Office work I think that he should have to say and if any advice well he should ask. but instead they are having all to say, because again I will say they are not any higher in Office than what you and Mrs Maude are when you where here.

3. It has come to my notice that this will be my last year as Secretary because I have too much to say, I dont know if any thing Official has come to Mr. Moverley in regard to that report, but it suits me if its correct, there are two men here ~~he~~ who some one is trying to get Magistr Magistrate who nearly get it this year thats Elwyn, Christian and McCoy, but I am sorry to say if any of them get it than what will happen. One Captain was telling me if McCoy get the Office as Chief Magistrate it wont be any more Pitcairn all will be McCoy, and I agree to him. I hope you will excuse my writing but I feel you are the only one wh

I can feel free to write to for help and advice in any matter pertaining to my work as Secretary. But if the other report turns out to be true well than the next one may not need your help.

I was wondering if we will ever see you coming this way again which I do hope it will happens so. We are all well and hope the same with you and yours, by the looks of Alaric Picture he is getting to be quite a big boy now

I will close for this time till more trouble arise than will write again for help.

Yours Faithfully

Andrew Young.

Andrew young

Catholic Mission, Apia,
Western Samoa.
26th Dec, 1950.

Dear Mr Maude,

It's a quiet and wet day, after all the rush of the past week. Of course we had enough to do on the religious side, to keep us busy. And as for the town, the traders report the best year ever! The place was like a mad-house. For one thing, most of the Christmas imports were left in Suva by the "Matua" last month and came up only this last week; the "Matua" came in on Sunday, and then the "Maui" for bananas on Wednesday, and the "Waikawa" on the same day with quite a largo cargo from Australia; so the Customs were busy and the stores crazy, getting their goods out of the Customs, priced, and into the stores. Withe quite a good price for the copra, even though well below the free market price, and a sky-high price for cocoa, there was no shortage of money.

First, to business. I have found only two of your missing links, March 1934 and July 1936, which will be coming next surface mail. With any luck, however, I should be able to find a few more. I have already sent out one or two enquiries, and hope to find a few copies in Central Office, though since Dr Davidson started to revive the old Central Office library, they may be rather difficult to get; no harm in trying. Dr Davidson, who has now left to take up his position at the Canberra University, has had a fine opportunity to see just how Administration really does work in Island territories; he did quite a good job in trying to revive the Central Office library, but the danger will be that there will be nobody to look after it, and then it will vanish, as before! I have a number of the books, etc, which were owned by the long-since deceased "Samoa Research Society," and which were supposed to be held for safe-keeping in Central Office; I told him of them, but refused to hand over anything; they could prove nothing, of course, and Davidson did not hesitate to say that it was just as well that the late Fr Deihl had retained the books; otherwise they would have shared the fate of the others which are now represented in the library only by index-cards.

As for my collection of the PIM, after a lot of running around, I managed to complete it from January 1933, all neatly bound with the exception of this last year's volume. Of the issues from August 1930 to December 1932, I have only three,
1930, September. 1932, May and November.
Though it will probably be impossible to complete those volumes, I would be thankful if you could let me have the few duplicates you have from that period.

Your remarks on the Commission mailing list reminded me of a note in a letter from Dr Peter Buck; I had written for a few of their publications, and mentioned the business of the Central Office library, since most of the material I held from the old "Samoa Society" consisted of Bishop Museum bulletins and Memoirs; Dr Buck

heartily approved my attitude of "What I have, I hold," and noted that their own mailing list had been drastically pruned for the very reason that many of the recipients of their publications had been very insistent on being placed on the list, but then made no use, and took absolutely no care of the material they received.

Samoa certainly has its problems, and they have not been made any easier by a certain amount of lack of strength on the part of the Government; for instance, in all this business of the petition to the UNO and the continued calmour for more self-government, nobody in a high position has yet had the fortitude to come out clearly and point out that talk of self-government is scarcely appropriate for a nation of children -- that if they wish for self-government they must be prepared to begin by shouldering some of the responsibilities of adult age, including financial responsibility for debt. At present, they are all minors at law in respect to trade debts. Among themselves they can be very cruel in this matter; there is no depth to which they will not crawl in order to get credit from the trader, usually another Samoan, and then no limit to the lies they will tell and the tricks they will try in order to avoid paying; when the stock-taker comes along, and the trader sends round asking them to pay up, they have all sorts of unfortunate problems and infinitely regret their inability to pay; and if the trader is kicked out, and perhaps put in jail, they have a hearty laugh at the expense of the poor fool who thought himself a shrewd business-man! Sometimes a village will make an arrangement with the traders, and as long as it lasts, all debts will be paid promptly, but eventually the day will come when some old boy has quite a big debt piled up, and then he will set about breaking up the village organization, and that will effectively stop their arrangements with the traders. Of course, you get all varieties, but by far the greater number are not reliable when it comes to paying trade debts.

The recent change in the Post Office -- you no doubt saw a letter about it in November PIM -- was not as popular as the writer claims. I have nothing to say against Charlie Rivers personally but the manner of making the appointment caused a good deal of dissatisfaction in the Post Office; Rivers had been in the Post Office years ago, but resigned to take a job in the Bank, as one offering better prospects. Eventually he left the Bank and had a job in the Samoan Affairs Dept; from there he was picked out, sent to NZ for further experience and training in Postal work, and then given the position; the authorities here went through the mockery of calling for applications for the position, and found nobody here suitable; quite so, but they had not been given any special training for a year in NZ to make them suitable. One or two people in high places have not been as fair and careful as they should have been, when this business was arranged.

The NZRE is now under the control of the local Public Service Commissioner as regards all staff except the General Manager; I doubt if this state of affairs will continue, as from what one can hear, Mr Eden is not at all satisfied with it. Just recently Mr Doidge made a point of putting one or two facts on the record: the Samoans have neither legal nor moral right to the NZRE and its profits; the

facts are that the NZRE land was bought and paid for, and the titles confirmed by the 1897-99 Commission, which did a very thorough job. The development was done with German capital, and imported indentured labour; the only thing the Samoans have done consistently in regard to the NZRE plantations, is to steal from them! The NZRE pays all taxes etc due to the local Administration. Mr Eden is in the rather unusual position of being general manager of something very like a private concern which just happens to be Govt. owned, and is certainly one of the most capable men in the Territory. Some of the big chiefs would like to get their hands on the NZRE, with an idea of possibly using it to drive out BPs, Morris Hedstroms, etc. as foreign firms growing rich on the sweat of the poor Samoans! THey have mentioned the idea, though not officially yet, the idea being that the present activities of the NZRE could be expanded and then it could get a monopoly of the trading, and the profits would stay in Samoa for the poor Samoans. If they would do a bit more in the line of working up co-operatives, they could manage quite well without bothering about the NZRE, but the usual fate of the local co-operatives is that one or two of the big men just help themselves to the cash as they feel the need, and finally there is not enough left to carry on the business! The Government is going to have more and more trouble in getting adequate staff; capable men from NZ are not keen on coming here, when they know that they will be subject to no end of cheap criticism and unjust suspicions on the part of the Samoan MLAs.

A note on Tonga; no doubt you read the letter in the PIM, October, I think. A note in a letter from one of the Fathers in Tonga reads: "The remarks of the laddie in the PIM were very true; he is about the only person in the country who is not frightened of the chiefs. The whole place is about as neat and thorough a totalitarian state as even Hitler could have desired. But the truth is very skilfully disguised by a so-called Parl.etc, but as a matter of fact there is nothing at all like a real democracy." One or two of the big chiefs here know it, and would like to have the same thing here. We expect some fun and games this year when it comes to the choice of the new members of the Legislative Assembly; the Fautua will certainly not be invited to do the job this time; they are not nearly as popular among the generality of the people as they suppose. But enough of all this gossip. Every good wish from Capt. Jones and from

Yours sincerely

A J Sansbeson