

11 July 1957

Dear Mr. Maude,

Soon we'll need a "special bag". Before your last was in my hands I had spoken again to Mr McCulloch. I suggested a meeting when you are next in town - asked him if he could come to lunch with us (my lunch). He didn't make any enthusiastic response to that, but said he could meet you at the library. He seemed to approve the idea of meeting. He told me he had been in the R. A. A. F. for 20 years, and having retired, is now working at the Housing Commission and that office is in Macquarie St., so he's quite near. He's still awaiting a reply from the Air Ministry. Meanwhile he says there's a pictorial history in the photographs, of which there is evidently a collection in his possession.

And here's something for you to follow up in that highly efficient National Library. He said that R. G. Casey has a statement in the Age of 4th July under the heading "An island of mystery", telling that he had been approached on the subject by a citizen named "Grace", whom McCulloch says must be a descendant of one of the partners for whom his grandfather collected the guano. I'm not sure of that surname, but it might be one of the two names given

in the article I sent you. If you can locate this man from the information Casey gives you might get on to some records.

With regard to the other matters you mention, yes, business records are the ones I used to sigh for - I'm afraid they're not mouldering, but have mouldered long since, you know. A source, that the Mitchell has the Towns papers. The Colonial Secretary's Dept. can't help now - I took over all their documents to 1855 in two lots comparatively early in my Mitchell days, and later ones have been received since.

Most of the sealing and whaling logs are at Salem, because most of the ships were American. The few whaling logs I've seen, however, are very uninformative.

As soon as I can get to the Mitchell I'll follow up some ideas that are forming, and hope to report again soon.

If Mc Culloch doesn't get any news soon, we might suggest asking Phyllis M. J. to make some inquiries in London.

Pardon scrawl, I want to get this packed.

Yours
Ida L.

A. R.,

17. 9. 57

Dear Mr. Maude,

Last evening on the ferry Mr. McCullough gave me the enclosed - he had the copy made for you. It's disappointing, isn't it, that there were no diaries, but infuriating that they don't tell him what happened to the documents that were found. As he said, you can make inquiries yourself now if you think it worth while, but why on earth you couldn't have been saved the trouble by a little commonsense at the other end!

I've read a proof copy of the new Gumble lent to me here, and passed it on to Nancy. It's rather scrappy, I think, less of it than the first instalment, but there's no doubt he can write.

When are you coming to town? I've hoped and hoped to put in some time at the Ditchell, but Florence is still not robust, and I don't like staying out at nights. But please let me know when you come. I had a letter from Joyce Cocks yesterday - she said Laurie Fitzhardinge and his two sons are staying near her in St. John's Wood, and he claims to be working on his life of Hughes. Good news for the R. A. H. S., for whom he is supposed to be editing Tench.

It rocked me to note that my "tough" friend of the ferry is an MBE. I hope you and Mrs. Maude are well - Regards Ida F.

Australian National University,
21st September, 1957.

Dear Ida,

Thank you for your letter, which arrived just as I was coming out of ~~smoke~~ having completed a paper on the history of the mutineers from the mutiny itself in April, 1789, to the landing on Pitcairn in January, 1890. I've divided it into 2 periods - the attempted settlement on Tubuai, and the saga of the 'Bounty's' voyage from Tahiti to the Austral, Cook, Tonga and Fiji Islands and back to Pitcairn: 8,700 miles of wandering during which they discovered Karabonga.

I've never seen more than 2 or 3 paragraphs on the Tubuai venture in any book, and nothing at all on the long trek. I've taken 8,700 words to tell it - one for each mile of the journey - and have called it "In Search of a Home". Now to find a home for the paper itself: by far the hardest task.

Thank you for forwarding McCullough's letter. I don't think there is any point in my endeavouring to locate the letters and bills: they would be no use to McCullough himself, or to me as I can get what I need on the World War I period from Grice in Victoria.

I had meant to be in Sydney long ere this but have been flat out trying to get the paper absolutely finished before I tackle anything new - I'm so apt to wander from topic to topic and never get anything finalized. And now it is term time and difficult to get away so it looks like about Christmas. I hope to be in Sydney for most of January, February and March all being well and will be working at the Mitchell most every day; and of course I'll let you know when I come.

I was sorry to hear that Florence is not yet quite recovered, but I hope you are. Probably with the warmer weather we'll all blossom again like Mao's many flowers. I hear that Nancy is not too well either these days - maybe its all this radioactivity from the television performances.

I wonder if you know Owen Rutter - you seem to know most people in this world? I thought of sending my paper to him as I feel he'd be at least interested in the new material brought to light and might be able to suggest where it could be published.

If you ever do have an off half-hour could you please do me a couple of favours. Could you find out where the earliest copy of Lloyd's Register (the shipping affair) is in Sydney? I am hoping that somewhere they have a Register

which is at least pre-1830.

The second favour is to look up the Nautical Magazine for 1888 where on pages 973-4 there should be an article on the discovery of Rarotonga and other Cook Islands. If this proves to be correct could you please get the girl to have the whole article photostated and sent to me?

It wouldn't ring true if I didn't have some requests to make.

Yours ever,

Herby

Ar R.
25 Sept. 1957

Dear Mr. Maude,

Nice to hear from you, but not nice to know you won't be Sydney-side for so long. I mentioned this to Nancy, who was devastated, because that meant she mightn't see you, as her departure seems to be getting nearer for Dec. 24.

I got your letter yesterday, so this is a very prompt reply, with duty done!

The article in the Nautical Magazine entitled: Recent Annexations in the ^{South} Pacific covers p. 972-977, so I've arranged for it to be copied in full, though p. 977 had only a few useless lines - I hope that's alright - I thought you'd prefer to have the whole of it.

Lloyd's Register - The earliest at the public library is 1837/8. I rang Lloyd's Register (Sydney Office) and talked to the manager, a pleasant Scot. His earliest is 1856. He offered to write to London for you, but agreed finally the request for information might be better sent directly by you.

Lloyd's Register Office, Fenchurch St. London has registers from 1764, and complete from 1775. This register was later known as the Underwriters' Register or the Green Book. A rival book "The New Register Book of Shipping", appeared in 1799. This became known as the Shipowners' Register, or ~~by~~ Red Book. Lloyd's have this for 1801. Green and Red finished in 1833, and the present Lloyd's Register

began in 1834. I don't think there'd be any chance of getting a pre-1830 book here - you'll need to send specific inquiries to London. The Scot here was sure they'll be delighted to help.

Now for your Bounty article. Owen Rutter died in 1944. Have you considered

The American Neptune: a quarterly journal of maritime history. Salem, Mass., American Neptune Inc.

The Mariner's Mirror: the quarterly journal of the Society for Nautical Research. London, Cambridge University Press.

I've checked on articles in each, and some do run to your length, or very near it.

Perhaps the librarian at the Peabody Museum, Salem, might have ideas about other American journals. In England I can think only of Robert Gibbings, who would be interested because of the Bounty books he published and illustrated (Golden Cockerel Press). He might suggest making a small book of it with Gibbings woodcuts, but that wouldn't suit your scholarly purpose!?

I met Davidson by chance in the bank yesterday.

Must stop now - should be working. Hoping to see you sooner than Xmas. I daresay.

21 Holbrook Avenue
Kirribilli, April 5

Dear Expert, I must say this time, as the seeker after knowledge. I had a letter from Nancy, dated 20th March - she asks if I could spare a few minutes (I quote), she'd be so terribly grateful if I could dig up some dope on Palmerston, Pukapuka and Suvarrow, which you think she should include in her Cook Islands book. She says you can tell me all about it, and you know what she wants - "historical dope, slavers, missionaries, etc.", also that you have quite a lot about these islands. She had enjoyed doing the other islands, and would also enjoy doing these, but when she returns she will be full of Turkey and wanting to work on that book, and to start again at the Mitchell on the Cooks would be fatal.

The indication here, also the hoped-for visit to the Cooks on the way home, seems to be that she doesn't want to have the material sent to her, but I thought I'd better get it ready soon. So - I made a start late this week on Palmerston, about which there seems to be little to learn, and certainly no slavers, unless you have private information re such. I've copied the relevant passages from Cook (2nd and 3rd voyages), Rev. W. Wyatt Gill and Pacific Islands Yearbook on the Marsters family, also Eric Rasmussen in P. I. M. in 1941 on the family. Even in this very modest amount of material there are serious discrepancies. The P. I. Yearbook article states that Marsters from the beginning insisted that only English should be learned by the children, and that he

absolutely forbade the use of a native language, Gill unfortunately doesn't give the date of his visit, but 1879 seems likely - he says several of the young people were verging on maturity. The population numbered 37. (Incidentally, he says Marsters had brought 3 wives and several natives - the other accounts mention only the 3 women).

A few months before Gill's visit Marsters had asked for a trained native teacher and evangelist. The natives grouped themselves all round the room on the floor, while Gill held a service in the Rarotongan language. . . . Bibles, hymnbooks, and various other publications in the native language were distributed amongst all who could read. Sunday Magazines, Sunday at Home and Good Words were given to M., and most acceptable they were.

Then - the yearbook article states that after the death of William the first, son William ruled benevolently over the clan until his death in 1946.

The editor didn't know of, or had forgotten, Eric Ramaden's article in P. I. M. of Jan. 1941, in which he quotes from a letter from son William. (I won't go into details, as you surely know all this). The upshot was (William wrote in 1901, when it would seem Moore was in control) that Gudgeon, British Commissioner at Rarotonga went to have a look, found the community anxious that one of them should be appointed to govern and act as magistrate. Old William's will was

produced - he desired in it that his eldest son Joel should be "chief of the family". Joel was appointed magistrate and agent for the Resident. "This decision, he wrote, seemed to please all parties - they evidently feared that the second son, William, might be appointed". On April 6, 1902, Judgeon confirmed Joel in his post, and appointed John, Thomas, Andrew and Four Marsters to the council. William was not given a seat.

So is history, isn't it! That's as far as I can get and I await your advice, as you've probably got all that is needed already.

Grace Frederiksen will tell you my immediate plan, or lack of plan. Please let me know if you come to town - I am at your service.

By the way, I came on another King's mill, one William, captain of H.M.S. Royal, a holograph letter about an embroidered coat supplied to him, of which he didn't like the cloth on the lapels. The date was possible, so I must follow him up, but he seems less likely than the Admiral already considered.

Nancy is very amusing about her Turkey book - she sounds just like the characters in Rose Macaulay's The Towers of Trebizond, all of whom were running round writing books, and one or two were writing Turkey books. By the way she says she had written to you at great length, and she tells me of a wonderful letter of yours in which you give her most marvellous advice about the Cook Islands book, for which she is most truly grateful.

It was good having a few hours with Grace Frederiksen. She tried to fix time for me, but all I'm sure about is that I'd like to be about here until Helen leaves, as she may be away for a long time, and I may have no more chances of seeing her. And they know nothing more definite than that the ship is to sail some time in May.

Meanwhile I'll make notes on Pukapuka and Suwarrow for Nancy, unless you tell me you have the whole story. I wrote an article on Suwarrow once and it was published, but I don't remember where, but I think the source of the material must have been rather special, because I can recall being rather excited about it.

To revert to Marsters, as Gill said he went to Palmerston after years of wandering among the five Islands, he must have been there when Kendall was, and when the Boston missionaries arrived.

Oughtn't you to persuade the authorities to send you on to Boston to see the missionary archives after you've explored Honolulu?

Come again soon - remember you have to see some pictures of ships for your articles - The Mitchell & Dixon galleries are closing indefinitely for structural alterations. If there are any good ones in the cabinets in the Dixon I'll get them out next week, and there are a few downstairs.

Gratefully ever

Ida L.

Department of Pacific History,

11th April, 1958.

Dear Ida,

It was really good to hear from you again. I had been meaning to write myself but then I thought that you were coming up to stay with the Fredericksens after Easter. However, she tells me that you are coming, though not till Helen has gone.

To tell you the truth, I was quite excited at your letter for I too am interested in Palmerston, Suvarrow and Nassau Islands and should very much like to have enough information to be able to write a paper on the history of Palmerston, in particular.

So I should be glad to let you have any material that I have succeeded in finding (or references to it) in exchange for any which you may discover (or again references to it). You needn't worry that I shall be competing with Nancy, for she and I write for such entirely different markets that we are never likely to clash. I have let her have copies of some of my more original discoveries on Manihiki and the other northern Cooks, even though I know she may publish them before me, simply because I know also that her public and mine do not read the same literature.

Lest it sounds conceited to think that I have a public at all, may I hasten to add that I am fully aware that it consists of about 30 people in various parts of the world - all cranks interested in the finer points of Pacific history. Whereas hers runs into thousands for any article she writes.

Anyway, to get on to the Palmerston question. In addition to what you have already got, I think you may find references to early calls at Palmerston in -

- (i) Wilson's Cruise of the Duff;
- (ii) Edward and Hamilton's Voyage of HMS Pandora, where if I remember rightly they lost the trader and found a relic of the Bounty;
- (iii) Mackaness, in his Life of Bligh, also mentions this call and may, or may not, have some additional information;

(iv) and I feel sure that Eric Ramsden, in his little booklet of South Sea stories, has a chapter on the Masters family.

Then isn't there something in Williams Missionary Enterprises about a visit to Palmerston? And there might be a lead or two to additional information in the bibliography attached to Bryan's book on American Polynesia.

I enclose some early correspondence on the machinations of the Brander family and a Mr Darsie in trying to do Marsters out of his just rights; this may, I hope, give you some additional clues to the Brander interest in the island. There should be some material in the records of the British Consulate in Tahiti?

argued /
You will also see that one letter refers to something in the Melbourne for the 6th April, 1888. Let me have the correspondence back when you have finished with it: there is no hurry. At least it does serve to provide a few dates on which to base a chronology - please do prepare one, it would be such a help.

But what I think Nancy would particularly like is the following series -

- (i) Affidavit of A. Hendricke re events at Palmerston and on cruise of Daphne - in Col. Sec. In-letters, Bundle 7 (1813), pp.298-303. Dated 16.11.13. 6pp.
- (ii) Affidavit of Samuel E Hoadley dated 15.12.12 before W. Henry re events on Palmerston and murder of Captain Bearbeck in Col. Sec. In-letters, Bundle 7 (1813), pp.198-204. 7 pp.
- (iii) Deposition of Samuel E. Hoadley dated 28.10.12 before M. Fodger (Capt.) on Daphne re same events, also in Col. Sec. In-letters, Bundle 7 (1813), pp.210-2. 3pp.

These are the sort of blood-thirsty episodes her public hankers for: actually a dramatic story and interesting sidelight into the earlier history of the island. I think that you will find the background, but not the detail, set out in one of the chapters in Dunbabin's Sailing the World's Edge.

Sorry these are all a miscellaneous assortment of more or less vague leads; but I have never made a bibliography of Palmerston so am just giving you what emerges from a muddled memory. But now you have got me enthused and I can hardly wait to start on Palmerston myself. It would make a lovely little history - who planted the coconut trees that Captain

Cook found (he collected over a thousand coconuts, did'nt he?). And then this Captain Bearbeck was a most respected master of vessels engaged in the early pork trade with Tahiti: could one find out more about him? And I feel sure that there is some material on Palmerston (definitely about Nassau) in the records of the British Consul at Apia - microfilms in the Mitchell, are there not?

Much of the material you mention on Palmerston I do not know about: perhaps you can let me have the full references, e.g. to Gill and Ramsden (I have the publications but do not know the pages).

Yes, do please follow up the idea about William Kingsmill and above all please trace your article on Suvarrow, for I know nothing of it. Knowing your penchant for Philosophical Journals and out of the way publications it could be anywhere; but surely it is indexed in the Mitchell?

I'll write re Suvarrow and the others when I know how your researches have gone; for as a matter of fact it is only when stimulated by reading about your discoveries that I can recollect the existence of a few gaps that I may happen to know about.

Also would you please look up -

Argensola, B.L. de, The Discovery and Conquest of the Malucco and Phillipine Islands ... (London, 1708);

and copy out anything you can find about the voyage of Alvarado (and maybe Grijalva) to the Maluccas - along the equator - in 1537: it will be only a paragraph or two, I expect.

Then if you could do the same for -

- (1) De Couto, Dec. V, lib. VI, cap. 5 (Lisbon, 1612); and
- (ii) Herrera, Historia, probably Dec. V, lib. VIII, cap. 10; and maybe Dec. VII, lib. V, cap. 9.

Both on the Grijalva and Alvarado expedition - I'd be most eternally grateful. If there is more than a paragraph in either, please get them to make a photostat instead. If these are not in the Mitchell, they should be in the Dixon collection for sure.

I am just finishing the last lines of my paper on "The Spanish Discoveries in the Central Pacific", and after that I have to be an assessor at the oral examination of one Gillion for a Ph. D. - his subject is "Indian Immigration into Fiji".

And then, alas, I have to write, and read to a seminar, a paper on "Modern Administrative Techniques". All this is a shocking waste of time, as its nothing to do with History: but if one joins a University I suppose that one has to put up with the rules.

If I can sneak down to Sydney in between I shall, as this place gets me down after a time; and I long for the cloistered silences of the Mitchell.

Do please let me know how you get on with the islands. Nassau is important too, for both of us. There is much in the Apia records on it (and probably in those of the American Consulate, too, as it was claimed by Moors); and then Mrs RLS won it gambling (no, that was Victoria Island, p.d.). On Suwarrow don't forget the material in the recent biography of the Mair Family, or the material by Sterndale in the Monthly Review, or the chapter in Cowan's book; and on Pukapuka you will find a rare piece giving the story of the first attempt to land there in the reminiscences of one Peron, who went there in the 'Otter'. I think no modern writer has ever discovered this piece.

But I must stop now and get on with the Spanish voyages. I do hope that you are beginning to feel a bit better now and more able to cope. I had not liked to bother you, but if Nancy is going to then why shouldn't I?

Yours affectionately,

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21 Holbrook Av.
Kirribilli 16.4.58

Dear Master,

How kind to write so fully and give me so much information all so soon. The splendid budget was awaiting my return from the Mitchell yesterday, so I wrote at once to Nancy to report and to ask instructions for forwarding or holding results till she comes. Davidson has been working there, as you'll know, and we had a few words about Dillon on Monday and today. He has a couple of obscure points to clear up, but I couldn't help him, alas. At one moment today he, Fitzhardinge, Jacques Barreau and I were all in the reading room.

Before going any further with Nancy's needs, I applied myself to your Moleccan Sponiards, and enclose part of the meagre results.

Please send me some more queries, and I'll try to do better.

I'm glad to have reawakened your interest in Palmerston, etc., and shall certainly let you have anything I find.

You are right that Eric Ramsden has a Masters chapter in his little book, but it has nothing of value, and he says, apparently wrongly, that Masters went there in 1854. That may be the date of Brandert's first connection with the island. The N.Z. official documents, by the way, always spell the name Masters. I'll look up my list of the British Consulate.

papers tomorrow, in the hope of finding some Brander or other Tahiti references. I would have been doing this anyhow, because I found my Seewarrod article and feel sure, by the date, that I got the material there. Contrary to your notion of esoteric hiding places, it appeared in so obvious a publication as P. I. M. It hadn't been indexed in the Mitchell, but a tear-out copy is in a folder there with a couple of other odds-and-ends on Seewarrod. The date is August 22, 1935, and the pages 46/7 and 49. That was shortly after my return from Tahiti, but, come to think of it, unless I copied it there, I wouldn't have had it available - we didn't get the papers till two years later. It's a hair-raising story by Sterndale of having been deliberately left there by Evans in 1867, with provisions for four months, no boats, compasses, etc., and no intention of ever returning or sending for him and party. He was taken off, when nearly dead, by Bully Hayes, sent by the Consul at Apia.

The other references you want are: -

1. Gill, W. Wyatt - Gleanings from the Pacific, p. 33-8. (a chapter on Palmerston, with a personal description of Marsters).
2. Eric Ramsden's article on the Marsters family, P. I. M., Jan. 1941, p. 57-8.

I checked this by Gudgeon's report in the N. Z. House of Reps. - App. to Journals, and it is correctly recorded. The only change of a word I noticed was that where Eric's article says Marsters' will was "produced" - Gudgeon has "procured".

By the way, Gill's references to stone adzes and ancient graves might account for the coconuts

Cook found in such abundance.

Listening to your paper on Modern Administrative Techniques should be a rewarding experience for the hearers - do let us know where that is published.

As you say Nassau is important too "for both of us", I suppose that means I must add it to the three Nancy gave me. I know nothing about it. On ~~Sunday~~ I've read Sterndale in the Monthly Review, also the chapter in Cowan. Not in M.R. or elsewhere does Sterndale seem to have published the story of his marooning by Evans, nor have I found that any proceedings were taken against Evans.

Thanks for the thriller references in the Col. Sec's In-Letters. I'll leave the copying of these till I know if Nancy wants the material sent to her in Europe. And I'll try to be methodical and make a chronology, and also I'll remember you want the correspondence you sent returned some time.

And do come again soon, and meanwhile command me.

Gratefully and affectionately

Ida F.

23rd April, 1958

Dear Ida,

Thank you for your very detailed letter and, above all, for the marvellous excerpt from Argansola. This was just what I wanted and I have already included it in the paper. Dalrymple, in his "An Historical Collection of the several Voyages and Discoveries in the South Pacific Ocean" (London, 1767), vol.I, pp.35-9, has it wrong.

Now as regards Herrera, it is Dalrymple, in the above quoted work, who says that Herrera has a brief mention of the Grijalva/Alvarado expedition. Could you please look and see what Dalrymple does say as I may have got him muddled; also James Burney, in his "Chronological History ...", vol.I, has a chapter on the expedition which quotes Herrera and may give the right reference.

I think perhaps that the book by Herrera they are talking about may not be the Historia but one of his other works, for instance his "Novus Orbis sive Descriptio Indiae Occidentalis" (or is this in fact the same work?). ^{But if you look up Burney} and Dalrymple you will be able to tell. I never knew that the Pub. Lib. had an English translation of Herrera (or even that one existed).

On Palmerston, you might add:-

Ferguson, Lady A.M.B., "A Day on Palmerston Island". English Review, vol.44, pp.451-7 (1927).

Jim Davidson was about yesterday as happy as a dog with two tails because you'd found out something about Martha Dillon; but what it was I never heard because someone came into the room just as he was about to tell me. I still maintain that the Society of Genealogists might well have something on the Dillon family (or the old man himself) but can't persuade Davidson to ask them.

While I think of it, Burney says that M. Buache, in his memoir "Sur des Descouvertes a faire dans le Grand Ocean" considered the island of Acea to be Christmas Island. Could you possibly get for me the quotation and the page in Buache: I would rather quote Buache himself than second-hand from Burney. Only give me the full citation re his book (Publisher, etc.).

Now I look into things I see that I have a reference from Petherick which runs "Navio del 'Marques del Valle', cuyo Capitan Grijalva (1537) - Herrera, Historia, Dec.VII, lib.V, cap.9, p.124, edit.1730, p.97. Also another in which he (Petherick) describes Dalrymple's statements and deductions re Grijalva and Alvarado as being "founded on references in Galvano, Argensola, Herrera, etc., but confused with incidents of the voyage of Saavedra, 1527-8". I wonder if in following Dalrymple (which I note no-one else has) and maintaining that Alvarado discovered ACEA and the Islas de los Pescadores while Grijalva got bumped off early in the piece I have been led up the garden path; and that in fact the Alvarado whom Argensola describes as discovering Gelles was someone altogether different? Perhaps I'll send you my whole chapter, so that you can see what you think.

I am quite sure about my identification of Acea with Christmas Island and the Isla de los Pescadores with Nonouti; but less sure (at the moment) as to who discovered the two - Alvarado, as I have maintained (following Dalrymple), or Grijalva, as most seem to say, or both.

I am taking the liberty of sending you a letter from A. & R. in reply to one from me asking them to order a book for me and charge to my account and would be ever so grateful if you would get Dwyer to send me the book (and the Bill). What is wrong with A. & R. that they refuse to order a book on request (Particularly one published in Sydney). Are they booksellers or not? Or only interested in selling their own books. Its the first time any bookseller has refused to obtain a book for me.

Well, I must stop as Jean Guiart is due any minute and I have to look after him. Will write again with some more stuff as I get on with the paper,

Yours ever,

J. M.

21 Holbrook Avenue
Kivvibilli
29.4.1958

Dear Harry Maude,

Being more than old enough to be your mother, may I lapse into this, in spite of your being my ex-chief, and as such entitled to great respect: -

Reports 1 and 2 follow: -

1. Reverend Mother Hartzer - Ere you get this you may know I started something with A.R.

First I went to Dwyers, to find they had it the book in stock, though they claim to have had it. It is not, as you thought, an Australian publication. The publisher is Mercier, of Cork. Dwyer's warehouse report was that it wasn't on order, and would take eight weeks to get. I placed an order, for delivery direct to you, and hope I did right.

Then I mentioned the matter at A.R.'s overseas order department, and the woman in charge seemed horrified that you should have been treated so cavalierly - she said if you had written to them instead of to me, someone would have been carpeted immediately by Mr. Ritchie. She directed me to the mail order department, to which I nearly did not proceed, but finally did. The head of it was out (luncheon time). But the man I saw reacted just as did the madame above. He said someone, not responsible, had taken it upon himself, etc., and that an apology would be sent to you. Then evidently he couldn't locate your card (I hadn't given him the address), and after various inquiries, he rang me this morning.

for it. So evidently, you are to have your apology.
Both these people assured me it is definitely
not Ark's policy to fob clients off in this manner.

The Hartzger book does not appear in the English
Catalogue (1957) of books in print, but I know
some Irish books are not included in it.

When I came on the Dillon references, which
I have now sent to Davidson, I was looking
in the Tahiti papers for references to Suwarrow.
I'd had a vague recollection of something
concerning Dillon, but it's a long time now
since I selected that Tahiti material. It's
only a little addition to material he had
already.

I've just read a ms. for Miss Davis at Ark.
on early N. S.W. history, 1792-1810, and put
it in with a report today.

Helen told me of her day with Gueart, which
she had thoroughly enjoyed. I had not
known that he is now a resident of Paris.

Suzanne Mourret told me today that things
are difficult in Noumea - everything very
dear, and scarcer than during the war. Is
the Penormand party finding the faces of
the rich?

I'll begin the Spanish saga on a new sheet -
I'm glad you're writing Spanish Pacific history
and not me - it looks worse than the crossword
of cross word puzzles. Yours affectionately
Idaf.

Department of Pacific History,
5th May, 1958.

Dear Ida,

I see that I always start my letters to you by saying "Thank you very much for sending me" something or other. But it is true, you send me such a lot of useful material that I am perpetually indebted.

The latest thanks are for Herrera, which was most valuable; for copies of Burney; and for the note on the new Grijalva and Alvarado. Fortunately these two new birds never seem to have visited the Moluccas, as far as we know, so I still think that I am right in holding that Alvarado (not the 'great') discovered Acea.

What I can't understand is how Burney, who was no fool, has managed to get the voyages of Grijalva and Alvarado so muddled up; whereas Dalrymple has them nicely separated.

You ask about Petherick. He made his statement on the appropriate entry in his Bibliography, which is all in manuscript (on odd sheets of paper) and kept in the National Library. The best thing that the Library has, though it is not looked after properly and practically no-one ever uses it except me. It is really a superb effort, in about 50 volumes (or rather cases) and I don't know where I should have got in the early days without it.

I am flat out nowadays trying to get that wretched paper on Administrative Techniques written, and also get things sorted and completed before I go to Honolulu. At the moment it looks as if I'll never get done in time.

I was most amused at your experience with A. & R. over the Catholic book. I thought somehow that it was a bit odd refusing to order a book when they call themselves booksellers. But I do not believe that they will ever write that letter to me you speak of.

Of course they may have been annoyed because I did not want the Louis Becke they had just offered me. It must have

been fully 7 years since I wrote to them asking them if they would get it, and in the interval I had bought it elsewhere.

Would you please look up -

Broughton, William Robert, A Voyage of Discovery to the north Pacific Ocean ... sloop 'Providence' (London, 1804);

and let me have a copy of the page or two in which he describes his discovery of Caroline Island. It is on pp.28-9, I think, but I can find no copy here. And who was the publisher?

Would you also please give me the full citation for De Couto, because I can't find it now? I have got the photostat, but it doesn't give the full name of the book or the publisher.

You speak about Buache only appearing in Mem. de l'Inst. National, Div. Mor. & Pol., vol. 3, but is there nothing by him in Claret de Fleurieu, Le Comte C.P., Discoveries of the French in 1768 and 1769 to the S.E. of New Guinea ... to which is PREFIXED an historical abridgement of the voyages and discoveries of the Spaniards in the same Seas (1791). But even if there is, probably it contains nothing about Acaea or the Islos de la Pescadores.

Just one further point - you seem to be able to tell whether a work has been published or not. In a Mitchell ts. A3307 OH Marquesan Source Materials: (App. I & II to Pt.1 of a dissertation by G.M. Sheahan for the Ph.D. Degree, Harvard University) there is a reference to -

Leshner, Clara Rebecca, The South Sea Islander in English Literature. University of Chicago, 1940.

Please could you tell me if this is a published work or not?

Again, many thanks for all your help.

Yours ever,

J. M.

Department of Pacific History,
5th May, 1958.

Dear Ida,

Sorry to keep worrying you but could you please get the Library to send me photo-stats of Captain Gilberts 'Voyage to Canton', pp.26-33 and Plates I & II, i.e. all the part relating to the discovery of the Gilbert Islands.

I had a copy done before, but have sent it to Brett Hilder, who is going to write a technical paper on the problems of interpreting the navigational points in the narrative.

Many thanks,

Yours ever,

J.L.M.

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27.9.58

Mitchell Library
May 8/58

Dear Harry Maude,

So glad to hear from you, and to have another spot of work to do. I decided to write the notes here today and post at once.

Thank you for telling me about the Petherick bibliography - that is what he evidently spent his office as well as spare time on, during the years in which he was employed by the C. N. L.

I was surprised to learn you haven't had the apology from A. R. I'm sure the man I interviewed meant it to go, and I'm sure too that the rejection of the Louis Becke item had nothing to do with the case - at any rate, not with anyone in authority.

I'm sorry you've had to worry about administrative techniques when you should have been gladly anticipating Honolulu. How are you going, I wonder, ship or plane? And the indications seem to be that we here who love you aren't likely to see you, unless momentarily, before you go. I had a note from Grace Frederiksen on Tuesday saying she'd seen Mrs. Maude and I'd have to come quick if I were to be in Canberra while you're still there. I replied at once that I didn't mean to go back on my promise to stay with her - that it was the further postponement of Helen's departure that had held me back - but that if it was to be as late as now seemed likely, I'd make a break and go for a few days. What I had thought of doing was

taking Canberra on the way to Melbourne.

The latest news of the Shields ship is that it may be as late as 20th June - that would put Melbourne off to near midwinter - a bad time there for my chest. I was at Manly on Sunday and saw Kate Phelan there - he didn't know where Nancy was except that she had left Paris - but he has now heard from her - she had been in Broome (not Turkey) and was back in Paris. I haven't heard what she wants me to do with the Cook Ex. material. I had (by the way) written up the Palmerston chronology to send to you, but perhaps I'd better hold it now - you'll be too busy to look at it. I wanted to ask you where you got the Thurston despatches (in Govt. Office, Fiji, I suppose), because the Exham enclosure mentioned by Thurston would be relevant.

Nancy's book is being set and the blocks are being made. Mr. Mund told me this last week, so it may be out in July, as he hoped.

Just as well for you that you haven't been working here - you wouldn't know your "cloistered calm". Mechanical drills abound, the ceiling has been gouged out of the Mitchell Librarian's office, the entrance is a filthy mess, the air is full of dust, the tables, &c. are covered in it. This vandalism is to go on for months!

Please think up some jobs for me while you're away. How about Pitcairn? or have you finished with it? Affectionately,
Ida Fi

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21 Holbrook Av. Kirribilli
26 July / 58

Dear Harry - it was wonderful to hear from you, and to know the search was being prolific in results. I was feeling rather down, and wondering what was the good of anything, and it galvanized me into making a new effort, and feeling that it would be worth living another year if I could find anything worth while for you. Truth to tell, I had done very little, because A.P.R. had asked me to do some newspaper searching which looked like only a few weeks work. I had refused what they asked first - compiling biographies for a supplementary Encycl. volume, and didn't like to say no again. As I had done more than half of the task, a tiring though routine one, I told them I wouldn't go on for a while, and switched immediately to your needs.

I had been through the Tahiti papers, and will note the rather meagre result on a separate sheet. The most interesting thing seems to be the request from Rarotonga for annexation. The Palmerston and Newarong documents in these papers you know of already.

I've checked on On Chong & Co. They appear in Sydney directories from 1868 at addresses in George St, and were still in George St, in 1931 when the last Sands's Directory was published. In telephone directories from 1940 the address was 16 O'Connell St, and the name appeared until 1955. This latter address is the same as Carpenter's. So I hied me to Carpenter's and saw the secretary (Craven), a very pleasant citizen. He said they took over On Chong in 1935. The only On Chong records they have are documents about lands held in the Gilberts - titles and such like. They have been approached about records by either the National or the National University Library - he wasn't clear which. Craven has been

with Carpenters for thirty years. He remembers two other names, Lang Fong and Palser, but couldn't tell me anything about them.

You ask about the S.M. Herald and speak of searching it day by day. There is an index from 1831 to 1844. The Herald's own printed index began in 1927 - they have nothing earlier. However, though I hadn't much hope for the areas you want, I took a shot at 1868 (On Chong's first year here), and went page by page through July to Dec. The only result was this: -

1868 Sept. 30. Tyra, barque, Capt. Ree, from Pitt's Island,
27 Aug. Passengers - Messrs. R. Waters, W. Koutner, 4 women and 2 men (natives), with a large shipment of coconut oil. McDonald, Smith & Co. agents.

There are, in the text, many references to N.Z., Fiji, Samoa, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, but not a word on the Gilberts or the Carolines, etc. As I remembered from my reading of Buzacott's work on Rarotonga that there were vessels in large numbers visiting there, I suspected that most of them must have come from N.Z. or U.S. ports, so I switched to the Fiji Times. (The P. R. and M. L., unfortunately, don't have the Auckland Herald).

The Mitchell has the Fiji Times from the beginning, and it has regular lists of labour vessels and whither they are proceeding. Here are the relevant paragraphs from issues during the first year, all from shipping news - it may not prove any better in the general news pages: -

24 Sept. 1870. Ketch Jupiter from the Pine Islands, 20 Sept. Left Tarewa (Gilbert group) Aug. 22. In search of labour visited Oaitape, Speiden, Auirai, Onute, Clark's, Byron's, Drummond, Nauouti, Woodle, Maira and Tarawa Islands. She brings 44 labourers; one native of Drummond Island died on 27th Aug, having been ailing for some days. The Jupiter proceeds to Nandi with her passengers.

The Magellan Cloud is only 12 days from Clark's Island;

having been absent from this port three months; she brings 57 labourers. The day before arrival one of the hands died of consumption; the funeral service was read by the Captain. Mr. Emberton, the charterer, accompanied the vessel and seems glad the trip is over. He reports labour very scarce. (H. Emberton & Co. were merchants & commission agents, Revuka).

1871 Jan. 7. The Oriti arrived, 5 Jan, from the Line Islands - she had been away from here nearly four months, and has been very unfortunate, bringing only 23 laborers, mostly women.

1871 Jan. 27. Waiau, cutter, left for the Line Islands - she left Pleasant Island on the return journey, on 13 Apr, with 21 laborers.

I'll follow on with the Fiji Times.

I read the other evening in Stonehewer Cooper's Coral Lands the chapter on Godeffroy's. There should be rewarding records if they have been preserved.

Buzacott's book on Rarotonga I expect you know. I made a few extracts on Penrhyn from this, and on Rakaanga, whence labourers were taken to Fanning Island for about a year each time to make Cocoa nut oil for the owners, for which they get paid in clothing at seven dollars per month; also on Manihiki. (Lorry - these are from some ms. reminiscences of the Penrhyn Islands, by Mrs. Buzacott).

Buzacott's book has two useful chapters. (VII. Hurricanes and famine, 1831-1846; XVII Rarotonga in 1828 and in 1857).

Masters - Yes, there's no doubt that's the way the family spelled the name - it's the New Zealanders who seemed to prefer Masters.

I'll tackle The Friend as soon as possible - hitherto I've only searched it for Randall - and the Samoa Times in so far as it is available here.

Surely the British Consul in Honolulu won't bar you

from his records - that would be against precedent.

I've been making some stabs at Ponape, but haven't got anywhere yet. The period from the forties to the seventies will be the toughest, unless N.Z. newspapers are much more rewarding than Australian. There may have been American papers of the period that took more interest - it would be worth asking the Salem people, but the files, of course, would not be available here - you'd have to get yourself sent there and to Boston, etc. Terribly unfortunate that Mitchell's field was limited to the Western Western Pacific.

For Nancy I think I had about as much as shall be likely to use; and I'm sure that, having stayed so long in Turkey, she must really be going to talk Turkey first, when I last heard of her she was still there - but that's over a week ago. I had relied on Dr. Meend's strong indication that Atoll Holiday might be out this month, but it isn't to be so, and it will likely be late in August. I tried to see Miss Davis yesterday to find if she has any word about American publication, but she wasn't there.

At long last I have committed myself to visit Canberra, now in winter's depth, but I felt if I put it off any longer I'd never go. I leave on Monday morning for the Frederiksen for a week at most. I had a letter from Davidson a couple of weeks ago, still unanswered - he said he'd be in Canberra all this month - so I hope to see him.

Burton & he had a joint letter in the Herald with a solution of the Middle East problem, heavily slanted in a leader under the heading "Morality, Murder - or Worse?"

Cousin Angus? I'm sorry Davidson let himself be an appendage to Burton - the leader says "the letter is important only because Dr. Burton is a former Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and is believed to reflect Dr. Eoatt's thinking

on foreign policy."

I hope Mrs. Maude will rejoin you in Honolulu well, and that you'll both have a happy time there, and that you'll get more buckets full of treasure. I'll be waiting full of eagerness to hear about it when you come.

Warmest regards and gratitude that you are willing to use me.

Ida

Tahiti Documents References

Aitutaki - Chiefs (1852) re expulsion from the island of Thomas Dryden, and his petition of protest.

Rarotonga - (1866) - Letter from R.H. Irvine re desire for an English protectorate, also letters from Sir George Grey and Foreign Office on this subject; from the Assembly of Lords of Rarotonga (1865) to Grey; from the Chiefs and X Settlers, "the protection craved is such as was granted settlers' names to B.B. Nicholson for Malden Island"; also a letter given from the missionary Krause.

Avarua (1866) from Chief Makea Abela asking for return of labourers from Atimaono.

Mangaia - (1863) W. Wyatt Gill on native labour trade on Mangaia, Rakaanga, Pukapuka & Niue for Peru, from the Penrhyn too, entrapped by an Irishman, Paddy, whose career he briefly traces.

Mangaia (1866) Gill on the proceedings of Capt. Dunn of the Annie Laurie, and Dunn's intention to settle there (Cumming and Strickland mentioned); also a letter from the King & Governors of Mangaia on the same subject.

25th September, 1958.

Dear Ida,

I am very sorry that my plans to spend a few days in Sydney when en route to Canberra did not materialize, owing to unfortunate trouble with the renting of our house (not the Wahroonga one this time).

Honor had picked an eminently domesticated couple who guaranteed to stay put until our return and, in consideration of a reduced rent, to look after the precious cat Ginger.

Within a few weeks, however, the wife (who is a paleo-ontologist - however its spelt) went off to Bangkok; and shortly afterwards the man (who is a physical anthropologist) accepted a job in the University of Queensland and rushed away at a moment's notice. You can just imagine the consternation; Honor nearly came back by air from Honolulu and couldn't sleep thinking of nobody feeding the animal.

But by dint of much cabling a kind neighbour agreed to take charge of Ginger. Nevertheless we had to rush from ship direct to Canberra without ever seeing nobody at all.

I worked so hard in Honolulu that I must have rather overdone things and am now suffering a mild reaction, and today is the first that I've felt like doing anything other than cutting my throat. Funny how depressed one can get; and there seems no way of snapping out of it except by work and more work. I set the alarm for 5.30 this morning and jumped out of bed before I could think and started to write and have been hard at it ever since; and as a result am beginning to feel almost human.

But one just had to work flat out in Hawaii for there was so much valuable material to be collected and so little time to do it in. I typed out a lot; more still I had microfilmed; some photostated and towards the end when the heat was really on I worked in relays with Honor dictating on to tape.

And now there is weeks of work ahead following up the Australian end of all the leads one got in Honolulu. For instance where are the records of the Hawaiian Consulate in Sydney at the present time: no-one in Hawaii knows. Sir Charles St Julian handed over - there may have been intermediaries - to John Webster, the friend of Benjamin Boyd. And others carried

on until the 1890s: in fact, I suspect, until the annexation of Hawaii by America. And the archivist in Honolulu thinks that the records must have stayed on here in Sydney. One would think it not impossible to trace what happened as late as 1890?

Boyd, on his way back from America on the Wanderer, conceived the idea of becoming a second Rajah Brooke by founding a Pacific Islands Confederacy. With this idea in view he called at the island of Sikiana and bought the whole atoll from the chief for 1,000 dollars in trade goods (I have a copy of the deed of sale). He then went to San Christoval and other Solomon Islands and bought large strips of the coast areas in a similar manner.

In the midst of these dealings Boyd got bumped off by the natives of Guadalcanal, and apparently by the terms of his will Sikiana and the rest went to John Webster (couldn't this precious will be found?).

Webster then proceeded to carry out Boyd's intentions by working out plans for developing Sikiana as an entrepot for trade with the Solomons and other parts of Melanesia, but the trouble was that it came under the protection of no recognized Government: and the great powers were not, at that early date, anxious to annex any territory in the Pacific.

At that juncture Webster fortunately met St Julian in Sydney and the two hatched a plot to persuade King Kamehameha of Hawaii to assume sovereignty over Sikiana, St Julian to be appointed Governor and Webster Lieutenant-Governor.

I have the Hawaiian end of the correspondence and the minutes of the Cabinet and Privy Council meetings at which the Protectorate was discussed. Kamehameha at length agreed but in the meantime the two actors seemed to have got tired of the play, and as far as I can find out the only practical outcome was the institution by St Julian of the Order of Arossi (after the Arossi coast on San Cristobal which was part of the Protectorate), with Kamehameha as Grand Sovereign of the Order. I think only one appointment was ever made to the Order: St Julian appointed himself Knight Commander (hence the title Sir Charles St Julian), but it had quite an elaborate constitution.

Anyway, all this is to say that if you ever can come across some documentary material in the Mitchell or elsewhere on Boyd's Pacific Confederacy idea, the Sikiana purchase, or the Hawaiian Protectorate I should be eternally grateful. What has happened to all John Webster's papers: I know he went to New Zealand to live, for a time at least, so have written to the Turnbull; but there may be something in the Mitchell. Also Boyd's papers: Lawson wrote a novel about Boyd, so he

must have been able to find out something about him.

Thank you for your information on On Chong and Company. On Chong was a Sydney family and their descendants must be alive in the great capital at this moment: if only one could get in touch with them. I have an idea that the Chinese are apt to treasure particulars about their ancestors with greater fidelity than we do.

You mention Godeffroy - Mrs Spoehr is writing a biography of the old man and I have promised to send her any MS material that she might have missed. There has been a history of the firm written - about 10 years ago, I think - but the only copy I know of is in the Hocken Library in Dunedin. I have been thinking of having it microfilmed. I wrote to the present head of the Godeffroy family in Hamburg asking if he could let me have a copy on sale at any price and had a nice letter back saying that he had none to spare himself but if any came on the market he would remember me.

Mrs Spoehr is the mother of Dr Spoehr, the present Director of the Bishop Museum and Second Commissioner on the South Pacific Commission - Dean Ryerson has taken over from Keesing as Senior Commissioner. She is well in the 70s but going strong: just published an excellent book on Tetens' Diary of his life in the Carolines under the title of "Among the Savages of the South Seas". I hope that the Mitchell have got it.

About Randell I've had rather a bit of luck. For years I've wanted to read a book by Mahlmann: "Reminiscences of an Ancient Mariner" but its one of the rarer books on the islands and I could never get hold of a copy (I think there is none in the Mitchell). Then in Honolulu there was a full page article on the book in the Advertiser but saying that alas there was no copy in Hawaii and that collectors were willing to give a fortune for it.

And about a week later I was checking through the stock of a Philippine second hand dealer in the slums when lo and behold I found a copy all dusty in the corner of a top shelf. So I bought it for \$12.50 and it contains a whole chapter on Randell in the Gilberts: Mahlmann went as mate on one of Randell's ships sailing out of Sydney and Randell himself was the Captain on the particular trip. This would have been about 1865.

Then Miss Judd of the Hawaiian Mission Childrens Library showed me a biography of Gulick, the missionary naturalist, which contains an excellent account of a visit to Butaritari in

1852 when he met Randell and his partner Durant. Even better is a MS letter from L.H. Gulick, who accompanied his brother on that trip. Randell and his ~~bro~~ partner had then been 6 years on Butaritari and employed some 14 Europeans in a big trading establishment which included a ship-building and repair yard.

There were then four partners, of which one was Smith, who afterwards I believe founded several shipowning concerns in Sydney. One of these is called Howard Smith and I believe that Howard Smith and another Smith concern have recently published (privately) a history of the firms. I wonder if you could possibly have a look at this and see if it contains any mention of the early Randell business? Presumably there is a copy in the Mitchell.

Thank you also for a copy of the excerpts re the Tahiti documents. I am now copying these on to cards and they will come in useful for others besides myself. I have at last got a student: One Ron Crocombe from the Cook Islands, who is doing a Ph D thesis on Land Use and Usage in Polynesia. Amusing to be supervising a perwon for a degree I am sure I could never get myself.

You mention casually having seen some MS reminiscences of Penrhyn Island by Mrs Buzacott: this seems an important find, and I have noted it down for looking at when I get to Sydney. I'm afraid I've not yet got the hang of the Mitchell and don't suppose I ever shall: there are so many indexes and catalogues and special collections that every time I think I've got to the bottom of my references on a subject I find I've missed out. Some time ago I was trying to find particulars of Bishop and Simpson and the Nautilus (you may remember) and now I see in a recently published article that I have missed looking at the Register of Legal Instruments, Registrar-General's Department, Sydney, item 116: how could one be expected to know that such a series existed. I wonder if it contains particulars of other early shipping. There apparently is other material in MS A322, whatever that may be. I must come down quick.

I told you I think how I came across a priceless MS account of the life of Auna, the Raiatean missionary who went to the Hawaiian Court, among the bundles of Supreme Court papers just before I left. It had been translated by the Rev. Threlkeld. Now everybody in Hawaii wants a microfilm: particularly the Hawaiian Historical Society and the University and the Bishop Museum.

But all this meandering can go on for ever and I must stop. What I am hoping is that you are well and reasonably happy and that you are not too busy to help me in some of the problems outlined above. I aim to come down within a week or

so and go flat out on the records in the Mitchell. Perhaps I had better start on the SMH about 1845, which is the year before the one I reckon Randell started his Gilbert Islands venture. And I think one should not any reference to any Pacific Island as they will always come in valuable for others. By the way, I see here that in the SMH for Sept 20, 1853, there should be a reference to John Webster and the Wanderer: I should like a copy, though I don't suppose it contains anything about the Pacific Islands Confederacy idea.

I see that Nancy's book is out: it has been attractively produced though the photographs look as if they are all spotted. A bad screen? Its a pity it had to be brought out at the same time as Frank Clune's book on his run to Tahiti and Adams of the Bounty. Both of these are shocking books - in their gross and reckless inaccuracies - and quite unworthy of A. & R., but I predict that they will affect the sales of Nancy's book very materially. Few people are going to buy three books on the islands in one month and if they have to choose nine out of ten will ~~not~~ buy a book of sensational tripe like Clune's rather than a work of good solid worth like Nancy's (especially when it is considerably more expensive). Someone must have blundered.

Yrs,
J.W.M.

26th Sept, 1958

Dear, dear Master, just as I was leaving for town this morning in no very cheerful mood, came your blessed report of your doings to draw me back to the life of seeking, and sometimes finding, that makes grimness seem at least less grim. I'd remembered you expected to be back mid-September, and realized you might have shot straight through. As for me, when you left I had high hopes of following up many leads, but as three and a half months seemed a long time, and Ark. offered me some work I didn't like to refuse (I had refused once), I took it on and it occupied weeks - then I got under the weather physically and felt my remaining days were few. Meanwhile I had been making rather ineffectual stabs in various directions for you, and then made a sudden decision that I must do one complete bit before you arrived, and settled on The Friend, which you may remember you said must be examined thoroughly.

The Mitchell set is unfortunately far from complete - it lacks ^{1843^h August,} 1847-9, 1851, 1878-87. It began in 1843 and ends in 1901. This I shall be able to hand you complete - that is, I have recorded every reference, and copied out everything that seems relevant to your purpose.

Fiji Times - The early set in the Mitchell covers only 1870-1873, and I have copied the rather few relevant entries.

Braxier, John - Notes on cruise of H.M.S. Blanche, 1872. Of this, I have extracted the useful parts. (This is a ms.)

Now to comment on some of your points.

1. St. Julian - I meant to seek out some family connections, but have done nothing so far.

2. A history of the Godeffroy firm, which you say is in the Hocken. The Mitchell doesn't seem to have this.

3. Mrs. Spacher's book on Tetens' diary - Among the swags of the South Seas. The Mitchell ordered his last month.

4. The biography of Guleick. This is a recent Mitchell acquisition. It was got for me from the catalogue today.

You say Randell and his partner Durant had then (in 1852) been 6 years on Botany Bay. In the book he says Durant had been there 6 years but doesn't say Randell had. I have a strong feeling that I once found a reference for you about Randell and the English flag waving above his dwelling in 1839. Would you mind checking the Randell references you have before you come? There are a number of references in The Friend in the early sixties - one, in 1861 I think, mentions his two daughters at school in Sydney. The last reference I have in The Friend is for 1868. In 1865 a parson named Hall travelled with him to Sydney in the Thyra (Thyra?)

Every single mention of him is favourable, whatever its source. The missionaries, in the sixties, write of the firm as Smith, Randell and Fairclough. I remember the references in shipping entries to Smith as the Sydney agent - I hadn't thought of connecting him with the Howard Smiths. The Mitchell doesn't seem to have the history you mention, but I'll chase up the Howard Smith firm.

5. Mahlmann - I'd been holding Mahlmann as a find for you! The Mitchell has had it for a long time, and I knew his name well, but only since you left did something I saw make me take it off its shelf. That Thyra (Thyra) ship may have been the one Hall was on. The Friend printed it as Thyra, but I had checked and found that was wrong. Mahlmann's context ~~might~~ ^{might} seem to suggest an earlier date than 1865. Congratulations on your find of a copy. A. R. supplied ours in, I think

1928,

6. Penrhyn Island - Mrs. Burgacott - I copied this for you.

I'll leave further comment until you come, except to say that I don't think you'd better start on the S.M. Herald in any detail, for I think it would be a great waste of time, and almost useless. If you have an indication of a date, such as Hall's arrival on the Tyra, you would get the bare record of that arrival, but there would probably be a quicker way in the Shipping Lists. Sydney newspapers in those days were not interested in the Pacific. Webster and the Wanderer in 1853 is a different matter, because Boyd cut such a figure here in Sydney that anything about the Wanderer was news. I suppose you know the contents of The Last Voyage of the Wanderer. The Argus might be more useful - we must test it soon.

Nancy's book - Haven't you got a copy from Dr. R's?

As soon as it was ready Miss Davies asked me where you were, and decided she'd send it to Canberra to await your return. I asked late if he was satisfied with the photographs, and he said yes. It was only a brief telephone conversation. I had been pressing for early publication, because I knew Nancy would like to have it in London and would probably find it useful there. Mend had promised it for August, and actually copies were ready before the end of the month, but had to await official publication day before I could buy my half dozen copies to give to friends. One was sent airmail to Nancy in London to reach her on the 8th, so she would have had it about a week before leaving there. Reviews should begin to appear tomorrow, but the first came last week on the air by Lorna Hayter in her weekly talk to Countrywomen. I had given

Your service at any rate most of the time. While life lasts. I don't.

her one of my six copies. She told me she sometimes mentioned a book, and had been amazed by the number of calls she got asking where that book could be obtained. I didn't know in time to arrange to listen, as I had a lunch arrangement I wasn't able to put off, but I asked two friends to listen, and they thought her praise should help. I hope Frank Regg will review it - he's a friend of Nancy's. They had an extra long list of review copies, I heard, also an extra long one of presentation copies, and a member of the staff, from whom the suggestion came, told me one was being sent to Bruce Philip. It had been announced just before that he was to make a Pacific tour early next year, including the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Nancy is due home end of October. I had a long and delightful letter from Helen last week - settled in London at last - had seen Nancy - said she looked wonderfully well. Nancy said it must be due to all the yoghurt she had been consuming. (Well, but at what a cost! - I would think).

I told Margaret McDonald you were back, and about the flat and the cat. She was appropriately concerned about Ginger.

I agree with you of course about Clune's book - it makes one find one's teeth to see it next to transcripts in the window and on the counter. I haven't looked into it, but Freund, who holds it in contempt, showed me the beginning of one chapter. "Tahiti was discovered by the Tahitians, no one knows when or how" (quotation may not be accurate). I forgot to say there is an unusually large printing of Nancy's book, 7500. I believe 5000 is the maximum generally. I do hope all is well with Mrs. Maude, and I'll be looking forward to your coming, and at

7th October, 1957.

Dear Ida,

Thank you for sending the information re Lloyd's Register, and arranging for the photostat, all so promptly.

Fancy Owen Rutter dying in 1944 - I have read so much of his work and always pictured him as alive. Yes, I know both the "American Neptune" and the "Mariner's Mirror", in fact you introduced me to the latter: maybe I'll try it first as one D. Bonner Smith, then Editor of the journal, wrote an excellent article in the April, 1936, issue called "Some remarks about the Mutiny of the Bounty", so if he's still in the chair he may be interested. But its too long, I'm afraid.

I'm sorry that Nancy is going so soon and will try to get down for a day or two before she goes; but it would be for too brief a period ofr any serious work.

Many thanks for your help and advice, and I hope to see you before too long,

Yours,

J.E.M.

9th Oct. 1958
Mitchell Library

Dear Master,

Having had a success today, I feel I must tell you about it, as I've no idea when you'll be coming this way. After doing a marathon for several weeks I shall now try to tidy up A's neglected job, which I abandoned so that I'd be able to look you in the face when you appear.

The Smith, Randell & Fairclough ships are almost complete, if not better than that, but today I have worked out Smith from A to Z, a classic job if I may say to myself. He's nothing to do with Howard Smith, but I expected that - he was a bigger shot really in his overall activity.

him I wasn't looking for the information, but
it fell under my eye in the course of the
search for you. X

I hope all is well with Mrs. Maude, and
that your coming won't be long delayed.

Ida h

X Sorry, I find I've left it at home. It's only

1. The ship Martha Dillon arrived by, and date.
2. A bit of background to John Moore Dillon.

I've got a copy of the Howard Smith publication for you -
it wasn't in the Mitchell.

I'd been feeling rather wretched generally - and the
Smith success has made me feel less so - I'm
longing to tell you how it worked out while it's still
fresh, but that must wait, nothing to many of your
discoveries, of course. He was the ambitious lad of
that kinivinate (I think Gulick must have invented
Durant). Fairclough at least got himself a stained
glass window memorial - Randell, seemingly
content with the Gilberts and his Gilbertese wife,
just fades out about 1872. Curious that the Friend, to
whom and to the missionaries he was such a
friend, doesn't say how or why.

I enclose a note for Prof. Davidson - tell

Research School of Pacific Studies,
14th October, 1958.

Dear Ida,

I have been putting off writing to you for days in the hope that I would be able to get down to Sydney. Once I nearly managed it but the trouble is that Jim wants his wretched paper on "The Evolution of Local Government in the Gilbert Islands" finished before I do anything else.

And I find that it is terribly slow work as it means, in effect, reading through most everything on the history of the Group; for most everything had an effect on the development of local government: the early visiting ships; the beachcombers; the traders; the missions; and the naval captains.

But on the other hand its served to bring me up against Gilbertese history again: for the first time since I've been here. And I'm glad to find that I have nearly all the material I require to go straight ahead with writing the book. Just odd ends here and there require straightening out.

And now comes your most heartening news that you have succeeded in unravelling one of the most obscure knots - in fact the most obscure knot - the identity of Smith. I have been so excited since I heard the news: somehow I never hoped for anything on Smith (probably because the name is such a common one) and felt that Randell was the only hope. Durant, I feel sure, was never a member of the firm of Smith, Fairclough and Randell, but only a trader who came up to the Gilberts with

- (1) USS Narragansett: 1869 (but it could have been 1872).
- (2) HMS Myrmidon (Commander the Hon. Rd. Hare): 1875. (But again I am not sure whether the ship ever did go to the Gilberts: my only authority is a letter from Commodore A.H. Hoskins to the Sec. to Adm. of 23.8.76)
- (3) HMS Renard (Lieut H. Pugh): 1876. (Authority the same).
- (4) HMS Bonaparte (Commander Digby): 1876. I know nothing about this visit.
- (5) HMS Rosario: 1874. Or this visit.
- (6) HMS Emerald (Capt. W.H. Maxwell): 1881.
- (7) HMS Espiegle (Captain Cyprian Bridge): 1883.
- (8) HMS Dart (Lieut. Commander Moore): 1885.
- (9) HMS Miranda (Commander E. Rooke): 1886.
- (10) HMS Ravaldt (Captain Davis): 1892.

I have the full reports of all from (6) to (10), inclusive; but nothing about the others. Then there were several German warships and at least one French.

The Howard Smith history I was referring to was:-

Howard Smith Ltd. The first 100 years 1854-1954 (priv. pr. 1955);

but I gather that you have now looked at this: curious that the Mitchell should not have a copy?

Then there was a similar booklet entitled:-

Elder Smith and Co. Ltd. The First Hundred Years. (priv. pr., n.d.);

have you seen this? I suppose, however, that it would not be of any use. Fiarclough was associated with the firm of Macdonald, Smith and Company.

Randell in or about the year 1846 and was put by him in charge of the branch store established on Little Makin Island. You rightly point out that the Gulick book does not say that Randell had been on Butaritari (and Little Makin) for 6 years prior to 1852: but it does in the MSS:-

Gulick, LH. Journal of Voyage; dated 'Caroline' August, 1852, and addressed to Mrs Persis Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Sandwich Islands Mission Children's Society.

I have this on tape but have not yet had time to type it out; but one para I did copy, and part of this reads: "Randell and Durant had lived on the island about 6 years. They were familiar with the Gilbertese language."

I was most interested to learn that Randell was alive as late as about 1872: I have no mention of him after 1867 - probably he died at Butaritari?

Dear Ida, I really am most grateful for all you have done for me: all that checking through the Friend alone is worth a fortune to me because I was worried about when I should ever be able to do it myself. And so much of the material you seem to be able to find I know very well I never could myself. If I can't write the history of a century after all this I should shoot myself: and it shall be dedicated to you.

This Notes on the cruise of HMS Blanche in 1872 sounds most intriguing: I have no note myself on the vessel ever having gone to the Central Pacific. In fact, here are my records on the visits of warships to the Gilberts:-

Angus came up the other day and wanted me to do a series of articles on the Pacific Islands for the leader page of the SHM. We worked out a nice series, starting with a summary of the island world today and its peculiar importance to Australia, and following with more detailed articles on Australian New Guinea, Netherlands New Guinea, the Solomons, New Hebrides, Fiji, New Caledonia and the Eastern Pacific; in each case tracing the development of Australia's interest in the particular area and its importance to the Commonwealth today, its current problems, what is (or can) be done about them and how Australia can help.

But Jim Davidson, who has just returned from the Solomons, points out that if such a series is to be any use it will take time to work out; that in that time I could produce at least one paper of acceptable academic standard; and that this one paper might make all the difference to my academic standing, whereas the SHM series would not.

So I have had regretfully to turn down the proposition. I feel certain that Jim is right: though he probably has no very enthusiastic feelings towards either the SHM or my cousin at the best of times.

But all this irrelevant gossip is to say that Angus has promised to find out if the SHM have not got a sort of secret index to at least the main items which have appeared in the paper since its inception. It is difficult to see how the Research Department of any newspaper can get along

without some kind of an index, even though it may not be complete.

Have you checked through the TS in the Public Library, and probably in the Mitchell too:-

Hendy-Pooley, Grace. Index to the Sydney Gazette: 1803-1842; for any items on the Central Pacific (including the Carolines) and the Cook Islands. But I suppose that it is too early. They were interested enough in the Pacific in the days of the Gazette, its a pity they lost interest a bit later.

Its a pity in a way that I cannot write the SHM series, for they can be profitable as well as of practical use. The article Islands of the South Seas which I wrote for the London Times (issue of August 5) paid me £20 for 1,600 words.

Unfortunately Angus also brought up a copy of Nancy's book for me to review for the Herald. Evidently he had not looked inside it; but when I pointed out that I had written the foreword he agreed that I was quite precluded from writing the review. So he passed it on to Honor to do, but she couldn't because it seemed just as unethical for the preface to be by the husband and the review by the wife. So in the end I sent it back to him with the suggestion that the review should be written by Capt. Brett Hilder, who knows the islands well and is about the only other person in the world alive who has written about them. I see now that you suggest Frank Legg: perhaps I should have suggested him but actually I don't know him or anything about him. If you let me have his address I could pass it on to Angus: is he not a Professor of

History at Melbourne University? Its all rather a pity as the review will inevitably be delayed; if indeed it ever comes out at all now.

I wrote to Miss Davis to thank her for sending me a copy of Atoll Holiday but had to mention that I was sorry that they had not thought it worthwhile sending me the proofs of my preface to correct and that I should not have agreed to write a preface if I had known that I was not to be given an opportunity of seeing the proofs. People keep asking me how I could have written that George Murdoch's first child was born during World War I, when every island connected person knows that he was about 20 years old by then. One blighter asked me if I was trying to emulate Frank Clune for historical innacuracy.

On examining a copy of the text I sent to A. & R. I see that I wrote clearly that the child was born in the middle of the last war between Abaiang and Tarawa, which took place in 1891. But I suppose that one of the editorial staff preferred their version. There may be other howlers of this nature, due to editorial improvements, but I cannot bear to look. But as one gets nothing for writing a preface, I think the least they can do is to give one an opportunity of correcting the proofs.

I was so sorry to hear that you have been under the weather so much of late; and I do hope that when Nancy comes back she will be able to cheer you up. And I too, when I can get away from this place. I must do so for there is so

to discuss. I can understand your depression, but you must not give in to it because there is so much to be done and so little time to do it all in. I get depressed too, but always because I cannot ever seem to catch up on what I've got to do; and without your help I really think I should give up and retire on my pension to a sedentary life in the country. And yet I feel that neither of us should give up, as long as we have something to contribute to the world.

Did you see the sketch of Alf Conlon in the first issue of the new publication Nation: I see that it even mentions the little difference of opinion between you and he over the Hallatrom money. I had not realized that the great Alf was behind the scenes in the Orr case: with Kerr and Hooton (?) leading the attack on the other side.

I see you mention John Webster's Last Cruise of the Wanderer. Yes, I have a copy of the book. It is, however, based on a more extensive Journal, according to the preface, and now the Auckland Public Library have written to say that they have the original of this Journal, which covers the period 2.6.51 - 1.2.52 and is in 2 vols (185 pp in all). Also they have sent me a list of the most valuable collection of "Documents and letters concerning John Webster's island possessions in the South Seas: 1853-1886", which I can have microfilmed. Also a manuscript of a Visit to Pitcairn Island in 1850.

But alas, the collection of documents does not contain

Benjamin Boyd's will, in which he left the self same 'island possessions' to John Webster. How can we best trace it? Presumably probate was taken out in Australia, and if so it should be easy to trace the will?

I must join the Society of Australian Genealogists, but am not sure if they have secured any new premises when, as I imagine, they are turfed out of their present ones in Phillip Street in the near future. Or maybe they are winding the whole show up?

I must stop now and get on with the accumulating chores. Robson wants me to see him in Sydney - I must try and get down next week, if I can finish my paper.

Yours ever,

J. M.

Just one more thing - on the track of a
man who sailed on On Cheng's last
ship to the Gilberts.

Mitchell Library,
16th October

Dear Master,

Just when it seemed you were never coming, and I
was thinking of switching back to a spot of work for Ark,
comes your most welcome letter. I got it as I left home
less than an hour ago, and hasten to send a few
comments, on scraps of paper scrounged from the
Mitchell. When you come it will seem worth while
going on with things generally for awhile longer.

Nancy's book - thanks for reference to review in Canberra
Times. Sorry the Herald one will be so delayed. I'd like
to call on your cousin pronto, but feel that would be an
impertinence. Brett Hilder should be alright - the Regg
I mentioned, Frank, is an A.B.C. radio reviewer. You
are thinking of John Regge, History professor in Perth.

How could Ark's editorial department have so mal-
treated your preface? Their ways are beyond me. Miss
Davis showed me last week a letter just received from
Nancy, who was perturbed about a statement in the
blurb, which she said would make her ridiculous
in the islands - that they had visited a haunted
palace and sailed in the King's royal canoe.

You may care to tell Cousin Angus that the Geograph-
ical Magazine (London), which intended to publish an
article of Nancy's to coincide with the publication of the
English edition (including some of the photographs), has
decided to hold it until Prince Philip goes there in
February. Did I tell you before that Ark. sent a copy
of the book to him? Nancy expects to be here mid-
November, judging by the letter to Miss Davis.

Webster. So glad you have the word of the documents
in Auckland. I had thought Auckland or the Hooken

most likely, as he lived and died in the Auckland
Province, and as Hocken wrote the preface to his book,
Reminiscences of an Old Settler, when he, Webster,
was ninety. Perhaps you don't know this book - it is
unsatisfactory in that it ends with Heker's war, but
the preface is informing - gives proof, if needed, that
he was not the Webster who succeeded St. Julian
as Consul-General for Hawaii in Sydney, because
he was resident at Hokianga. The Consul Webster
was Alex. Speed Webster. The only references to
Pai's acquisitions, actual or proposed, in The Fast
Cruise of the Wanderer are on p. 11 and 97, so far as
I can see. It is dumb on any Sikiara purchase.

I'll try the Registrar-General on Boyd's will. I'd
like to do it on Smith's too. Would you mind paying
any necessary fees? I might get Smith's from Norton,
Smith & Co.
I'm glad you've cleared up Desant. He was working

one, though I felt sure he wasn't a partner. His name doesn't appear anywhere in the shipping lists, either crew or passenger, or in The Friend.

I thought I told you I got a copy of the Howard Smith book for you and am holding it. Elder Smith is the Adelaide pastoral firm.

The Smith of Smith, Randell and Fairclough is the Smith of McDonald, Smith & Co. Why I called it a classic piece of reconstruction was because, in the walter of Smith's, I refused to be diverted, but followed the one gleam right through, until, as final evidence that I had been right, the principal mourners at Smith's funeral included two Faircloughs and three Houston's. You may remember Fairclough married a Houston's. As they were among the principal mourners, otherwise only family, this shows Smith must have maintained friendship, not only with Hugh Fairclough but with his family. Smith was a director of the bank

of N. S.W., a member of the Council of St. Andrew's College,
etc. Judge Ferguson remembered hearing his father
talk about him - the judge was about fifteen when his
father conducted Smith's funeral service. "He was
connected with the whaling industry, wasn't he" said
he, which surprised me, as the obituary notice scarcely
mentioned it, and he made the last trip in his
whaler in 1850, and lived till 1897. He seems to have
been known always as Captain, whether because he
loved the sea, or to distinguish him from so many other
Smiths. One or more of his sons could still be living,
but I'm waiting to see the oldest partner in Boston
Smith & Co. before following any other lead. He is
away for a fortnight. [Please bring your Randell
and Fairclough notes when you come - I'm still
perplexed about Randell's earliest date, which I
thought was 1839]. Randell's two last arrivals in Sydney
were as passengers.

Hendy - Cooley, Grace - Index to Sydney Gazette, 1803-1862.

As the Mitchell has its own complete index to the Sydney Gazette (I made it myself to 1825), funny Grace H. L. isn't the slightest use. It was a scribbly index she made in the course of her own searches - I knew her very well - it was bought rather to help her than for its own value. Helen told me about your Texas article - they saw it in either a French or Spanish train - but her father had it packed away and she couldn't give me the date - now I can look it up. Perhaps by the time the Duke arrives in the Pacific you'll be free enough to write the articles your cousin wants for the Am. Herald.

Now I'm not going to give you any more information or you'll postpone your visit indefinitely, and then I'll perish for lack of incentive, and you'll never hear any more. I promised to send some information to Robson and haven't done it - he'll be hating me.

Regards to Mrs. Anne
Affectionately,

Oct. 17/1958

Dear Master,

Just a brief addition. After posting to you yesterday I went to the Probate Office. No will of Benjamin Boyd - not surprising - he had left Sydney a bankrupt two years before, and I should think his will more likely to go to London.

While there I thought I might as well ask for Smith's and I read that long document. I realized he must have been wealthy, but just how much so! His estate was proved at £ 494,000 - a real fortune in 1897. The Perpetual Trustee Co. were executors, so I went on and said my friend in the Trust Dept. there. He introduced me to the man in charge of the estate, and from him I got the answer to something that had been persisting in my mind, that I had known something about Smith on the social side. He suggested I should write to Lady Wilson, Smith's last surviving child. Then I knew. In 1909 Nestle Wilson, then A.D.C. to the Governor of N.S.W., married Winifred Smith, Charles Smith's daughter, and it was a great social event in Sydney. He, after a distinguished war record, became Governor of Bombay and later (1932/46) of Queensland. He was a man of charm as well as intelligence, very interested in history, came to the Mitchell often, and once, at least, brought her. I remember the meeting with her very well, a plain, very pleasant woman.

The P.T. man wouldn't give me her address, but I think she must be in Australia at present. (Sir Leslie died after an accident in England not long ago). I told him I wanted to know if Smith left any diaries or letters or pictures, and, though there are grandsons available, he thought she, as the only surviving child, should be approached first, and he will forward a letter to her. He promised also to speak to a grandson today. Incidentally, from the will I realized that the Miss Edith Hill, one of Sydney's best known wealthy women for many years, was a granddaughter.

Lie made a few notes for you on warships in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, from the Friend and the Fiji Times.

1870 M.S. Jamestown. Made treaties with chiefs of Tonapa also of Gilberts and Marshalls. Treaty printed in the Friend.

1872 H.M.S. Barossa and Blanche, and Basilisk - M.S. Narragansett.

1873 H.M.S. Alacrity and Dido.

1876 H.M.S. Renard

And Lie eased my conscience by writing to Robson.

Yours
Idah.

Herewith the note for Davidson.

Department of Pacific History,
19th October, 1958.

Dear Ida,

You certainly seem to have gotten an astonishing amount of information re Smith and his partners. To think that a few years ago no-one had ever heard of the firm; indeed the existence of any resident trading in the Gilberts in the 1840s and 1850s was not dreamt of; and now you have collected almost enough for a paper on the subject. I should not be writing at all, but get so excited that I just have to get my feelings on to paper.

And one thing I feel, don't you, is that Smith, Randell and Fairclough sold out to On Chong and Company: I have no reason at all other than the fact that the latter firm seem to have started about the same time that the former faded out of the picture.

In the 1893 Butaritari Trading Debts Enquiry C. Wau Sau, local Manager for On Chongs, said that he had been trading there for about 20 years; that On Chong's station had been closed in 1887 because of a change in the firm, but that it re-opened in 1888. This surely means that On Chong's commenced in the Gilberts (with headquarters at Butaritari, too) just about the time that Randell disappears, i.e. 1873.

Alex. Stuart writes from the Colonial Secretary's office, Sydney, to H.E. the Governor on 20.12.83 stating that "Captain Frederick Evers, of the schooner 'George Noble', now lying in Port Jackson, waited on me to-day in company with On Chong and Ah Chong, of 223, George-street, ...": these were evidently partners who owned the firm before the 1887 change. Is there not a register kept of firms, shareholders, date of incorporation, nature of business, etc.?

But to switch to Benjamin Boyd, I have had a letter from Jason Horn in Athens very generously giving me permission to use any of the material in his thesis on the "Hawaiian Primacy in the Pacific" regarding Sikiana, etc. This thesis gives all the Hawaiian end, and I have sent off for microfilms of all the Webster papers. All that is lacking now is:-

- (i) Benjamin Boyd's letters, etc., re his Polynesian Confederacy idea; and
- (ii) the St Julian papers.

A tall order, I know, but I do feel that the journals and letters of such an important person as Boyd must be either in the Mitchell or the National.

And as regards St Julian, we are up against the problem of what happened to the Hawaiian Consulate archives when it folded up. The Archivist in Hawaii said she'd give her soul to know, and Professor Kuykendall agreed.

I have found mention of the following Consuls, apart from St Julian himself, as being resident in Sydney:-

- (1) Edward Reeve - 1872.
- (2) Alex. Speed Webster - 1884.
- (3) W.E. Dixon - 1895.
- (4) Frederick H. Moore - 1897.

Do you think that in 1896, when Hawaii was annexed to the United States, the Hawaiian Consular records could have been removed to the U.S. Consulate in Sydney? Thanks for the tip re A.S. Webster; I can't think how I came to muddle the two up; shows one cannot be too careful.

By all means spend as much money as necessary to get a copy of Boyd's will - and Smith's - and what about Hugh Fairclough, who died at Parramatta on the 30th June, 1878. It might have a mention of one of the Randell girls in it. I'll bring down the Randell, Fairclough file with me for sure.

Well, I must stop now as I am supposed to be doing something quite different. Honor got a wog in the middle of the night and was sick five times before daylight; now (midday) she is showing faint signs of life again, but I doubt if there is very much inside her.

I shall be coming down as soon as I can get my letters all finished.

Affectionately,

Would you please have a look in the SMH for Nov or Dec, 1888, for an account of punishment inflicted on natives at Tarawa and Abaiang by the German warship 'Eber'? Also in the Sydney Daily Telegraph for May 20, 1889 for the visit of the French warship 'Volage' to Manihiki and Rakahanga? If these are worth photostating perhaps you would fix it up: I have an account.

STOP PRESS

Writing of the IGMS 'Eger' brings to my mind that I have notes that the following British warships visited the Gilberts in the 1870s:-

- (1) 1874 Aug: HMS 'Rosario' visits Abaiang and Tarawa (and other Gilbert Islands?) in search of Bully Hayes - SS to Gov., Fiji, of 28.12.75.
- (2) 1876 April-June: HMS 'Renard' (Lieut. H. Pugh) visits Abaiang and Tarawa re murders of Keyse and Sullivan - SS to Gov., Fiji, of 23.10.76.
- (3) About the same time: HMS 'Sappho' visits Abaiang and Tarawa to assist Lt. Pugh, but arrived after he had gone: Commander Digby was the captain - same reference.

There may have been others earlier still but I cannot pick them up as they would be before the SS correspondence with Fiji starts. As you will see, even these are from Gov., Fiji, despatches, as the High Commission series had not yet started at that early period.

Do you think that there is a chance that the Mitchell would have a copy of the report of any of these early voyages?

Which reminds me again, what has happened to all the Australian Station Naval correspondence? I thought it would be at naval headquarters, Melbourne, but the archivist says he knows nothing about it. Most curious, indeed.

And now I really will stop.

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Dear Ida,

Thanks for your so intirguing note on Lady Wilson - what an extraordinary drama it all is. If Sir Leslie Wilson was interested in history it may well be that he made notes on some of his father-in-law's interests in the Pacific.

No matter about Boyd's will because I have a letter from Taylor in Wellington in which he says:-

"We have a copy (MS) of Boyd's will inserted in Browning: Log of the Seahorse".

While I think of it would you please importune Margaret Macdonald to get the following photostats fixed up for me:-

- (i) the item in the Friend which you mention about the U.S.S. Jamestown visiting Ponape, the Gilberts and Marshalls in 1870 and making a treaty.
- (ii) Baker, L.A. "Visit to Henderville's and Woodall's Islands". The Friend, March 25, 1844, pp.33-4.
- (iii) Gulick, Addison. "John Thomas Gulick: Evolutionist Evolutionist and Missionary, portrayed through Documents and Discussions". Chicago. 1932, pp.55-68.

Most peculiar your sending up that list of

warships visiting the Gilberts at the exact time that I was engaged in writing to ask you for it. Honor is sure that you must be psychic.

I am trying to get down daily and will do so as soon as I have breasted the correspondence. I have finished 21 letters and only have about another 6 to do.

Yours ever,

J. M.

29 Oct. 1958

Dear Master, Just a brief progress report before I write to Lady Wilson, whose address Mr. Smith gave me yesterday. She lives at Caloundra, Q.

R. C. Smith is the son of Colin, youngest child of Capt. Smith, who would now have been in the late seventies. He says Lady Wilson is over 80. Colin was a minor when his father died.

Smith was disgusted with his cousin, son of the eldest son, who has the log of the Supply. He will not give or lend it to anyone. You can see it if you wish, but only by going to his home at Glenbrook, Blue Mountains. Smith, who has seen it, recollects that Fairclough was not the captain, so it must have been the voyage of 1853, I think, when Dalmagne was master. There was an oil painting of the Supply, and a member of the family said he had seen it in the Union Club, to which the old man must have given it. But R. C. Smith, who is evidently a member, said it could not be found there, even in the complete clearing up preparatory to the move into the new premises. He told me that the eldest son, who had a weak chest, liked, as a boy, to go on voyages on the ships, so probably he travelled on the Supply, in which there seems to have been particular interest. He said that Capt. Charles spent a lot of his time, in later life, at his country home, Logie. This is at Kapstone, and still there. It is now part of the Kapstone Hotel, the new buildings having been erected round it.

He didn't know of the Captain having stations in N. B., but he did have one at least of the very big properties in North Queensland or N. T. (He thought perhaps Brunette

Down. Lady Wilson had told him she remembered seeing cattle which had been driven (droved?) all the way thence.

He said there was a split in the family over the second marriage, also that the second son, to his father's extreme displeasure, became an R. C.

I had forgotten to tell you that, in spite of Dean O'Haran being at his funeral service, he was evidently no lover of his church, for in the will it was written that if Mrs Smith, wife of the second son, became an R. C., she was to forfeit her inheritance. R. C. Smith said it was only the intervention of the second wife that secured her anything. I had noticed that son was not among the chief mourners at the Captain's funeral.

As indicating the continuing link with the Faircloughs he said that when he was a small boy at King's School he used to walk across to the Fairclough home, and can remember a man (presumably a son), and a very old lady (possibly Hugh Fairclough's widow). Smith looks like a man about fifty or little more. Unfortunately the name Randell meant nothing to him, and he had only that early contact with the Faircloughs.

It might be worth your while going to Glenbrook, as the curmudgeon there, being the son of the eldest son, might remember things told him by his father, who travelled on the ships and would have known Randell.

And now for Lady Wilson.

W. L.

Department of Pacific History,
3rd November, 1958.

Dear Ida,

Sorry not to have written before: its not alas that I have been working, but answering letter after letter after letter from correspondents all over the place. I love writing to people working on Pacific history; but most of the mail I seem to get is on any subject but that - mostly people wanting information or for me to do something for them. A lot of it is really stuff that should go to the SPC, but I suppose that if the Commission employ people who know nothing about the Pacific the wretched enquirers must go elsewhere.

Which reminds me that I hear that at the last session of the Commission both Massal and Krone resigned (or were kicked out). Probably just as well for they were becoming time servers and only interested in drawing their salaries. So now there are nobody left, which would amuse Ryan, I should think.

Thank you for your letter describing your interview with Mr Smith the QC. It is all most interesting and I have made a precis of the salient points for my Randell et al file. Can you possibly find out the initials and address of the Smith of Glenbrook and I shall then write to him and try and arrange to see the log of the Supply. Curious how unreasonable people can be when they have got something which others havn't: just like small children with a toy.

This has made me think of Dixson, who was rather like that. Do you remember kindly introducing me to him once? Well he told me then that his library was particularly strong in MS and other material on the Gilbert Islands; do you think that there is anything in this? I wonder because when I told him that I came from the Gilberts and also had a good collection of the literature he shut up like a box; so I thought perhaps he was only skiting at random.

Also you promised to show me those ship pictures some day. I am anxious to see them because I have a lingering hope that they will turn out to have pictures of some of the old Tahitian pork traders as well as some of Randell's ships.

I am working slowly through all the prodigious amount of material which you so generously handed over to me when I was in

Sydney. Much of it is quite invaluable; and some of the information which you have copied from the Friend throws an entirely new light on the Gilberts of the second half of the last century. You really were a dear to do all this for me and I am most profoundly grateful. If I had gone into print without this material I should have made some bad mistakes.

Since you have done so much, may I please worry you again by asking a few questions:-

- (i) Friend, vol.52, no.5 (May, 1894), p.39: would you please give in extenso the quotation commencing "At the general meeting ...". Was this a Gilbert Islands mission general meeting held in the islands and who is meant by "Those in authority", i.e. the local government or the British government? This is all very important for my Local Government paper.
- (ii) Would it be possible to ascertain the date of birth of Charles Smith?
- (iii) I have received Britton's letters in the Age, nos.VII-X. Could you please let me have the complete citation for each, i.e. no. and date of issue, page and col.?

I enclose an order for photostats and should be grateful if you would hand them to Margaret to get processed. In addition perhaps you would get me photostats of the following also:-

- (i) Friend, vol.47, no.11 (Nov., 1889), p.88: the passage in which Paaluhi reports that on Tabiteuea he, with the people, had passed new laws, which are apparently detailed (could I have the laws as well as the passage, please).
- (ii) Friend, vol.2, no.3 (May 4, 1853), p.38: the piece about the loss of various vessels.
- (iii) Friend, vol.10, no.5 (May, 1881), p. ~~32~~ 33: the two items on Fanning Island.

I have written to Robson asking if he would seriously consider becoming a public benefactor by selling or donating a set of the Fiji Times to the Mitchell. I told him that it was perhaps the greatest single gap in the whole Mitchell collection and that anyone who filled it would be blessed by generations of Pacific students. If he doesn't cough up we have still a second string: to persuade Richardson to write to the Fiji Archives to persuade them to disgorge one of the three sets they acquired with the ϕ Barker collection. And if they won't we can bring pressure to bear through the C.S.

If you remember it you might enquire whether any action

has been taken on my letter to Miss Arnott asking that the gaps in the Friend set should be filled by microfilm.

Did you see the review of Nancy's book by Beverly Barwick which appeared in the Melbourne Age of the 25th October? I think it was the best yet: certainly if the reviews mean anything it should sell well enough. Perhaps you had better phone and hurry up Brett Hilder with his review. I do hope he does a good one: Judy Tudor seemed to think his style ponderous. This bird Beverly really understood how Nancy felt when she wrote the book and I should like to write and tell him (or her) so. As he says:-

"But though Mrs. Phelan has been quite patently pixillated by the Gilberts and the Gilbertese, it so happens that the spell has lent depth to her perception and verve and spontaneity to her pen." And again "It is impossible, while reading her book, not to be infected by the mood of enchantment that held her most happily enslaved for the three months she and another Sydney woman, Helen Shells, spent in the Gilberts" Or still again "So well has she succeeded in imparting the serene delight of her atoll holiday that her readers will find themselves reluctant to put down her book. It, too, has not been long enough."

Thank goodness that there apparently others besides you and I who felt like this when we first read Nancy's book: but I have come to the conclusion that the reader must be willing to let himself (its usually herself) be carried away by the patent honesty of Nancy's emotions into the mood that gripped her at the time. The superior person will, of course, refuse to surrender his intellectual superiority; and may sneer like your friend the anthropologist. When I say that I cried at certain passages (they were so true to what I had felt in the Gilberts) you will understand; but it appeals to the feminine and sensitive side of one's nature and ~~to~~ in particular to people, like Jim, who have that side particularly strongly developed. And now I have written this, I realize that Brett is probably not the person to review the book, for I doubt if he will understand it. I asked Miss Davis to send me some advertising literature on the book so that I could send it to friends in the States who I felt would buy copies and tell others; but as she hasn't (I suppose because I expostulated about her aditorial dept.) I can do nothing to help it along.

Well I must stop now and am looking forward to hearing from you the result of the letter to Lady Wilson,

Yours ever,

John M.

7 Nov. 1958

Dear Master,

I had hoped to have news from Lady Wilson before replying to your welcome letter, but there is nothing yet, and other points have arisen. In fact, you could soon write a monograph on the Smith Family Unlimited. But as you're not concerned with the Smith Family generally, it may be nearly time to call a halt.

First, I'll answer your letter para. by para, as far as I can.

1. Initials and address of the Smith of Glenbrook.

C. Douglas Smith, Glenbrook (that is the full address). He is the brother of R. C. Smith, Q. C., and son of Colin, the eldest child of Charles Smith's second family. I just missed meeting him at the perpetual Trustee Co. on Wednesday. They don't think him a difficult person at all, and were surprised to hear he wouldn't lend the log. Perhaps he's at odds with his brother? I stressed to R. C., whom I saw again today, the importance of the oil painting of the Suffly, and he promised to make further inquiries. The only thing he has is a photograph of Capt. Charles, and he offered to leave that anywhere in town convenient for me, but I asked him to take it to his office, where I would collect it.

2. Your question about Dixon. The only Gilberts material Dixon had was a small collection of texts in Gilbertese, mainly Wesleyan publications. The Dixon mss. are now being listed & catalogued by Janet Hynes, a very competent cataloguer, who was in London for several years for the Mitchell. So there won't be any difficulties there.

3. Ship pictures - whenever you're ready - nothing early enough for port traders, Spear, and Randell's ships wouldn't have been important enough, or early enough, for the coloured lithograph period.

4. (1) I arranged for the photostats you asked for, also for

one of the first of the Friend references, vol. 52 no. 5 (May 1894) p. 39. I thought it would be clearer that way, as I didn't know how much of it was in the extract I gave you.

(ii) Date of birth of Charles Smith. See below where I return to the Smiths.

~~Smith~~

(iii) Britton's letters in Argus (not Age), nos. 7-10

Argus 1. 11. 1873 Supplement, p. 1, cols. 1-3

10. 11. 1873 p. 6, col. 1

22. 11. 1873 p. 10, cols. 1-2

2. 12. 1873 p. 5, cols. 1-2

5. Your letter to Miss Annot re microfilming of Friend Miss Annot acted immediately. She found that the B.M. had an almost complete set, and wrote to Phyllis M. J. on 30th Oct. 1957 asking her to arrange for microfilming. Phyllis, most unaccountably, seems to have done nothing about it. She has not replied to the request in any way. I didn't ask for the request to be renewed, because the B.M. definitely lacks one early volume⁽⁶⁾ that we need, and the B.M. periodical volume in the public library doesn't extend quite to 1857. Wouldn't you think it best to try either Honolulu or the American Missionary Society in Boston first, in the hope of being able to buy the volumes - much more satisfactory than a microfilm? Let me know which course you would prefer.

6. Nancy's book - Thank you for telling me of the Beverley Barwick review. I bought it out at once, and agree that it is good.

7. I went to see Miss Davis about your request for ...

publicity material. She wasn't there, but her secretary told me it had been sent to you. Miss Davis was away for more than a week - I suppose that held it up. I know the chief proof reader had instructions to restore your text - so if there's an American edition it will surely be right, or for any later printings. Miss D. certainly wouldn't hold your protest against you - I expect she felt pretty sick about the one who was capable of the rewriting - I told her it was unforgivable, and the perpetrator should never be allowed to touch a ms. again.

And now back to the Smiths. Something kept urging me to go on with Robert, though the people in Norton Smiths, and J. A. Ferguson didn't think he was brother to Charles, nor did the R. C. Smith know anything of him. Finally I saw Mr. Wark, senior partner of Norton Smith, just back from holiday. He showed me a photograph of him and gave me the date of his death. And that really started something! I looked up his obituary notice in the Herald - he died 14th March 1917, aged 71. "He was born at Kyeamba (sic) on the Murrumbidgee in 1845, his father being a very early colonist. Educated at home and at Univ. of Sydney, where he graduated B.A. in 1864. Then entered the office of his brother, the late Capt. Charles Smith, whose firm was known as McDonald, Smith & Co., of Hunter St. Later he entered the office of Roxburgh, Slade and Spain", and later founded firm of Norton, Smith & Co.

So you see where that got us. Charles Smith was just an orphan where we had him - here he comes into the midst of a family. And the extraordinary thing is that

R. C. Smith knows nothing at all of this family. When I saw him first he said "There's a barometer in Sydney, N. C. Smith, calls himself 'Wagga' Smith, tells everyone he's a cousin of mine. I don't know how he can be. You might get in touch with him - if you do find out why he thinks he's my cousin!" I went today to tell him that and other things.

I was helped on John Smith through asking Margaret McDonald if she knew any quick way of getting on to early Murrumbidgee settlers. She said "There's old Mr. Loomly who comes in here twice a week - he's a Wagga man and has a great collection of material on that area. I wish you had been there for the meeting - he's 90 years young and said at once: - 'Ah yes, Kiamba Smith, his son was called Kiamba Smith too - he had a big family - He was sent there in 1837 by William Walker & Co. to begin a station and when J. P. Lang was passing there on his way to Melbourne Smith asked him to baptize one of his children', and so on. I knew where to look in Lang and soon found the child he baptized must have been Robert, who was born in August 1845. Lang said he didn't know Smith, but Smith recognized him having seen him in Sydney. I won't put all the detail in here.

Smith had arrived as an immigrant in 1832, but there are complications here on dates, it seems. Lang's register describes him as John Smith, farm overseer, and his wife as Anne Wild.

N. C. Smith, to whom I have only spoken on the telephone surprised me by knowing something about Charles that his own direct descendant didn't. He said "Charles Smith ran away to sea as a boy." (That cleared up why he came out here alone and not with his family). He told me his father was born at Kiamba in 1848, and he was the only one to remain there, where N. C. himself

was born. Kimba was sold not many years ago.

And now, the other surprise! At the Registrar General's I saw Charles Smith's death certificate. And I can't give you the date of his birth, because that information isn't on it, and the Deputy R.G. told me it never is given, only the age. The information was supplied by his eldest son, and the maiden name of his mother is given as unknown. Age 80, resident 60 years in New South Wales, married:—

1. at age of 30, at Parramatta, Elizabeth Ann Bennett
2. at age of 61, at Parramatta, Marjory Houston.

At the time of his death, his children and their ages were:—

John R., 46; Henry W. (42) 1 male, 1 female deceased.
Colin, 18; Winifred, 15, Marjory 11.

X The female deceased would have been the wife of W.C. Hill, mother of Edith Hill.

The male might have been his eldest son. You remember that on one of the whaling voyages he had his "wife and child and servant". I think that was 1849.

John R., if he knew his own age, could it have been born until 1850 or 1851. And didn't R.C. say the eldest boy had a delicate chest, and liked to kavel on the ships?

According to N.C. Smith, Henry W. was the black sheep of the family — he died in New Zealand.

And now, of course, I must again appeal to Keith Houston. He must have known of the Smith connection with his family, but evidently didn't link it with the Fairclough. I guess when I saw there were Houstons as chief mourners at Charles's funeral I thought that was because of the Fairclough link — I should have observed the word "chief" more closely. That's the end for now.
Ave from Idaf.

10 Nov. 1958

Dear, dear Baxter - Though I know I should wait till after Wednesday, when I may have something further to tell, and so save stamps, I just must get down on paper my find of today. Otherwise I won't come out of the dream in which I'm sunk.

Surely, when you come next to town, you must come and sit with me awhile in the Church of Holy Trinity, Miller's Point, and perhaps Randell's spirit will draw near and tell you the things you want to know.

Did I tell you I threw out a query about a possible death certificate of Randell when I saw the Deputy R. G. last week? He promised a search, and this

morning rang to say he thought he had it. When I got there he apologized for bringing me out in the heat, and I replied I'd walk a hundred miles to see such a certificate. When he produced it my hopes were dashed - it seemed there couldn't be any connection - but there was one puzzling point - he had a young son named William Kingsmill! This Mr. Thom wanted to believe he had the right man, and asked if I'd seen his signature. I said "Yes, we have a number". So - two documents there bear signatures - he will have a search made, and send them to me here on Wednesday for comparison. But I hold no hope of these.

But here are the bits that are obviously right, and that have transported me into the dream world.

seemed to think it did - promised to make a search and let me know. He knew, of course, of Charles's marriage to his aunt, who was much younger than he. Thinks he can find a photograph of the wedding-group. He doesn't think Adey Wilson will know much - says she used to write to his aunts (at Parramatta) for information. He told me Fairclough's last surviving child (the posthumous daughter) died only a few weeks ago.

I've seen, too, John Smith's death certificate, so now have the maiden name of Charles's mother.

He was a prolific lad, was John. By two marriages he had 19 children, of whom 11 were alive when he died on 23 Aug. 1879. Charles was the eldest, at least, the eldest living - names and dates given only for the living.

Mary Randell, born 20 June 1856, baptized
26 Dec. 1861; Holy Trinity Church, Sydney.
Father: Richard Randell of Pitt's Island,
North Pacific, master mariner.
Mother: Dideo.

Sarah Randell, born 7 Feb. 1859, baptized
26 Nov. 1863, Holy Trinity Church, Sydney.
Father: Richard Randell of Pitt's Island,
North Pacific, master mariner.
Mother: Negagota.

Do you think Fairclough stood godfather,
perhaps Smith too?

I rang Keith Houston on Saturday - asked if
the name Randell meant anything to him. He

That's all for the present. I just had to
tell you about Mary and Sarah - what
a pity Nancy couldn't have been there
to take their pictures!

Now I must try to wake up and get on
with a bread and butter job.

Love
I. H. S.

Department of Pacific History,
11th November, 1958.

Dear Ida,

I read your letter so many times - mostly on buses and walking - that eventually I lost it; but have now found it again so all is well. Since my memory finally left me I cannot even remember where I put down a thing five minutes before.

What an extraordinary concatenation of discoveries you are making, to be sure; to think that Charles Smith had a brother, and that one should found Macdonald, Smith & Co and the other Norton, Smith & Co (they must certainly have possessed remarkable business acumen; and then, curiously and curiously, to think that Charles eventually married a Houison!

I am pinning great hopes that Keith Houison may know something more about the Smith Family Unlimited, as you so aptly call them. I shall get in touch with the Glenbrook Smith. But was not the R.C. surprised when you told him about his relationship to N.C.? Hang it all, they are first cousins, members of the same profession and live in the same town. I thought I kept in pretty poor contact with my relations; but at least I can do better than that.

But in the meantime I am on the last lap of my paper on Local Government in the Gilbert Islands: but need to enlist your triple help before I can finish. So here goes:-

- (i) My first trouble is that my files of Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorate and Colony legislation is incomplete (I particularly lack a King's Regulation of 1912 amending the Native Laws). Now all this legislation came out in an annual series and also was included in the bound annual volumes of the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette. Could you please be an angel and find out if there is anywhere in Sydney where they keep sets of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony legislation or the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette? In Auckland I know they keep both of them in the Law Library.
- (ii) The second point is that I need a copy of the Native Governments (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955, and the Native Governments (Financial Powers) Ordinance, 1955. Now both these are said to on sale by Messrs. Burns, Philp & Company,

Ltd., Sydney, so could you extract them from these gentry and I'll refund the damage. Island Agencies is the Department and Mr Small the man (probably) - sometimes one has to go to the Head of the Department, who is very obliging and considerate.

(iii) The third and last request is for a photostat of -

Eliot, E.C. "A Model Protectorate: Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Central Pacific". United Empire, vol.VI, no.12 (N.S.) (December, 1915), pp.878-82.

Did I tell you that in my reading I found a passage in which the Rev. J.C. Vivian reports that on Nui Island, in the Ellice, in 1871 he found living there "William Durrant (son of Mankin Island woman by an English father)" and later he says "At Captain Turpie's suggestion I gave him (i.e. the King) and W. Durrant a shirt each, but Durrant gave his immediately to the King". So Durrant was not mythical, but like Randell he evidently stayed in the islands, at his trade store on Makin, until he died, or at least faded out of the picture.

I see that the latest Colony Annual Report says that "trade in coconut oil began about 1860": a bit out, it seems, thanks to your researches.

I wish I could locate (even in my mind) that reference to the mode of conducting trade in the Gilbert Islands in the 70s or 80s. It was definitely a newspaper cutting and I saw it in one of those bound volumes of cuttings at the Mitchell. Is there a volume of cuttings relating to trading, do you think.

In any case I feel that I had better go right through the volumes of cuttings relating to the South Seas, as there might be other hidden treasures in them. I should be ever so grateful if you could let me know how many there are and whether there is anything in the nature of arrangement; or an index?

Well, I must stop and concentrate on finishing my opus on government (a curious subject for an anarchist). It will take me at least a week to revise and put in the references, because I have learnt so much as I wrote it that now I realize that much will have to be changed. And I am longing to get on to my next two papers; I think they must be on (i) Binoka and (ii) Sikiana. But when we have finished the Smith and associates research we must do a paper on Early Trade in the Gilbert Islands: ~~we~~ we shall be the joint authors, as you have done all the work to date.

I am all alone these days - and likely to remain so for a week or two to come. I have a lady who obliges by doing my washing, so all I have to think about is how to cook. Jean Guiart came on Sunday, so I made him do it.

Lal for H.E.R.

Department of Pacific History,
17th November, 1958.

Dear Ida,

I finished the first draft of my paper on Local Government in the Gilbert Islands last night at 7 p.m., so I am a new man. This morning I took it in for Jim to have a look at, before I chop and change it all again, and lo and behold in my room were two lovely letters from you.

One of them had the astounding news about dear Mary and Zarsh - I feel real fond of them both. But honest, and I have read your letter dozens of times, there isn't a clue in it as to where and how you discovered the two cherubs! No doubt you think that you've told me; but you haven't.

They are evidently not included in the death certificate of Randell himself, because that mentions only William Kingsmill. You mention the Church of the Holy Trinity, Miller's Point: did you find it in the Baptismal Register?

Anyway, the main point is that you found them somehow and somewhere. How I wonder if they married in Australia, and if so, to whom: their children could be alive today, with their houses full of their grandfather's trophies and log-books and account books: so, for that matter, could the ladies themselves, for they would only be in the 90s now.

Why are you saddened to think that Randell himself died off the Australian coast in 1880? It tidies things up rather neatly, it seems to me; whereas if he had passed out in the islands we should have had to leave it all a blank. But I think I see what you mean really, he was always the romantic one of the trio, whereas Smith, in the last analysis, was a business man, and Fairclough a ship captain.

And while I don't mind how many island wives he had - conjointly or seriatim - I feel it keenly that he apparently deserted them all and married a Sydneysider; and a mere chit of a girl at that. A far cry from the days when Bingham thought that he might emulate St Paul of old and become an itinerating evangelist.

William Kingsmill Randell is only 82 - I feel sure he is alive somewhere, and should like to meet him. Could we

not put a private eye on to locating his hide-out? Maybe he has the account books, and not Mary or Zarah.

Many thanks for getting Mr Thom to keep the documents in the case. I shall be down in a few days, I hope, and will arrange for photostats - even if only for sentimental reasons I must have them.

Now I come to reflect, it is rather sad that Randell - who seemed an islander if ever there was one - should renounce the islands after pioneering the first trading stations there; and apparently become a humdrum resident of Australia.

I really am most contrite to be worrying you so when you should be doing a job of work for Angus and Robertson; and I do promise that I will be good in future. So I must start now and not ask you so many questions.

But all the same; just to chew over in the still watches of the night: I am convinced that Smith, Randell and Fairclough sold out their Gilbert Islands business to On Chong and Company sometime during the 1870s is there not some register of sales of businesses kept anywhere that one should look such a thing up in?

I am really quite ill, eating my own cooking. The trouble is that really the only thing I know how to do is to fry - sausages, bacon and eggs - and fried food does just not agree with me. So I must concentrate on apples, bananas and pears. But the last three days I have been working so that I did not eat all day, which I guess is better for me than fried food.

John

Mitchell Kellaway
13 Nov. 1958

Dear Master,

Your letter of the 11th is hand as I left home this morning - you should have had another before then, about the christenings. I thought you'd be rushing down (like Arthur Browning to Mrs. Noel Vincent) with a bottle of champagne under each arm to wet their dear little heads! If you don't read the Sunday Telegraph the allusion won't mean a thing to you. I hope that most interesting of all my letters on the great search hasn't gone astray.

I intended to write today anyhow to tell you of yesterday's development, though not with the enthusiasm of last time, because this one saddened rather than excited me. I am forced to the conclusion

that the long search is over, that Randell has
come forth from the shadows, and that we know
where he died and when, and it was not at
Butaritari. I had been thinking it was perhaps
strange that the missionaries' only mention of him in
the seventies, until the M. R. file breaks off in 1877,
was of Bully Hayes robbing his store in 1872. If he
had been living there, or if he had died there, they
would surely have had some word. Also the trading
seemed to have ended in 1872. Hence I asked at
the R. L.'s if they would mind looking for the name
in the seventies. I told you in my last letter that
there were entries, a marriage, a baptism and
a death, which I felt could't be his, except that
doubt crept in when I saw the child's name,
William Kingmill. The D. R. L. seemed very

badly to want him to be the right one, and so we
arranged for the check on signatures. I still
worked earnestly, almost passionately, that he
shouldn't be - too long to explain my feelings here,
but it seemed like letting him down.

This Randell, Richard, master mariner, ~~with no~~
indication he belonged to the islands, and not
Australia, married at Balmain in 1875 a
woman of 22, was described as a bachelor -
they were married by J. D. Long (who also married
John Smith, Charles's father, and his) and baptized
his brother Robert. In 1876 when the birth of Wm.
Kingsmill was registered, it is stated that he had
4 children by a previous marriage, 1 male, 3
female. He died at sea on board the schooner
Margaret Jane, of which he was master, between

the Namoi River and bydney, on 7 Nov. 1880

Described as born in England, 40 years in Australia.
Age 65, though according to the marriage certificate
he should have been 64.

Now the handwriting. One of the R. L. documents
has signature only, but the birth one he filled in
entirely, and allowing for greater age and hand
shaky. I couldn't possibly say it is not the
hand of the same man. It would be too much of
a coincidence that two men of the same name and
same profession should write so like each other.
I have asked Mr. Thom if he will keep these
documents, which were brought in from some
depository, for you to see. I thought you would
at least want to judge for yourself, and that
you might want a photostat. He will hold them.
Much more I could say. When Fairclough

18 Nov. 1958

Dear Master, So at last you had my two letters. You ask to have your mail addressed to the University, and then you don't go to collect it, so what is one to do when there is exciting news to impart. You say I didn't tell you how I found Mary and Sarah - at least I forecasted it in an earlier letter. The day I wrote about them I was so tired - I mostly am that way - but I couldn't concentrate on anything else until I had told you. But in an earlier letter I had written about having got past the lions and tigers and got access to the Registrar-General, who gave me the magic password to his deputy - that was to seek the Bury registers for the baptism of Robert Smith and then to seek the record of the father John Smith. The Deputy (Mr. Thom) being very co-operative I asked when leaving if he would mind throwing the net rather wide for possible entries on Richard Rowell in the seventies.

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I couldn't find the trade cuttings you asked about - only something about the Germans driving other traders out of the Marshall, etc.

Funny you should quote the missionaries on Randell as a kind of modern St Paul - that has been running through my mind constantly since I got this latest information.

You didn't answer my query about The Friend, but that will do when you come. So sorry the frying pan has been your enemy. Nancy will probably convert you to rougher, cheaper and nastier but healthful wing.

I must stop and go to bed. You realized just how I felt about Randell. I'm glad of that. He'd really come to belong with us after so long. Love Idy

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I know I told you this. He asked for a week, and promised to ring me. I said it was a mere chance, as we thought he stayed in the Gilberts. Then he rang to say he thought he had our man, and when I went along he produced 5 entries - Richard Randall (death) do. (marriage), ~~birth~~^{birth} of William Kingmill R., and the baptisms of the two girls. The first three I rejected, with reservations, only because of the word 'Kingmill'. Then he asked if we had a signature and I replied "Several". Then he kindly offered to get in from a depository two (the records showed they had three), and to send them to the Mitchell for comparison - that meant a two days' wait. The result was as I have told you. In the marriage record he was described as "bachelor". That looks as if he told Lang he hadn't been married. But when William Kingmill's birth was registered, and he filled in the whole form, he had

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written: "Previous issue: 1 male 3 female."

Well, we know he had three daughters, as in 1867 Misses Randell (3) were passengers on his ship. Mary would then be eleven and Sarah eight. He had arrived about five weeks before Mary was baptized, and Mr. and Mrs. Randell had arrived five days before Sarah was baptized. I would imagine they stayed here from 1867 on; possibly Pidee and Negagota had died. The difficult thing to reconcile was that at the baptism of the cherubs he had described himself so clearly as "Phillip Island, Northern Pacific", and that in the later entries there is nothing to so identify him. The death certificate has "40 years in Australia", and the death notice in the Star Herald reads "Nov. 7, at sea, on his voyage by day from the Nambeera River, Captain Richard Randell, an old and much-respected colonist, deeply

regretted by his wife and family, and a large (4
circle of friends." (Stoddard, 11 Nov. 1880)

The Margaret Jane arrived, with a cargo of timber, on
Nov. 12. There wasn't a funeral notice, which would
suggest he was buried at sea.

The register of death, by the way, had

First marriage: four children by first marriage.

Second marriage: Lucie, William, 4 years;
Lavinia, 2 years.

Don't trouble to copy all this - I have a copy
for you, supplied by Mr. Thom.

In further reply to your previous letter, when I was
wondering where I'd get the 1912 W.P.H.C. item you
wanted, (The trip sets begins in 1914 and I couldn't
find it elsewhere) Mr. Small found Bil. had it
in a bound volume, and he said he'd have it
typed out for you. "Well do that for Mr. Inoué,"
said he. So I asked him to post it direct to you.

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One or two other things I should have written, but I'm so tired these days, and the fall bladder troubles me on and off, that I feel half dazed some days. For instance, Mark told me at Norton Smiths, that On Chong were more or less bankrupt long before Carpenter's took them over. In 1923 Norton Smiths had a client, Palmer, to whom they were indebted, and he invited Mark to go to the Gilberts as supercargo on the last brig they ran there, but Mark declined the invitation.

No word yet from that dope Houston, and none from Lady Wilson.

I saw and heard cousin Angus on television on Sunday night "The Great Debate" - thought he chaired it excellently, and showed a keen grasp of the political situation. A good strong voice, too, but not as good looking as his cousin. A very irate Grazier there, who said "If Menzies loses this election, it'll be all due to that feller Maude. What

right but he to come out here and write as he is doing, ¹⁶
trying to defeat Menzies! I said I thought the Herald
was only telling the truth, and always finished up by
saying electors should vote for the government, as the best
of a bad lot.

Nancy rang this morning, and we had a long talk,
she's lunching with me on Thursday - She has thought
that you hoped to be down in a few days; she said
to give you her love and say she's looking forward to
seeing you. She saw the Age people in Melbourne and
there's been an interview published as a result -
good publicity. 2GB bought 31 copies from Ash
for Xmas distribution and asked that Nancy should
sign them, which she has done. Brett Hilder had
rung Pete to say he'd been asked to do the Herald
Review, wanted to meet Nancy, but said he'd be
gone to sea before she arrived, Beatrice Davis
has set inquiries on train to find if he did it
before he went. (Turn to back of page 1).

Department of Pacific History,
9th December, 1958.

Dear Ida,

This is just a note to apologize for having missed you last week when I departed from that abode of peace, Sydney. As a matter of fact I was rather worried at the end, for there was so much to do, but I did leave enough time to rush back to the Library to say good-bye.

And then I could'nt get a taxi at the railway station, and so had to run. Even so I would have made it had I not had to call at TAA to deposit luggage (or part of it) and ran into Lady Hancock, who needed help with hers.

She had been spending a week in Sydney painting, under the supervision of some celebrated artist (whose name escapes me); and by the time she had told me all about it we had to leave on the bus.

Ida dear, I've been thinking (and my apology for a conscience has been working) how selfish I have been to ask you to do so much historical research. It does, I know, make you tired and I must not do it.

So I am reforming; and will ask you no more questions. But if you do happen to be going towards the Mitchell I wonder if you would mind doing just one final job which I forgot when I was down. It is only to ask them to send me two photostats, as follows:-

- (i) Carteret's view and chart of Pitcairn, reproduced in Hawkesworth (1773); and
- (ii) Beechey's view of Bounty Bay, in vol. I of his Narrative of a Voyage to the Pacific and Beering's Strait (1831).

I have not got the page numbers, or could write to them direct, and I can't find them out here because the University Library has closed for their annual stocktaking and the National Library would take at least a fortnight to find the books.

But you must let me write to you from time to time about the work, because I have no-one else who would listen to me; or

even have the remotest idea what I was talking about.

I have been carrying on ever since I left Sydney on the general theme of Benjamin Boyd and (i) his importation of labour into Australia, and (ii) his plans for a Pacific Islands Confederacy. I am sure that your careful work on the SMH and other periodicals of the time will reveal everything that is on record as far as the Australian end is concerned, so I have been concentrating on the island end more. It is of course much harder to find any material from people living in, or visiting, the islands as long ago as the 1840s; but nevertheless I flatter myself that I have been able to ferret out more than I could have hoped, though in most instances I have not been able to check the material as the books are not all in Canberra by any means.

- (1) There is apparently an account of the 'Velocity' and 'Portenia' at one of the Loyalty Islands in 1846, and the taking away of the natives, in Brainne, Charles: La Nouvelle-Caledonie, 1854, pp.100-102.
- (2) It seems probable that there will be a mention of the fracas at Rotuma in Mangaret, Mgr. Bataillon, 1884, vol.II, pp.139-47.
- (3) There is what should be, I hope, an important letter to Boyd from E. Kirsopp, dated April 14, 1847, in the Nautical Magazine for December, 1847, pp.663-4. The letter was, I think, originally sent to the Maitland Mercury.

Others I have in my own library, so have been able to check. Chief among these are:-

- (4) Erskine, Journal of a Cruise among the islands of the Western Pacific, 1853, pp.341-3; and 366-7. Which reminds me that D'Entrecasteaux must have been in the Loyalties about this time and might have mentioned the kidnapping.
- (5) Dunbabin, T, Slavers of the South Seas, 1935, mentions on pp.147-61 contains perhaps the fullest account of the whole business. He reckons that the show was first suggested to Boyd by the sandalwood traders. Do you think this could be? And he talks of Kirsopp's plan being to take only a few from each tribe: have you found anything to bear this out? And he talks of an episode on the road to Melbourne and of 'picturesque stories' of the natives on the Menaro stations concerning which we know nothing, or do we?
- (6) Villiers, Alan, The Coral Sea, 1949, has got hold of some stories which may be inventions of his own (pp.237-40). For example was there any understanding from Kirsopp

that the men would be returned to their homes after they had served a term? And where did he get the lovely story that the natives considered "that there were far too many sheep, and that washing any of them was quite unnecessary" and that equally lovely remark of one that the show was "No plurry good".

- (7) Brookes, J.I, International Rivalry in the Pacific Islands 1800-1875, has an excellent account (pp.174-6) of who Marceau really was and the nature of his ship 'L'Arche d'Alliance'.

Further references which I have been unable to check are:-

- (8) D'Ewes, China, Australia and the Pacific Islands, ~~1874~~ p.114.
- (9) Schreiner, La Nouvelle-Caledonie, p.119. I am hoping this may produce gold.

I am also working through the large Catholic Bibliography by Streit and Dindinger to see if Father Vance, the priest on Rotuma at the time, left any account.

Its all rather exciting, don't you think? Dunbabin (p.157) says that the NSW Govt. sent the islanders back home in the end: have you found anything about this?

Were there any local papers on the Menaro or Riverina at this time? If so they should be a rich mine. And there should be something in local histories and squatters reminiscences. Really the weakest scene in the whole picture is now the life of the natives on the stations; but with the wealth of Australiana in the Mitchell I feel that this can be rectified.

So much for the present; and we are looking forward very much to seeing you before very long now,

Love & regards

John

Canberra, A.C.T.,
15th January, 1959.

Dear Ida,

Every morning I say to myself: "Today I'm going to write to Ida and thank her for all her labours in bringing the Library catalogue up to date", which puts me well ahead of the Mitchell. But something always crops up and in any case I have been feeling rather terrible about all the trouble I've been putting you to; so I really vowed that I would not bother you for at least a fortnight.

My fault, and I freely acknowledge it, is that I get so enthusiastic over the chase for little known facts that I am apt to become a menace to anyone so ill advised as to come near me. Most people, nowadays, keep well away; scenting a monomaniac.

Since you left I haven't done a thing but sort, file and catalogue from morning to night (apart from the inevitable letters). Your kind work on my books, and your observations on my papers, made me realize that everything (photostats, microfilms, typescripts and manuscripts) was in a terribly unsystematic and unrecorded state. And then I began to find that I could not locate documents, or even remember whether I had them or not. Things have been coming in a steady stream over the past two years, and evidently the days are past, or the bulk is too great, for one to rely on memory any more.

So I have now made a card file of the subject headings of my two main filing systems, with cross references by islands and subjects; a catalogue of microfilms (not yet completed); and a catalogue of photostats (with each one numbered, and filed and catalogued on cards). The thousands of odd papers which seemed to be floating around I've got for the most part put into their appropriate files; and I really believe that if you ask me for any fact about any island or subject I could put my hand on it within three minutes (if I have it at all).

The result has been that I am astonished at the amount of information I actually possess. Particularly on the Central Pacific where I really believe that within a month I shall have every scrap of information needed to write my book. All this filing and carding is time consuming, but it is little use collecting information if one cannot later find it (or remember that it existed).

I have also been working through the microfilms on the Gilberts, and typed over 100 pages of good material. Alaric has been reading to me from the microfilm, while I type. He gets the basic minimum wage for this work and can manage about a 6 hour day before giving out. We are now on Hiram Bingham's letters and John Webster's Journal.

In case you do still go to the Mitchell at times, I enclose a "Request for Photostats": the first of the year. Some of the items will need hunting for a bit, as I have not ascertained the Mitchell Catalogue reference.

His Excellency.-A.S.

(Signed) ALEX. STUART,
20/12/83.

A second clue may lie in the statement of C. Wen Sen, On Chong's manager at Butaritari (their head station), to Mr Swayne in 1894, in connexion with the Butaritari debt enquire.

"C. Wen Sen manager ... headquarters Sydney ... had been trading in Butaritari for about 20 years. The station was first at the island in the south passage [Was this Randell's old station?] ... after a little time was shifted to present place ... station closed in 1887 because of a change in the firm and debts sold to Mr Rick (about £2000 sold for £50). Reopened Sept., 1888.

This would seem to indicate that On Chong and Company were established in the Gilberts at least by the year 1874?

Just one further point -- please don't take any notice of it if it is more than you can bear. The Kingmill Islands: the Bulletin de la Societe de Geographie, vol. XIV (July to Dec., 1840), pp. 26-34, 105-113, and 147-160 has an article entitled "Hydrographie du Grand Ocean: Archipel Gilbert et Marshall" which states definitely (on p. 106) that Bishop did first ~~first~~ bestow this name on the islands he discovered (other than those already discovered by Gilbert), i.e. Drummond (Tabiteuea) and Sydenhantest (Nonouti), to which the author of the article adds Francis (Beru) as an outlier. Furthermore (p. 21), he says that Krusenstern adopted the term from Bishop and extended it to include all the Southern Gilbert Islands (i.e. south of the ones discovered by Gilbert -- ~~see~~ see p. 106) down to Hurd (Arorao), though on p. 105 he appears to exclude both Hurd and Hope.

If I am right in understanding the French as above (and my French is lousy) then it appears to settle the question, despite the fact that the name does not appear on Bass and Bishop's map. It was left to Wilkes to extend the scope of the Kingmills still further than Krusenstern and make it synonymous with what are now the Gilbert Islands. [Who then renamed them the Gilberts?].

What think you of this? And could you do me two favours pending my arrival:-

(i) Have a glance at the Bulletin de la Societe de Geographie in the Public Library and see what the other articles in the series "Hydrographie du Grand Ocean" cover -- ~~it may be~~ it may be that they deal with the Cooks, Tokelans, Phoenix and Line and that from them one may be able to pick up a hint on e.g. who discovered Flint. I think the series is important as being the best summary (after Krusenstern) of the information on the islands just prior to the Wilkes Expedition.

(ii) Is it possible to find in Australia the "Tables de Deussy dans la Connaissance des Temps pour 1836" mentioned by the author on p. 106, and evidently one of his main sources throughout?

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This letter was really intended to be a thank you very much one for all the hard work you put into cataloguing my books; but I see that it has developed into a list of queries and worries about my current problems.

To be perfectly frank, Ida, I am in a dreadful quandary about burdening you with my worries. At least indeed I feel that they are an unwarrantable imposition and I promise myself to write no more of them. And there then comes the little doubt in my mind what about if you really don't mind them and find them of interest?

So in the end I've put them in an spec., and if you've other matters or are off colour or just don't feel like doing anything more please just ignore everything. I've kept a copy and will then set to work on them when I get down.

I'm afraid, on retrospect, that I was in pretty bad shape when you came up. Among other things I had stopped smoking and become a teetotaler the day before you came to Canberra, as I felt that it might be interfering with my concentration on work. I have no doubt that one must live an ~~absolute~~ absolutely austere life to produce ones best but its pretty severe on the nervous system I find at first. Having been used to smoking a pipe every night (with two glasses of beer or spirits) for the last 30 years I find ~~it~~ myself used to it and the deprivation makes one nervy and at times unable to sleep. But it will pass and one should not be a slave to any habit, I guess.

I hope you found all well on your return to Sydney and that the journey down was not too foul. Honor and Alerie left me after you did and I am now all alone again, looking after the cat and the geraniums.

Hoping to see you in Sydney when I get down,

Yours ever,

J. M.



The Hotel Canberra
Canberra
A.C.T.

19 Jan. 1959
Kerrill

Dear Harry,

Following your bad example I snatched this paper, having not written letters while I was there. I didn't feel bad about it.

First, let me say that the sooner you get back on to your mighty pipe and two beers or rums, the better for yourself and everyone else concerned. I had noticed how string up you were, and was really relieved to hear the reason, as it is so easy to flip into reverse and get the all clear again. Lanny Wright would probably suggest a glorious burst of beers or rums for a start. I remember him telling me how after a real drunk session one thinks with the most extraordinary clarity.

Then you wouldn't be wasting time wondering whether I really

like working for you. I thought that was settled finally on the platform at Cambridge when I was leaving. Perhaps if I charged you the basic wage rate you'd really believe I liked it.

To come to the queries, etc, in your letter, firstly, the list of photostats requested - you didn't enclose it. I expected you'd send it on by the next mail, but it hasn't come yet.

Secondly, the lack of clarity induced by your ascription has given me a search to no purpose on Britton the writer of the Angels articles. I know you have all the information because there was a summary statement included in material I gave you. You give the date of the articles as Sept./Oct. 1848, an obvious slip. I checked 1878 without result. Please let me have the right date.



The Hotel Canberra
Canberra
A.C.T.

Your queries in order: -

1. The Friend, Oct. 19, 1852,

Hydrater, Ontario wrecked on
Pitt's Island. I have copied
this but haven't yet purchased
the right sized paper to publish
on.

2. Britton - I've already referred

3. Brazier MS. The M. L.
reference no. is B 512.

Samoa Recorder. Don't

you mean Samoa Reporter?

If so, I believe I have already
given you the references. The
M. L. has nos. 1-23 (March
1845 - July 1862, and no. 1,
no. 1 Feb. 1875).

On Chong I haven't begun
on yet.

Kingsmill Islands. This
was about the first subject I

worked on for you, years ago
at Cremorne, and I'm sure
you have my statement that
I thought settled Bishop and
Kruzenstern completely.

Kruzenstern says in his
Recueil, vol. 2, p. 377, that
the "groupe meridionale"
was discovered in 1799 by ^(Kingsmill)
Bishop. The two other groups
of the ~~Kingsmill~~ Gilberts
Scarborough and Simon
were discovered by the Scar-
borough and Charlotte under
Capts Marshall and Gilbert,
and as the name of one of
these commanders had
been given to one group
(Marshall) he thought it
right to name the other one
Archipel des Isles Gilbert.

He goes on to say that for
the islands discovered by
the Naibles (Bishop),
there is no printed



account, only the chart in the Dalrymple collection by Simpson & Bass. The name of Kingsmill does not appear on Dalrymple's chart, and is, apparently, only the collective name for two subdivisions of the group, of which one is named Bishop Islands and the other Sydneyham Feast.

Don't you remember that Bishop's journal in the Mitchell helped to give reasons for all the names Bishop gave, such as Drummond, Sydneyham Feast, etc.

The writer in the Bull. de la Soc. de Géographie has it all wrong, I'm sure. I still believe Dalrymple added the name to his printed chart for reasons of his own. If Bishop used the name why would Bass & Simpson leave it off their chart?

I checked the Bulletin for the whole of 1840 and 1841 - there were no similar articles - the only thing on the Pacific was a brief article on Woodlark, extracted from the journal of Capt. Hunter, 27 Sept. 1836. It appeared in Feb. 1841, p. 115-117, and tells that two canoes came off and traded tars and fish for pocket knives and iron rings, and that on a second visit in November several large canoes came off and traded tars and coconuts freely. They had bows and arrows and lances in their canoes.

"Tables de Daussy dans la Connaissance des Temps pour 1836".

Daussy apparently compiled these tables as part of his job. The only place where I could find anything about him was in Larouette.

"Pierre Daussy, savant français (1792 - 1860), ingénieur hydrographe en chef, directeur du Dépôt des Cartes et Plans

du ministère de la marine,
membre de l'Académie
des Sciences (1855) et du
Bureau des Longitudes.

Outres des cartes nautiques,
on a de lui des Tables des
positions géographiques
des principaux lieux du
globe (1847).

You ask if the Tables can
be found in Australia, I
haven't got round to that yet.

Before your letter came I
had been searching in rather
desultory fashion for more
information on Boyd, but
hadn't got far - the early death
of his partner J. P. Robinson,
which must have been a
blow (in Aug. 1848), and
the fact that, apparently soon
afterwards Boyd, in attempting
to leave the colony, was arrested
at the suit of his Superintendent
at Twofold Bay, and, in
default of bail, was thrown into

Sydney Gaol, where he remained for four days, when, finding bail to the amount of £ 2000 in five sureties, he was released. That came from the Port Phillip Herald, but I couldn't find a word in the Sydney Herald. ~~Discreet~~ Discreet Johnny even then?

The heat makes work hard, and the air conditioning is off in the library! But I think will have it on for your arrival, and, if you're still testy, I'll get you two beers or rum myself to start you off again.

I had lunch with Nancy today - she was on her way for a television appearance. Congratulations to Marie.

Ida L.

27 Jan. 1959

Dear Harry,

Your letter and the request for photostats to hand. About the latter: - nos. 1 and 2 need permission of the trustees, and there won't be a meeting till well on in February.

no. 3. This dispatch from Hoornaby (no. 3 of 23.2.39), for which you give the ms. reference - nearly 100 pp. - is printed in H.R.N., ser. 1, vol. 20, pp. 12-28. I would have ordered the photostat of this, but most of it is in very small type, and mightn't be easy to read in the negative. Also you could probably buy the volume for little more than the cost of this negative. What shall I do?

nos. 4 and 5 - photostats ordered today.

What a bad mistake of Honor's to get a naked back just now, but as you sound rather philosophical about it, perhaps you know you needed the change of task. But surely you needn't do the laundry, even if you have a washing machine - why not use the local laundry service?

Thank you for the Britton date, now I can check again.

Samoan Reporter - mea culpa - mea maxima culpa!!! I was mixing this up with another paper and am devoluted to think I gave you all that checking of my letters for nothing. However, I tried to make amends today by going through it, all but that microfilm number. The Mitchell has nos. 1-23 (Mar. 1845 - May 1862). It was a half-yearly publication issued free by the mission to keep

friends in touch with its work (for private circulation only). Apart from the Simson mission it has news of the New Hebrides, New Caledonia and Tonga. no. 22 (Mar. 1861) has an account of the beginnings of the American Mission to Micronesia (no new information). But no. 7 (Mar. 1848) has a report on the removal of South Sea Islanders to N.S.W. (Boyd's cannibals), so I've asked for a photostat of that for you.

I'll inquire about Phyllis Mander Jones and Ken, but it's the first I've heard of the matter and I doubt that she went there, unless during his last sojourn abroad.

About item 1 on your photostat list, do you really want the whole of Brazier? It will cost at least three guineas.

In the hope of setting further light on Boyd's last days in Australia, I'm going through the Star Herald page by page for 1848 and 1849 - am now down to end of March 1849. One item I have copied - Couper on why Boyd impeded the islanders and how Low and he circumvented him, seems important.

When I'm through the 1849 Herald I want to investigate the Atlas, which ran from 1844 to 1848, and in its earlier days was of outstanding quality. One of its sponsors was Boyd's partner, J. Robinson.

Incidentally in the Herald I came on a reference to Simpson's Island which may be of some slight interest - copy enclosed.

I'll continue the search for On Chong at the Customs - have checked 1873 without result - will now do 1872.

for ship transfers. Hope all will be well with Ann soon.

Simpson's Island

At Water Police Office, Sydney, Joseph Kendall, of the whaling brig Genii, of the port of Sydney, was charged on the information of Thomas Holliwell, of Sydney, tailor, with having committed a breach of the Act of Parliament for regulating Merchant Seamen, by wilfully & wrongfully leaving behind on an island in the South Sea called Simpson's Island, an ordinary seaman of the vessel named Walter Holliwell, the son of the complainant. Left Port Jackson 9 April last; about two months after she was out she touched at Simpson's Island, where Holliwell, who had on two previous occasions endeavoured to make his escape, was discharged by the captain and left on the island. Defendant was committed for trial.

(S.M. Herald, 13 Jan. 1849).

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Britton

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You've got me bedevilled about this. I've just looked up his articles again, and they give the commander's name - it's in the first one on 6 Sept. 1873. Lieutenant F. W. Sanders.

But you must have the names of the five places to which the Alacrity returned the Carl labourer, because it was from an account of the voyage by someone else that I learned Britton was on board. The checking of the Argus followed to see what he said. Don't you have this other account filed under Alacrity? I can't remember now.

I've just talked to Miss Mowbray about P. M. J. and Peru. She hid for three in 1948 on her way back from England. Miss M. is to let me know tomorrow but she thinks there wasn't much result.

J. H. L.

22 Feb. 1959

Dear Harry (it still sounds too familiar, and I may revert to Master),

I'm so glad you're on a new paper, and that it surely can't be a long one, as there seems so little information. Who wanted the Liberator to go to Tahiti and why? Did the British Govt. think it would save on visits to outlandish litigation? Did the islanders think they hadn't enough water, or did other people think so? When they got back they didn't seem to be worried about water, and there was at least one statement that they went to please the British Government. And the high percentage of deaths seems rather staggering, as it isn't recorded there was an epidemic. The people who took them there thought they were unhappy from the beginning - Hill blamed, at least in part, the evil characters who infested Tahiti. But I expect you'll produce the exact story, all decently and in order, for me to marvel at - "Exodus from and return to, a home".

To take the points in your letter serialim: -

1. Consular Despatches and papers relating to Tahiti and the Pacific - See details enclosed.
2. Catalogue references to various subjects, 1-7.

I baulked on this in favour of more immediately rewarding efforts. If you knew as much as I do about a lot of these entries you'd know it was waste of time copying a lot of them.

When Miss Winderger indexed the ms. Despatches and Enclosures it was long before H. R. A. were published, and many of the cards are useless when you have access to H. R. A.

So far I've done Sandilands and Hill and added what I knew of Hill beside. The Comet is almost, if not quite, covered in the material enclosed, also Capt. Rawns of the Satellite.

You are right that there is no Tahiti Consular correspondence as early as 1831. Was it Lucett who wrote of the consular papers blown about the streets of Papeete in Wilson's time?

The letter of Commodore Mason enclosed, under the heading Hill, Joshua, is one of the earliest (Dec. 1834). You'll note he says "I have forwarded to the Admiralty all the letters I have recd. from both parties". I'm sorry I can't produce these letters for you, but the letters in Brodie will at any rate indicate their nature.

The extract from The Australian, under the heading Comet, H. M. S., indicates that some, at least, wanted to return at once.

Sandilands' account to the Governor of N. C. O. appears to indicate that the people did not know anything about the plan to send them until he explained it, and then half agreed at once and the other half the following day.

Under the heading Nobbs Papers, apart from

Department of Pacific History,
1st March, 1959.

Dear Ida,

Thank you so much for your two budgets: you certainly do know how to get down to the bedrock of things. Some of your references I had not thought of at all. For example, I had my Bennet's Whaling Voyage in my hand the other day looking for something else and never thought of seeing if it had anything on the migration: now Alaric has gone on the Lambretta to fetch it from my room.

The extract from the Australian recording the return of the Comet is also a new one, and important since it shows that some at least on the ship did not regard the move in the sanguine way Sandilands did. The account of the arrival of the Comet is dated May 27, 1831: do you think that there might be one in the SMH, or some other journal, about that date?

The extract about Brodie, John Webster and the others on Pitcairn was most interesting, and adds something to all the other material which I have amassed on this visit. I once thought that Webster might have persuaded the captain not to delay for the others ashore, but I have changed my mind after reading Webster's own journal of the voyage and visit to Pitcairn, which I have on microfilm. His description of the frightful storm and the unsuccessful attempts which they made for days to regain the island sounds genuine to me.

Ida, would it be possible to look up in some Navy List, the Nautical Magazine or the United Service Journal, or some other source, something about the career of Sandilands? ~~As~~ I see that there is a MS Index to the United Service Journal in the Dixon Collection: apart from Sandilands there might be something under Pitcairn which I have missed - my only references are Jan., 1832, pp.98-100; April, 1838, pp.499-500; and Dec., 1842, pp.[?]. I have also wanted to look through Dixon's MS Index to the Gentleman's Magazine to see if they had anything, but if you remember the lady in charge would not let me. I thought it would be nice to give a biographical paragraph, at least, on Sandilands, as he played such a large part in the whole venture.

Another point - can you find out what post John (later Sir John) Barrow held at the Admiralty between 1825 and 1831? I thought that he was Secretary even then, but I see that Laws, of the Satellite, writes to Croker as Secretary.

I have been (or Alaric has) right through the files (microfilm) of F.O.58, and found much rewarding material; also through the L.M.S. South

the reference to Webster, there is the comment on John Evans senior (Nobbs, Buffet and Evans, the three Englishmen execrated by Hill.)

This letter is interesting too as marking one of Webster's encounters with de Thiering.

The other enclosure - Gilbert (Kingsmill) Islands I've added because the articles by A. M. H. are among the items you want photostated.

I'll try to hurry the photostats along.

Your last query, added by hand, on the Literary Gazette - Another miss. The Mitchell has a partial file of earlier date, and the P. R. a larger one of later date, but nothing for 1832.

How wonderful to be able to shiver under a blanket! I was nearly washed away on Wednesday night - couldn't get back to the Mitchell after going out late for some food - sheltered in a narrow doorway for an hour, then splashed through the flood to the ferry, soaked to the knees.

More anon if I have any luck.

Ida

P.S. Under Hill also is the reference to the important statement by Fremantle to whom the islanders stated their reasons for returning. You'll remember the watercolor by Dashwood I showed you? He was on Fremantle's ship, and that will be the first picture after their return (1833)

Sea Letters (Boxes 7 and 8), which in some ways are even better, though each is really complementary to the other.

The writing is progressing slowly, but I think surely, partly because of the variety of sources (all of them small) but chiefly because I have had continually to break off to deal with other matters. However, in about 2,000 words and some 50 references I have at last got Sandilands sailing out of Port Jackson on his way to pick up the unwilling migrants. They have not sent me the two excerpts from the Evangelical Magazine and Missionary Chronicle, which are crucial, and I shall have to rewrite parts when they do come. Could you hurry the Mitchell people up, please? Also for the letters from the Bulletin de la Societe des Etudes Oceaniennes, which may or may not concern this period - I have never seen them, as far as I can remember.

My main trouble now is the dearth of information on what the Pitcairn people did on ~~the~~ Tahiti. The main sources are, I think, Moerenhout (vol.II), Buffett in The Friend, the United Service Journal for Jan., 1832, and the Asiatic Journal for June, 1832, but they are not as detailed as I could wish.

Then for the journey back, if you look at Stackpole's The Sea-Hunters, p.383, you will see, from note 36, that I must get hold of the letter of Capt. Driver in the Commercial Advertiser for August ~~11~~ 12, 1831. I suppose there is no chance of this journal being found in Sydney?

Thank you also for the data re Henry, this supplements the main account given in Mary A.A. Carnahan's The Spreading Tree: the Story of an Enterprise and a Family, which is by far the best biography of the Henry and Ormond families (the Ormonds were closely related to the Henrys. If the Mitchell have not got this invaluable work, which was processed in Auckland in 1955, it will be yet one of the items which you must be sure to see they get after my death. I have told Richardson that there is now quite a mass of material which I have got but not the Mitchell, and that they are to pick everything from my shelves not already duplicated in their collections. The second Henry you mention could be Josiah Henry, the sixth child of William Henry by his second marriage, as he was trading up and down the islands (born 1824). Samuel Pinder Henry, the one we are after, was the eldest child of William Henry's first marriage, and born in 1800. You needn't bother about the photostat of Henry v Egar, if it is not already done, as I have a copy of this case already. But I must have missed the one you give in extenso from the SG for 2.6.1821, which is most valuable and I am incorporating in my paper on the Tahitian Salt Pork Trade. I thought I had been through the Gazettes with a fine tooth comb.

No need to worry about the Literary Gazette for 1832: there should be one in the National Library, according to the Master or Union Index of Periodicals in Australian Libraries, but of course they can't find it, and now I am getting it up from the Victorian Public Library.

Just one point while I think of it, could you please let me know

how many pages there are in each of the 6 volumes of the Rev Charles Pitman's Journals (1827-); we are thinking of having them copied on microfilm.

You ask if I would like photostats of 3 items from G.B. - For. Office - Consular Despatches; vol.2, 1829/31. The first you mention I already have (Pomare to Planta), the second is in HRA, but the third I would dearly love (J. Hill, Captain, to Lord Palmerston, Tahiti, 5th April, 1832) even though most of it has nothing to do with the Pitcairn people. Anything about Hill is interesting, particularly the period before he got to Pitcairn. Moerenhout gives an interesting account of his doings on Pitcairn (he lived on ~~the~~ Pritchard, and even charged the gentleman with his washing) and Ysendoorn in his History of the Catholic Church in Hawaii has some even more interesting anecdotes of his goings on there before he got to Tahiti. It seems that he had been a spy in South America and a British agent elsewhere. Curious that the Mitchell do not seem to have this book also: it is not so rare, and I think that I picked up my copy for about 6 dollars.

Well, enough or you will be wearied. As you can see I am now fairly deep in the period and can think of little else. If possible I shall try and finish the paper this week and, if so, ~~the~~ shall hope to come down to Sydney for a day or two to check up references finally before proceeding on to my last paper (possibly) before revising the Salt Pond article and the one on Discoveries (the second one). ~~It~~ It is so much more fascinating to write new papers than to revise old, but I will do one on the Jehovah cult of Tahitees this month as I have all the material except one reference which I suspect is in the SMH.

I will not thank you again for all your help because as you know I am quite hopelessly in your debt. It is just a simple fact that I could not possibly do a paper such as the one on Pitcairn and Tahiti without all your help.

Honor leaves for Sydney tomorrow so I shall be all alone again for a week or so. You do not say how you are so I am hoping that it means that you are quite O.K. again these days. Certainly the weather is much better again; we have had fires several nights.

Yours ever,

J. M.

19 April 1959

Dear Master,

I've been very conscious your letter should be answered, but have weakly put off doing so, and am now concerned to find you wrote two weeks ago what Nancy told you about me was true as far as she knew, but since I saw her last, three weeks ago, I've been down in the depths of near suicidal depression, with the chill apparently back, cough as bad as ever, and too weary to face up to any tasks. However, this week things seem rather better. A friend suggested the depression was due to the tereomycin I was dosed with in hospital - it seems that is its effect on some if not all people. And thinking I had discharged all my debts, yesterday I got a bill for three guineas from the doctor who made the culture as the result of which I had the tereomycin! I ought to sue him for 300 guineas!

You ask if I ever got the photo of the supposedly Smith, Fairclough and Randell trio? Whose joke is that - yours or Mr. Smith's? Yes, Nancy gave it to me pronto, and I dragged myself to the Mitchell to check it. The effort so exhausted me that I just had to sit for hours before I dared move again. Margaret brought me all the things I suggested, but to no purpose. I had thought I could find the sporting type on the right - his face seemed so familiar. Did you notice his slippers? Fout or was he at home or staying with Smith - the only concession to comfort among the three. Surely Glenbrook Smith

didn't think those two could be Fairclough and Rendell? The ages would obviously be all wrong to begin with. I took it along to N.C. Smith one day this week in the faint hope he might help, but he couldn't. He suggested the picture might have been taken at Smith's Capstone home, not in the garden at Godrich.

The next day I met R.C. Smith by chance - he was very cordial, wanted to know if I'd learned any more, and asked if I'd set out the family tree for him sometime. I asked him again if he was joking when he told me he didn't know why N.C. Smith said he was his cousin, and his reply was that he hadn't ever known Charles Smith's father come to Australia - he had always understood Charles was the only member of the family who came. He told me the Liverpool Trustee Co. have now found some plans of Charles's station properties, and have lent them to him.

I was glad to know the Tahitian - Pitcairn paper was finished, and of the plans for other papers.

If you'll send me some queries now I think I can cope with them - I don't feel sick at the thought of going to the Mitchell, and as long as I don't stand about too much, I think I'll be alright. Hours of standing apparently aggravated my physical condition in the weeks before I went to hospital.

I'll be glad to have the interest of the queries again too, as well, of course, as to be useful to you once more.

To refer to the affairs of the nation, I have the
greatest admiration for the fight Angus Maude
has led against the parliamentary thieves and
bludgers, and wish I knew him to tell him so.

You, of course, would not be likely to listen in
to the debates, but I made myself listen to Menzies'
deplorable effort, surely the lowest of all his lows.
This "classical contest" between the best and Parlia-
ment, in which Parliament must win.

If you don't read the Herald either, you may not
know that Lt. Col. Anderson V.C., M.P. said the
Herald under Mr. Angus Maude's editorship was
sinking to the level of the Communist Tribune.
The Herald published this under Soying of the Week,
and Eric Baume described it on 2 GB as the
"most unutterable bilge".

You really should have been reading the Herald
on this Richardson Report business. One Sunday
your cousin had a two-page analysis, and
then there was the splendid reply to Menzies this
last week, with the brief biography of the editor
"for the record". I think he's tops.

Must stop now - and sorry again to have
failed you for so long.

I'll tell Beatrice Davis what you said about
Eric Wilson when I get a chance.

Love from
Ida L.

Department of Pacific History,
7th July, 1959.

Dear Ida,

I was so happy to see you once again - and in town too - and to get your letter when I returned home. I was sorry not to have been able to stay at the Mitchell that afternoon but as a matter of fact I had not come to Sydney to work at history but on a very tight schedule to complete matters re the house.

Now the house is sold thank goodness and I can come down to Sydney to work at the Mitchell without feeling all the time that I should be up at Wahroonga interviewing agents, supervising drains or working in the garden. It took up more of my time than I had realised, and was always nagging at my conscience. We bought it for £6,000, spent £500 on a car port and about £150 on other improvements and sold it again for £7,000, so I suppose one cannot grumble too much: though I should have liked to have got £8,000.

Yes, it is true that Jim Davidson eventually put it to the Faculty Board that I should be confirmed and promoted to the rank of Senior Fellow (from Senior Research Fellow). Apparently the only argument was whether I should not be made Reader straight away; but ultimately it was decided that it would be best to get me on the permanent pay-roll and then "when I had produced a major work" recommend my further promoting.

I was quite easy myself, as I naturally do not care whether I am a reader or a Senior Fellow, not being a candidate for academic honours but only for a measure of security. The difference in pay is only about £200, I believe.

Anyway, it went from the Faculty Board to the Board of Graduate Studies, where it was not debated at all but passed in a "package resolution" with a lot of other matters. So the only hurdle left now is the Council, which usually accepts anything recommended by the two Boards; one can never be sure, however, so I feel it best to keep my fingers crossed. Coombs is the dominant member. I suppose that they have got security on to me, so let us hope that they never discover that I was a personal friend of Kropotkin in 1866.

I have another piece of news for you. On Saturday I got a quite unexpected letter from the Smithsonian Institution saying that my paper In Search of a Home had been selected for reproduction in their Annual Report to the U.S. Congress for this year. This means more to my morale than you can imagine, for as you probably know the Smithsonian only

selects some 20 papers for reprinting each year from all over the world, and of these probably 19 are concerned with some aspect of the natural sciences. I cannot ever remember a paper on history being chosen for the honour before. Sorry to skite so; but I get such an inferiority feeling with all these terribly learned academics around me, that it amuses me to think that anything I wrote could get preferential treatment over their erudite effusions (wouldn't they be wild if they knew).

I hasten to comply with your kind offer to help me once again: which has enabled me to turn with relief once again to history, instead of wasting my time in sterile excursions into anthropology. The plain fact of the matter is that while I was only temporary I spent my time in a ~~very~~ hectic whirl trying to push out paper after paper - I submitted ten to the Faculty Board (totalling 150,000 words) for my 2½ years work.

But now that the heat is off for the moment I have been having a look at some of these productions and find, perhaps understandably, that many are really not done properly. The first one I want to finish is the paper on Salt Pork because I believe that it is good; that it can be finished relatively easily; and that when it comes out it may attract quite an interest on the part of Australian historians.

Ida dear, will you please help me on this. In the hopes that you can, and will, I am sending down the original of the entire paper, so that you can see for yourself the weak spots and where further information is required.

The weakest point, I think, is my Appendix D: Shipping arriving from the Society Islands at Port Jackson, 1800-1830. Firstly, it is not complete; for instance I know that the Perseverance must have returned to Sydney lat in 1808 or early in 1809 and the Venus in 1809; and there are no doubt plenty of others. And secondly, I see from Dr Cumpston's tables (inaccurate though they sometimes are) that he has got hold of several tonnages of pork imported into Port Jackson where I have only got the word 'Pork' and no figures: e.g. Active in March, 1810 carried 16 tons of pork; King George in 1819 imported 50 tons; Haweis in 1819 17 tons and later that year 15 tons; and so on.

When I taxed him with where he got his information he replied "from the Naval Officers Shipping Lists", though later he said that some might have come from the Maritime Board Papers.

Well, I have annexed a list of items at the Mitchell that I feel should be gone over before one can revise the paper (I hope and believe for the last time). If you could go over some of these and note any reference to the Salt Pork Trade, however slight or indirect, it would be really terribly valuable. Then I will come down and read through and note all that you have listed. I expect to stay for some time - in fact until I have extracted every last item of information of the salt pork trade.

The, I also enclose an extract from Langdon's Island of Love (quite a good book, despite the title) from which you will see that he says that

it was the Albion (Capt. Ebor Bunker) that really started the whole trade in salt pork. I feel that this is right and yet I have missed it! This alone shows how fortunate it is that I did not send in the paper for publication. But I have never seen anything about the Albion's visit before; yet, although Langdon does not give his references I feel certain that it is all in the Mitchell, for that is where he did his research. Can you possibly find it, do you think, it would make all the difference to the paper.

There are just two other matters in which perhaps you can help me :-

(1) Gill, in his Life in the Southern Seas, refers on p.8 to a "Cruise of the HMS Camaleon" being printed for private circulation. The captain of the vessel was called Mainwaring, and she voyaged through the Cook Islands in 1872. Is there a copy in the ML, please, or anywhere else?

(2) Could you get me the address of Kroepelen in Oslo, please?

Well, I wont burden you with any more, though I have more. The great thing, I feel, is to get the salt pork paper done and off to the printers. I am going to work on a few minor revisions of In Search of a Home for the Smithsonian; then on revising my paper on Spanish Discoveries in the light of my two discussions with Father Celsus Kelly; and then I hope to come straight down to Sydney to finish all the salt pork I can find there (with your help, I mean). What fun it will be getting down to interesting and important matters again.

I do hope so much that you are feeling much better now; Honor had just the same trouble as you - she got so thin that everything just dropped on her and the pain was considerable, particularly at night curiously enough. She wanted to ring and tell you how she got cured (roughly by a special belt) but we feared that you would be asleep in bed - she didn't get back till 11; and the next morning she left at dawn. But if you would think that it could be of help to you she would be glad to write. She is off to a place called Horden (wherever that is) to lecture to some gathering.

Be seeing you soon,

Lae
Hoy

21 Holbrook Av.
Kiriibilli

28 June 1959

Dear Harry,

It was so good to get a letter from you, but first I must express my joy at the news I got from Alarie on my first visit to the Mitchell, for many, many weeks. He told me you have been recommended for a permanent appointment, by the History Dept, but whether this meant Davidson, or Hancock, he wasn't clear. Anyhow, it shows you were unnecessarily lugubrious about your chances earlier on, and the "only 365 days left", etc. I do hope this means the main hurdle crossed.

Thank you for telling me about the Gumble papers and the task in which they have involved you - I did appreciate greatly your eloquently - expressed contrast between the vivid colours of history and the dullness

of anthropological genealogies and kinship systems, etc.

I expect the discoveries at Tikokoro will have made Jim Davidson even keener to get back to, and on with, his Dillon book.

I'm still not feeling anything like 100 per cent; whether Yoga would be a help I doubt; the scrap heap seems the most likely place. Tomorrow I'm having lunch with Nancy - perhaps she'll cheer me up. But do send me a query or two, so that I can let myself out in the Mitchell. I'll tell you if I can't cope with them.

I hope Mrs. Maude is well again, and that you haven't turned into ice blocks.

Love Ida L.

23 July 1959

Dear Harry,

Progress report (was nearly being a no progress one because you led me up the garden path). When I got your last letter, with its list of documents to be checked, I naturally thought you hadn't checked them already, and started on them - then, finding I could only take short periods of work - I marked time more or less, waiting for the typescript to arrive. As soon as I looked at it I could see that all you wanted for most of them was a recheck. As if anyone else could find what you had missed - it would be a smart lass or lad indeed who could do that! So my check of the two sets of Tahiti documents, Hassall etc, was just time wasted. Hassall is completely indexed, and you had got the port entries from the catalogue.

I had done first the port figures from the Naval Officers' returns, got nearly twenty there, which will agree, presumably, with Crompton's figures. Maritime Board Papers no one at the Mitchell has heard of, and they're not in their lists of mss. Surely no such board existed.

What a fascinating diary is House's - I suppose you read every word of it.

Apart from the port figures, I have cleared up one point - Langdon's reference to Bunker.

+ All but 7 are in your list.

The only reason you missed on that was that there was nothing to miss. The evidence is against Langdon, who has misinterpreted what he read. See accompanying sheet for detail. If you don't want to bother checking H. R. N. S.W. there, I'll keep my copy of King's letter to Banks in the Banks papers.

I haven't looked at Bolton yet, but from what I know of Bolton, and my own talks with him in Tahiti, I expect nothing. He was a conceited, posturing old fraud. Miss Nowrot told me several people had been asking for his papers, and she couldn't understand why, because they seemed to her very poor.

Has Marie told you the dire news that Margaret McDonald has departed from the Mitchell? She has gone to the Wellington city library. And about the same time Alan Horton the Archives officer, transferred to the Public Service Board.

Davidson told me your permanent appointment is signed, sealed and delivered, all hurdles taken. I was sure that you were misleading me in December - why do you scare your friends so needlessly? But I suppose you really do scare yourself too. I nearly bought a bottle of champagne to celebrate, so delighted I was to be free of further concern and to know that you were, and also because of the good news on

In search of a home. I was sure it was classically good and bold
all my friends to when I read it. None of the

Rangdon - Island of Love

Albion (Eber Bunker) first in Tahiti trade.

Rangdon has surely misinterpreted his sources. I cannot find any authority for his statement that Bunker went to Tahiti trading for pork.

Governor King wrote to Banks on the beginning of this trade (Apr. - 21 Aug. 1801) and his letter is reproduced in H.R. N.S.W., vol. 4. Pp. 356/7 cover the relevant passages. I have checked them with the original ms., King to Banks, in Banks Papers. If you should be quoting, there are two discrepancies. The date of the Porpoise's departure is given in the ms. as 27th May. In the printed text this becomes 21st May. In the sentence beginning, "But as if Providence favored my design, there are a couple of words that are undecipherable, or almost, and the printed text omits them, following "from the Cape". I think the words are "de Verds".

King states definitely that the whaler by which he sent his letter to Pomare was going there for provisions and the context bears this out. Bunker did bring some hogs, but not as a cargo for King. It seems clear that the Porpoise began the trade. I made a copy

of the relevant section of the letter from the original to Banks, before I realized it was printed in H. R. N. S. D. However, as the volume will be available to you, I haven't copied it out again.

Department of Pacific History,
6th September, 1959.

Dear Ida,

I was so glad to see you again at the Mitchell; and looking a good deal better than I had expected, when one considers all that you have been through of late.

I have not asked you to do anything for me recently because I had heard that you were really not up to going to the library; and indeed that you were no longer to be seen there these days.

But I am now taking you at your word again, so enclose a list of Bonwick Transcripts which I should very much like copied for the Salt Pork Trade article. If they are too long to copy, could you please have them photostated.

As soon as Jim comes back again from Samoa I intend to ask him if I can spend a month at the Mitchell working on Salt Pork, with a view to polishing it off once and for all.

In the meantime I should be most grateful if you could possibly see if the eventual task can be reduced by checking through the illustrations of the vessels mentioned in my appendix. No this is not clear; I mean by checking through the illustrations of ships in the various Mitchell and Dixon collections to see if any of the vessels mentioned in the appendix to my paper are mentioned. I must do the same for the Nan Kivell collection here (if it can be found).

I am sorry that I could stay in Sydney for such a little time only, but it seems always the way these days. I long for the time when I can write "finish" to all my half-done old papers and get on to really new research. However, I did find quite a bit of new material on the Salt Pork Trade and will send you a list in due course; the indexes under "Salt" or "Pork" are, as I soon found, only the beginning, as most of the material consists of brief references in letters, etc, which are naturally not entried under either heading on the cards.

Yours sincerely and affectionately,

John

Department of Pacific History,
14th September, 1959.

Dear Ida,

May I please seek your advice on a Mitchell Library manuscript? I am, at the moment, engaged in writing a biographical sketch of John Adams for Frank Eyre, and have now completed 5,000 of the 8,000 words required (though I have only just got him on to Pitcairn). It will, I hope, be the first of a new Pacific series, to run parallel with the Australian Explorers series, of which you may have seen Manning Clark's Abel Tasman (a bit dull and stodgy, I thought).

This exercise has meant, among other things, going carefully through a ML MS, of which I have a photostat, entitled I think:

Adams, John. Narrative of the Mutiny of the Bounty. ML A1804.

I wonder if you could be so kind as to find out and let me know the status and history of this document.

On the face of it, it would seem to be the original narrative, signed by John Adams himself, from which Beechey says that he compiled the account of the mutiny and subsequent events contained in his Narrative of a Voyage to the Pacific and Beering's Strait (London, 1831); see Vol. I, p. 69. Even the signature of John Adams contained at the end of this document seems to be identical with the one reproduced in Beechey's book.

If ML MS A1804 is, in fact, the original document used by Beechey it would seem to be an important find; and all the more important because, as you will readily agree, Beechey's account differs very materially from it.

I do not think that I am wrong in saying that it is one of the few original documents relating to the mutiny and subsequent events which have not been published in any shape or form; and I feel sure that it should be.

What do you think are the chances of the Mitchell Library letting me publish it verbatim in say the Mariner's Mirror, with full acknowledgement, of course, and copious references and footnotes bringing out the historical significance of the manuscript and showing where it departs from other accounts (and notably Beechey's)?

It is curious that Mackness does not mention it in his Life of Bligh, as he lists pretty nearly every other MS, relevant or not. Perhaps it was not in the Mitchell at the time?

I am to come down for several weeks next month, but must get my

John Adams and the Spanish Discoveries off first.

Yours ever,

SLM

I leave tomorrow for Young, Cootamundra, Junee and Wagga, but will be back for the week-end; the first holiday I have taken since I joined the A.M.U., so I am looking forward to it even though it is only for two nights and three days.

I do hope that you are getting steadily better. Norah Forster said that she had seen you at the Mitchell and that you had given her a message for me; but she had forgotten most of what you had said, I fancy.

Sept. 20, 1959

Dear Harry,

A reply, not very satisfactory, I fear, to your letter of the 14th on the Adams ms.

This was auctioned at Sotheby's on 18 April 1932, purchased by Maggs, and from Maggs by the P. R. of N. S. W. in July 1932. I looked for the Sotheby catalogue, but it isn't in the Mitchell lot. It may not have been received there. Mr. Spould asked the Agent-General to inquire of Maggs and received the reply that Maggs still had it. The A.-G.'s officer who looked after the Mitchell business at that time was a good man, and I've seen his report. Maggs couldn't have had any history of the ms. or he would surely have related it, so probably Sotheby's catalogue wouldn't have helped. The report said it appears to be in the hand of a ship's writer, and to record a verbal statement made by Adams while it was being written. It starts off in the third person, then adopts the first where Adams is mentioned, but all of it has been revised here and there in an older hand and converted into the third person, with substitutions of certain words to improve the English. Why Molloy said "ship's writer" I don't know, unless he seemed the obvious person,

for it doesn't look to me like the hand of one accustomed to writing, or of the age a ship's writer would be likely to be.

He also said it corresponds closely with the account given in Beechey's voyage, but as B. himself says he has added additional facts derived from the inhabitants, who are perfectly acquainted with every incident connected with the transaction, they having derived their information from their parents, "corresponds closely" is correct only in the sense that it forms part of the account, worked into Beechey's story over many pages. Beechey's own statement that the inhabitants were perfectly acquainted with every incident, having derived their information from their parents "is surely very ingenuous. It was about 35 years on, and second hand recollection from what might well have been vague recollections of their parents.

I should think the signature of Adams is genuine, and I found the paper is watermarked 1824, so Beechey could have had it with him.

As for the chances of publishing it by permission of the trustees, I shouldn't think there'd be any difficulty, especially since they seem to have let you have a photostat. Or did some Mitchell officer just get it done for you as routine? Anyhow, I don't think the library boards would regard it as a very important document.

The answer about Mackness is that he published in 1931, a year before the purchase.

Sotheby's records would show, at least, where they got the ms.

Your holiday - are you just sight-seeing, or looking for records, or is Mrs. M. giving lectures? Anyhow, I hope you'll be refreshed by it.

Mrs. Forster's message. It was her idea to take one - she told me she was about to return, and asked if there was anything she could tell you. So I hastily made one which must have been too vaguely expressed. Part of it was that I'd made the copies you wanted - I didn't send them on as they're post, and I have the post t. s. here.

I had a desire to take on St. Julian again - I had done nothing since you told me you got a lot on him in Fiji, and there'd never been an opportunity to hear about it, so it seemed a bit dull to try to carry on in ignorance.

However, the few early facts (?) I had seen shaky - obviously the birthdate given is wrong. I felt very doubtful about it when I read that the Rev. John West (editor of the Herald) in a farewell speech remarked that the shades of evening were closing round them both and they had little time left for service, though he admitted he was nearer the end of that time. As St. Julian should then have

been not quite 53, it seemed a rather exaggerated remark. When Sir Hercules Robinson was recommending him for a pension two years later he said that St. J. was over 60. I must see if friend Thom at the R. L.'s office can help - presumably he was married and his children were all born in Sydney. I've read his publications on the Pacific. He must have been a most industrious worker, with, in addition to his regular job, his consular activities for Hawaii, and his local government work and publications on municipal law, on which he was a recognized authority. What a curious mixture he must have been - law reporting, not very exciting; local government activities, ditto; and all the while his head must have been full of dreams about Pacific island principalities and powers. Astonishing!

Glad to know you'll be down for so long next month, though, unfortunately, I'll be away in Melbourne for a week.

Thank you for kind comment on "The Morrison Myth" - I'd forgotten all about the extraordinary Montgomerie. That business began in the Bulletin.

I've taken the liberty of having a few newspaper articles photostatted for you - they concern Boyd and his savages and appear in a paper St. Julian was running - a couple about Capt. Marquand will entertain you. Affectionately
Ida L.

Department of Pacific History,
Monday.

Dear Ida,

I am flat out preparing the bibliography and footnotes for the Spanish Discoveries paper in the form which the Journal of the Polynesian Society requires, and find that I need to quote the publishers ~~and~~ the volumes listed in the enclosure, and the number of volumes where there are more than one. In the case of Bennett I need the volume number and the pages of the article.

I should be most grateful if you could be so kind as to let me have this information; that is, if you are well enough to visit the Mitchell. If not, perhaps you could scribble a note and I will come down at once.

The reason for the haste is that the Polynesian Society people have agreed to publish this article in the December number and I have accordingly promised them the bibliography in the new form by the end of the week. As you know, I feel that it is important that there should be no delay in publication.

As regards Herrera I believe that you found an English translation in the Public Library. If so perhaps you could let me have the title, publisher, the date of publication and the page numbers referring to the Grijalva and Alvarado expedition of 1537, as well as ~~the~~ that of the Madrid edition. Should he be quoted as Herrera or Herrera Tordesillas (i.e. is Herrera is surname and Tordesillas his Christian name)?

In some cases, as you can see, I have not got the full title of the books. Could you please find out the complete entry to fill in the gaps.

I was please with the work I did in Sydney on the whole, despite the distraction of the New Guinea Conference, and I hope to be in a position to write the complete story of the Marquess Sandalwood Trade from the information obtained. There will, I expect, be several pieces missing, but it seems best to write down what I can and then come down to Sydney again to fill these in. My idea is to complete the whole story in 4 to 5,000 words. As you know I have never managed anything in less than 10,000 words before, so it will be a real test.

I was delighted to see you better when I left, and am most grateful for all your help. I will make out a list of photostats required in a day or two. The Boyd item from the Times was indeed a great find.

Yours ever,

Publishers and numbers of volumes

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Department of Pacific History,
27th January, 1960.

Dear Ide,

This is just to say that I hope that you are feeling really fit and fine again these days. You looked to me so much better when you were up here that I have great hopes; on the other hand we hear that the weather has been too hot in Sydney of late and this no doubt proves trying.

We came down for Alaric's wedding; but only stayed overnight, as I was still in the middle of the flap I got into over Christmas, with all the reports and other end of the year chores, and having to work on two papers at the same time. We stayed at Monkton, the great Maide mansion on Bellevue Hill; it has five bedrooms, with another two or three in Monkton Lodge adjoining, where his mother-in-law lives. All very swish; and I'm bound to say cool. Used to belong to Sir somebody or other; a Judge whose name has escaped me.

The wedding went off with a bang, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves with considerable gusto. Apart from the immediate family circle they were all just post-teenagers, so of course the bridal car, with Alaric and Annabel in it, got lifted into the air, and finally went off with a fine assortment of garbage bins towing behind.

The service in Wesley College Chapel was a lovely one, the first Methodist wedding I had been to, and Alaric was very composed throughout. He gave a good speech; I had a good one ready too, for once, but the Master of Ceremonies ruled against one from the parents, so I did not have to give it after all.

The Angus Mandes have been staying with us, and it was quite enjoyable, as a matter of fact. Angus himself was very relaxed, probably because he had not seen a newspaper for over a week.

The Mandes think very highly of Alf Coulon, who was recommended to them by someone pretty high up as probably Sydney's best General Practitioner, as well as being a leading psychiatrist. He certainly seems to have done wonders for the family; and I gather the impression that he is fast approaching one of the top positions in Sydney's medical world. Wilma should be proud of him.

No news as to whether Sir John is going to have Alaric in his Department or not. The suspense is a bit wearing as he has so set his heart on Trade; but I have told him that he has got to learn that Governments always take their own sweet time. In any case he has been offered jobs in the Public Service Commission, the Department of Territories and

elsewhere, so should not starve in the end; but ~~if~~ one would have thought that the top 1st class honours of the year in his subject should be good enough even for trade, which is admittedly the 'glamour department' of the Commonwealth Service.

I felt so ashamed at my neglect of you over Christmas that I could hardly brace myself to write again, and am determined to ask no questions relating to my research work. It does not seem fair to burden you with my chores when I could barely knock off for a few hours. But in extenuation I can honestly say that I never remember being so flat out, with Jim away and having to take over the work of the Department at such a critical time in the history of the University. I have been writing letters solidly since you left here, and am now really beginning to see daylight. My great hope is that Davidson will be able to appoint someone senior to me as Reader, and then he can do the administration and I can get on with my own work. Went to my first Board of Graduate Studies meeting last week, and as I wasn't sure how to vote I abstained.

I have been asked to prepare a review of the year's Pacific Books for the Journal of the Polynesian Society - a sort of cross between a review proper and an annotated bibliography, and it seems to me that the only way to do it would be to come down to Sydney and check through the Mitchell collections for the year. Would there be accession cards from which I could prepare a list of books on the Pacific Islands published during 1959, do you think? Or is there some better way of getting about this work?

Angus has promised to tell Lennox Boyd that he would learn a good deal more about friend Benjamin and his fate from us than by wandering off to the Solomons.

Just stop now; it is pretty hot here too, close on 100, but the humidity is only 10% which makes it not too bad.

Yours ever,

SLM

G.P.O.
Monday
1 p.m.

Your letter received 10.30 am.
File booked in at Ansett - ANA,
Freight 4/-. It will be taken from
Merimbula to Eden, where they
have an agency. The address is
Mrs. Strickland
Imlay Street, Eden.
Telephone no. 37.

Should be there tomorrow,
They told me Eden is nearer, &
that sounded right.

I enclosed my notes from
Brierly's journals - surely you'll
be in the right place to read them.
How I wish I could explore Boyd
Town with you. So glad you'll be
here, though sorry for the reason.
Glad too that Greathead - (Hawes -
Howell) was a find. I got another
skerrick on
Boyd last week. I had.

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Department of Pacific History,
6th March, 1960.

Dear Ida,

Very many thanks indeed for all the immense trouble you have been to over my queries re the Morrison Myth. The material in your letter goes so far beyond what I had hoped for and all of it was quite new to me. It will, I am sure, help materially to settle the business once and for all.

Honor has been ordered by her doctor to have a complete rest and holiday and as I have been not very well for some weeks myself I have agreed to take her down to Twofold Bay for a week, where I hope to get some local colour on Benjamin Boyd.

Please Ida would you send down my papers on Boyd (File No. 14) so that I can work at them on the spot? I'm sure that I should get some inspiration from them.

My address is: The Sea Horse Inn, Boydton Park, Boydton, N.S.W. I enclose a Postal Note to cover the postage; and registration if there is enough left over.

Alternatively, if you're going into town perhaps you would be willing to send it air freight to Merimbula, which would be quicker. I'll ring up the airport from time to time just in case.

Hartley Grattan, I'm glad to be able to report, is not so phony as one thought. At all events he has a prodigious knowledge of Pacific History. He goes down to Sydney this week with his wife to attend an afternoon tea function which the Trustees of the Mitchell Library are throwing in his honour. Hence my ability to slip away.

Yours ever,

John M.

Department of Pacific History,
17th April, 1960.

Dear Ida,

I am a worm not to have written before to thank you for so kindly sending on the Boyd files and, in particular, for the extracts from the Brierly Journals, which were much more interesting than anything that I had got: they really made the place live in one's mind.

We went walking for miles and miles in Twofold Bay; everywhere that there was anything to be found connected with Boyd; and really we found quite a lot. I would not have believed for an instant that one week away from here and in the open air could possibly make such a difference, for I came back as cheerful as anything, and cheerful to boot. It is a pity that such things don't last for long.

I don't know why I do not seem to feel too well here, but am afraid that it may be the fairly long hours that one has to keep up; I try to do an average of 60 a week, and 90 if I can manage it. But then I believe that Nancy does a good deal more than that, and keeps much better than I do. And history is such a time-consuming pursuit that at the end of 90 hours one has really very little to show for it.

I went and saw Mr Wellings in Eden, but was a bit disappointed in him, for it was obvious from the start that he was only interested in finding out what material I had on Benjamin Boyd and preventing me from finding out anything that he had.

What I really went to consult him about was the existence of any station records or correspondence concerning the treatment of Boyd's native labour in the Manero or Riverina. He said that he had only two letters on the subject, but declined to let me see them. I gathered from him that after his death all the material that he has amassed will go to the Mitchell, but (I was almost tempted to add here 'alas') he looks pretty hale and hearty.

We explored the site of overseer Moutry's house - the most lovely spot on all the coast. I wonder if it was Moutry that got Boyd put in gaol; the account mentioned that it was his overseer, I think?

What a mess they have made of Boyd's house, with its horrible fibrolite top story and everything inside changed and ruined. If only the National Trust could get hold of it; but even so it would cost many thousands to put in order and restore to its pristine glory.

The influx of visitors from Sydney are all complaining of the heat down there; but I am hoping that by now you will be basking in a cold spell, and feeling much better for it. I must say that I could do with some heat myself, for though I have had the fire on in my room all day I am still cold; and when one goes out its painful.

There are so many things banked up for the Mitchell that I must come down in the near future willy nilly, even though I am supposed to be running the Department; and I shall get in touch with you without fail.

Again many thanks for sending the parcel. We had no trouble getting it from Eden at all.

Yours ever,

S.L.M.

20 May, 1960

Dear Harry,

Thankyou for the challenge - I have made a fair beginning on the ships, and am continuing today. ^{Special thanks for the copy of your publication.}

When your letter arrived, I had just made a fair copy, 20 pages, of information on the relations between Towns and Boyd, mainly from Towns letters on the Sea Horse case. I think you'll find it interesting. According to him Boyd in 1847 was turning all his ships over to sandalwooding, hoping to drive him (Towns) out of the trade.

Also, I returned to the effort to identify Charles Smith's companions in the photograph, and have a possible name for one of them. You'll be wanting to return that with the log of the Supply.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Idaf.

12 June 1960

Dear Harry,

Your letter and the enclosed queries were both very welcome. I'm not up to a progress report yet, but have another reason for writing.

I went to the Astor for my weekly extravagance on Friday and Romano immediately asked me if my friend had lost £3 there the previous Friday, which had been found on the floor near our table. I said I hadn't heard of it, but had no doubt it would be yours. He asked me if I'd take it then, but I suggested writing to you first. Afterwards when the waitress told me she had given you £3 in change

from a fiver, there seemed no possible question. It was she who found the three notes and handed them to Romano. So will you please just say they are yours, and I'll collect them for you. I told him you would not be in Sydney again for a considerable time.

I had a letter from Helen yesterday - she told me she had at length got off a reply to your very nice letter - no mention of how she had reacted to your various suggestions for her future.

Brother John had got his F. R. C. S. and taken a hospital appointment at Southend-on-Sea for further surgical experience.

Now for a word on your pink pages, to which I've given a fair amount of mine already: -

The Belle - You say the first known cargo of oil reaching here in June 1851, ^{cocoanut} But when she arrived on 31 March 1850, with Landell as a passenger, she had 200 barrels of cocoanut oil as well as 800 barrels of sperm oil.

There is no mention in the Shipping List of her having touched at any ports, but the combination of cocoanut oil & Landell looks like the Kingemills. It was the first time she had brought cocoanut oil. The other two passengers were John Johnson and Jas. Bradley. If you accept the supposition, that jets you back 15 months earlier. The only other conclusion

I have is that the Hollivell case seems not to have come to trial. The preliminary proceedings are reported in the Shipping Gazette as well as in the S.M.H., but there is no record in the Supreme Court proceedings for which the case was listed. Probably the captain was let go to sea again and not brought to trial.

I'll let you know if and when I find anything exciting.

My friend Muriel Hyles goes to Canberra tomorrow. The case against the man who filled in and cashed her cheque for £200 is to be heard by Joske in the Supreme Court on Tuesday. Maybe you'll see it in the local paper.

Ida L.

Department of Pacific History,
21st June, 1960.

Dear Ida,

I was intrigued by your news about the £3. I cannot, of course, be sure that the money is rightfully mine, only morally sure, for I did not miss it, having some £20 in notes about me and never keeping any tally how it went: it goes fast enough in Sydney in all conscience.

On the other hand I remember well that I gave the waitress a fiver and she brought me three pound notes back on a saucer, which I probably left behind when I was fiddling in my pockets for some change for her tip.

If your friend Romano decides to give you the money on such evidence you had better give the honest waitress one of the notes: there is so little honesty about in Sydney these days that it shouldn't go without its reward. And please keep the remainder for pens, pencils, paper, etc., which must be quite exhausted by now.

Yes, I had a very lovely letter from Helen and was ever so cheered to find her so happy in her work; and what a useful job she is doing. I doubt if we could find her anything here so rewarding.

How right you were about the Belle. I have since found that Captain Handy obtained his first cargo of coconut oil on Abaiang in August, 1849, as a reward for rescuing the King of Abaiang from the clutches of Randell, who had taken him off to Butaxitari and was holding him there to ransom. So part of the cargo of 200 barrels was presumably Handy's, though part may have been Randell's, as they seem to have remained friends, despite it all. As you say, it knocks 15 months off the search,

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a long list of photostats. Do you think that you could possibly persuade the girl in charge to let me know how much it will come to before the 30th June, because then I can pay it from the provision for this financial year, which ends on that date. No matter how long it actually takes to do the job of photostating.

Could you also please have the following items photostated? I cannot include them on the main list because I have insufficient citations to enable them to proceed without your help in locating the passages:-

- Probably on 3rd
from list*
- (1) The Proclamation of the Commandant to the Chiefs of the Tuamotus, quoted in the Messenger de Tahiti for 24.3.1863, p.53.
 - (2) Tahiti Consulate Papers. Letter from the Rev. William Wyatt Gill to the British Consul, Tahiti, dated 2.11.1863.

- (3) Bennett, George. "A Recent Visit to Several of the Polynesian Islands". United Service Journal, Part I, June, 1831, pp.194-202; Part II, August, 1831, pp.473-482; Part III "?", pp.189-193; Part IV [?], pp.89-96; Part V, 1832, pp.217-219.
- (4) Sydney Evening News, 25.4.1896. For a description of the Ellice Islands by Louis Becke.
- (5) Sydney Morning Herald, 20.6.1863. For an account of blackbirding.
- (6) The Friend, vol.IV, no.16 (August 15, 1846), p.125. For an account of the loss of the Columbia in the Gilberts.

I have, alas, had to stop work on the paper in order to carry on with the correspondence and departmental chores. But Jim Davidson is due back on the 30th, so I should be able to start again soon after he returns.

It is bitterly cold here. Menzies and Hasluck seem to differ in their views as to when the people of New Guinea should be granted self-government? I see that the man which your friend Muriel Hyles gave evidence about got off.

Yours,

J.L.M.

11th July 1960

Miss Ida Leeson,
21 Holbrook Avenue,
KIRRIBILLI. N.S.W.

Dear Ida,

Indeed I do think that you have done splendidly to obtain all the information you have, for it is all essential to the story and my last hectic visit to Sydney when we worked together on the Shipping Gazette and Sydney Mail showed me just how long it can take to run to earth one little fact - a mere paragraph, or even sentence, but oh the gold that glitters through it when at last it appears. And the items you detail in your letter shine with gold.

I think that you have the more long drawn out share of this joint paper; on the other hand it would be for me the more interesting, for it has all the elements of the chase with the satisfaction of retrieving yet another forgotten fact from the shades. I have merely to try and piece them together, which is a more prosaic task.

Would it be possible, do you think, to discover a little bit more about Flower, Selting and Company and their business? And what is meant by Towns' remark "Captain Smith formerly of Fotheringham bringing up"? I don't seem to have come across the name before, but probably you have?

You say that the Black Dog brought Towns' first shipment of coconut oil in July, 1853; is there any indication in the MS or published Shipping Lists where she came from?

You speak of Rotche's Island being Tamana. It should be Onotoa, but I fancy things must have got a bit mixed about that time and people were calling Tamana Rotche's. For instance one Miguel Casal in evidence before the British Consul at Apia on 21.11.70, speaks of having been for sixteen months a trader for Theodore Weber on Tamana or Rotche's Island.

Now, as regards the ending off of Randell, Smith and Fairclough's operations in the Gilberts, I fancy that with competition from Towns and Eury (was Eury independent or working for Towns?) their operations must have ~~terminated~~ and seem to have been taken over by Macdonald Smith and Company. My evidence is Captain Moore, H.M.S. 'Barossa' in Enc. 4. to China Station Letter 221 of 19.8.72. Moore visited Onotoa and says: "An Englishman named Redfern came on board, he was trading agent for Smith, Macdonald and Co., of Sydney, and had lived on the island four years". Don't you think there might be material on this take-over, and

discovered

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how long the island business lasted, in the archives of this firm?

I am still on correspondence, chores and supervision. It seems that a few days each month on writing is as much as I can expect and every week I decide to resign. But it may get better once Jim returns (on the 12th). And I do hope to start again next week and when I have got well ahead come down to Sydney again to show you what has been done and, with your help, tidy up the ends.

Congratulations on achieving immortality via Frank Clune; that and our present paper in print should add up to a satisfactory year.

Be seeing you soon now, I hope.

Yours ever,

P.S. Would you please take in this list for photostating when you next go - they are all apparently wanted for the present paper, so are more urgent than the other list.

And could you also copy out the para in the Shipping Gazette for Nov. 30, 1850, p.314, re Pitcairn's Island? I fancy it's a bit short to be worth photostating, but none the less important for me.

Department of Pacific History,
Tuesday, a.m.

Dear Ida,

I'm on the paper again at last; and hope to continue on to the finish - now that Jim is back again.

May I ask you please two queries. Firstly, I have been offered a complete (or almost complete) set of the Messenger de Tahiti [I thought it was spelt 'Faiti'?] but cannot make up my mind which library it should go into.

The Union List of Newspapers in Australian Libraries, Part 1, says that the only set is in the ML and that it is complete [with its successor, the Journal Officiel des établissements français de l'Océanie] from July 3, 1853, to the present day.

Now I have been offered a complete set of the Journal Officiel as well - to 1950 - but if it is true that the Mitchell set is complete it would be silly to hand either over to them.

So would you please check through the ML cards and see if there are any gaps? It might be possible to fill them by duplicates. The Messenger started in 1852 and was published weekly until the beginning of 1884, when the Journal Officiel took over.

The other thing is: could you please look in the Times (London) for Sept., 1885 [Sept. 15] for a letter signed 'Captain R.N.' re the activities of British warships in the Palau (Pellew) Group in 1882, and arrange to have it microfilmed [no, I mean photostated].

Love, and in much haste,

Ever yours,

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Department of Pacific History,
9th October, 1960.

Dear Ida,

I do not suppose that you are still speaking to me for I have been so remiss in not writing long before this. But to tell you the truth things have never been in such a state and try as I do I cannot catch up with my commitments. I suppose that it is really Jim Davidson's fault, for he is still away in Samoa and I have / all the administrative shores to do on top of trying to get on with some research and build up the manuscript side, which is so important.

Then the Pacific Science people have asked / me to work on the first symposium of Pacific Ethnohistorians, to be held in Honolulu next October in connexion with the Pacific Science Congress, and this has taken days and days of organizing work. I think it is nearly through though and that we shall have a good series of papers as a result. I have promised to do one on-

The Beachcombers. Their numbers, origins, location, personalities, behaviour and cultural impact, with special reference to the early period when their influence was most significant.

I must work at this in the Mitchell as soon as I can get down. Most of the material on the Tahitian beachcombers is in the Journals of the missionaries; the Tongan material should not be too hard to get at from Mariner and the Sydney Gazette, etc.; I have a nice piece on the Nauruan crowd; Samoa there was little until late; the Ponape mob will, I think, be forthcoming; and Fiji I know little of as yet. Anyway, I thought I should tell what I am committed to do over Christmas, in case you come across a reference or two, for which I should be profoundly grateful. I have none as yet, except the one on Nauru.

I think that the beachcombers have been very much neglected by historians, for once the explorers had gone they were the main agents of western culture in the islands. And as far as I can see it was they who held the fort for years before the advent of the trader. Before then the natives were apt to think that the European discoverers were Gods sent from the sky; but by the time the missionary and trader came they had quite a different idea.

I believe, also, that one should be able to get down to the names of many of the beachcombers, and what ship they came on and how long they remained alive or stayed, and what they did ashore. They seem to have played quite a part in native politics and affected the course of important

dynasties, notably in Tahiti and Hawaii.

Enough of the beachcomber, I suppose I feel a special interest in them because ~~if~~ deep down I wish that I had been one. Another trouble is that I owe two articles to the Encyclopaedia Britannica and see that they ~~if~~ are due in London tomorrow and I haven't yet started on them.

And then Angus was worrying me for a review of Morrell's book on Pacific History and I took two ~~if~~ full days on preparing one and then tore it up. I'm afraid review for the popular press are not in my line. Angus himself does them to perfection, but they need a particular technique, for the general public is not interested in the same problems as research scholars by any means.

And Professor Ross has ~~just~~ just written from Birmingham to say that he is sending me advance royalties for my chapter (15,000 words) on the history of Pitcairn Island; and where is the script?

Sharp's attack on me has at last appeared in the Journal of the Polynesian Society, but I'm told that it is ~~if~~ unusually mild, for Sharp. Jack-Hinton is proposing to write a further article (in fact he's written it) saying that Sharp's one is a tissue of errors. And so the merry game goes on.

You say that you did not know that I was interested in sandalwood. Actually I am vitally interested, for I have nearly completed the collection of material on a History of the Sandalwood Trade of the Marquesas Islands, and have a unique lot of stuff on the beginnings of the trade in the New Hebrides (bringing in Boki, the Hawaiians and the Tongans, who really began operations).

I have never changed my plan of work since I first arrived at this University, this being to write three books (and three only):-

- (1) a Regional History of the Central Pacific;
- (2) a History of Pitcairn Island; and
- (3) a History of Early Trade in the Pacific.

All material is being collected to that end, and when in the course of collecting it I come on a specially interesting problem then I write a paper on it, so that it can be boiled down later for the book. Such are the two papers on Pitcairn history; the Salt Pond one on Tahiti trade; the one we are doing jointly on the Gilberts trade; and the two sent in on early discoveries in the Central Pacific. The beachcombers come in because they were the forerunners of the traders proper and indeed many of them converted from true beachcombing to trading (at least I suspect that we shall find that they did).

I sometimes feel that I make you distraught at my apparently inconsistent and irrelevant requests for information and my asides generally. But the secret is that at all times I have the picture of those three books working in my mind, and I switch from one to the other as things develop. Sandalwood, beche-de-mer, coconut oil, and the like are never very far from my thoughts. And the joy of the paper on Early Trade in the Gilbert Islands is that it concerns both the book on the Central Pacific and the one on Early Trade in the whole Pacific.

I think that the best thing that I can do about the Goodenough-Wentworth visit to Rarotonga in 1814 is to send you my whole file on the subject, from which you will be able to see readily what I have got. To the papers in this file you should add the following, as I have photostats of them which are too bulky to get into the folder:-

- (1) Letter from W.C. Wentworth to T. Moore re the procurement of sandalwood from the new island. A 756, p.5.
- (2) Wentworth: shall proceed to South Pacific in the Cumberland. Agreement. Articles. 1814 (Wentworth Papers) A752, p.96.
- (3) Wentworth: shall receive \$20 monthly ... Agreement. 1814. (Wentworth Papers). A752, pp.98-9.

As you say, Wentworth quotes Wyatt Gill as the source of the native account of Goodenough's stay on Rarotonga. This was based on a most inaccurate translation of Mareta. I have now got hold of the original MS of Mareta (from the Polynesian Society Library) and Margery Crocombe (a Rarotongan school-teacher now married to my student Ron) has kindly translated it in its entirety. There is also one other native account (by Savage and Tamara Te Rei); this has now been discovered on Rarotonga and I was given a typescript of it last week. You will find the full account by Mareta at pp.42-57 of the file, and that by Tamara Te Rei on pp.59-61.

Re p.52, I am still praying that you will discover the Walker trial papers (perhaps with his log book, which was an exhibit, among them) in the collection of Supreme Court Papers mentioned there. Would it not be wonderful?

Then I feel that there must be something more by Wentworth (or one of his biographers) on the subject of his unique experience as supercargo of the Cumberland. I see that it is said on p.8 that Goodenough died on the voyage and that Wentworth navigated the vessel back to Sydney. This must be rot, for I think it is Mollab who gives a long and graphic account of Goodenough drifting in a boat off New Zealand for weeks and finally dying when almost on shore. Unfortunately I seem to have omitted to have noted this reference, but must look it up some day.

What about the Ship's Muster Books? Was 1814 too early. The sailing of the Cumberland is noted in the SC for 22.1.1814, and she returned from Rarotonga on 22.10.1814. Would there be no crew list or other MS record?

From pp. 30-31 you will see that I wrote to the Mitchell about my troubles as long ago as 1958, but they could not help me. And from p. 58 that I have now written to the U.S.S. to try and find the Proceedings of the first meeting of the Society for the Protection of the Natives of the South Sea Islands, which seems to have been largely concerned with the doings of Goodenough and the others on the Cumbeyland. If Wentworth was one of them no wonder that Marsden could get nobody to make a move in the matter: "and all, with one accord, began to make excuse ...".

You will also see, from the yellow ~~pp~~ pages at the end of the file, that I originally intended the paper to ~~be~~ be concerned with John Williams and the discovery of Harotonga; but I think that the Goodenough-Wentworth visit is a fascinating enough subject in its own right, don't you? And it is good ethnohistory, for we are making full use of native texts, as well as European.

My greatest worry the last few weeks has been that I have perforce had to organize a complete series of seminars for the remainder of this term, in the ϕ continued absence of Professor Davidson. I enclose a copy of it, from which you will see that the students cover a wide range of Pacific Islands topics (including the Far East). Also that I am committed to trying out a first draft of our paper on the Gilberts traders at the last session on December the 9th. So I must really get on with the writing as soon as I can steal a moment from the constant arrears of administration.

I understand that Jim Davidson will be back from Samoa later this month, but that he intends to go off to New York almost immediately; this is most unfortunate for the students, as they really need his help more than they get. Still, I must not grumble, for he is a good man to work for, and leaves one alone.

Thank you ever so much for the information on coconut oil prices. This will come in essential when I come to write up the early trade. Probably you are quite right in holding that the first shipment was in 1819. Fancy the good old Surry taking the first shipment; another claim to fame from a vessel that has enough to write a full paper on her history alone.

I wonder what you mean about the possibility of the bushranger at A. & R. being unhorsed. I think that it would be the most wonderful news and a great thing for Australia, for after all the firm is an institution and far more than a money making proposition. To think that a cheap-jack mountebank like Pence, or whatever his name is, could come and wreck the whole apple-cart to build his infernal block of offices, with a fountain-pen bar below. I have been thinking that the next nonsense he will be up to is to sell up the second-hand Department, like he did the stock of new books. If you hear of this happening, please give me the tip, so that I can come down on the next plane and buy it up.

It amused me that paragraph in the Nation about A. & R. in Melbourne (Robertson & Mallins?) being ordered by old Shylock to seal off the stock

regardless of price. Apparently a rival bookseller bought their entire stock of a popular nursing handbook for 1/- each, and next week sold them back again to A. & B. for 12/6.

Please forgive the numerous mistakes in this letter, but I have typed it at a fair speed and not from a draft. Ha, I am going to try and fly down next week, or certainly the week after. No, I think next week; or maybe the following Monday. Because I want to talk to you about a lot of problems; and if I go on writing like this I'll never stop and you will never read it. As you can see, I can only get down on Saturday- Tuesday, or at a pinch ~~Monday~~ Wednesday noon-Thursday night, until December 9th, when I am free until the end of April, and hope to rent a flat in Sydney and work solidly at the Mitchell. If you hear of a flat going for a few weeks any time during that period please let me know.

Be seeing you soon, and meanwhile many thanks indeed for your letters and all the helpful comments in them. They all get abstracted into their proper files and used; nothing is wasted.

Yours ever,

J.L.M.

Department of Pacific History,
23rd October, 1960.

Dear Ida,

I feel ashamed at having to worry you within a few hours of returning to Canberra, but they contain two matters which I could not have foreseen until I did:-

- (1) Would you please see if the Mitchell (and possibly the Dixon) has a copy of the following work -

Denison, Charles W. (ed.), "Old Slade; or, Fifteen Years Adventures of a Sailor: including a residence among cannibals on Wallace Islands, and sketches of other parts of the North and South Pacific Oceans". Boston, John Putnam, 1844.

If there is a copy, would you please examine it to see if the work purports to be in two parts (or vols.) and, if so, if the library has both parts (or vols.) or only the first, which should break off on p. 108 in the middle of an entrancing and most important story about the exploits of Manin (or Manini) on Wallis Island.

I ask this because I have examined copies of this work abroad (though not in the Mitchell Library) and in every case there is only the one volume. Now I have been asked by Father O'Reilly to prepare a paper on early European contacts with Wallis (i.e. from about 1825, when the first European went there, to 1837, when the Catholic mission took over). Most of this paper would consist of the story of Manini's attempt to obtain sovereignty over the island in 1830, the subsequent massacre on the Oldham and the sending of the Zebra to enquire into the affair.

As you can readily imagine, the account in "Old Slade" is of the greatest importance to me in this connexion, and if you find from an examination of the volume in the ML (if there is one) that it purports to be vol. 1 and there is no trace of a vol. 2 then I think that the best thing I can do is to write to the Library of Congress and ask if there is a trace of vol. 2 anywhere in the U.S.? If there is, either in print or MS, I can have it copied.

This reminds me, that if you can find anything about the Oldham or the Zebra in connexion with Wallis, or indeed anything on the island prior to say 1840, I should be deeply grateful.

- (2) The other point concerns a ML MS entitled "'Old Hands' and 'Old Lines' in the South Seas". I don't know its number or who it is indexed under, but could find out if necessary. However,

you will find that there has been recent correspondence with this Department as to the authorship of the MS and furthermore they sent us a photostat of it on Friday last.

On page 5 of this MS (not counting the 4 pages of Introduction) you will see that the author (who was really the missionary Brown) speaks of an account in the Auckland Weekly News which referred to the "death in Sydney in 1887 of Captain George Browning ...".

Would it be at all possible to trace this account? I ask it because it seems that it is likely to be of great value to Pacific historians, as indeed the MS "Old Hands ..." is.

I have been going over the marvellous material you gave me when I was down. You cannot imagine how grateful I am for it all as it would have been quite impossible for me to have found it for myself. However, I don't feel so bad about it as a good deal of the material will be going into our joint paper.

Yours ever,

J.L.M.

Department of Pacific History,
1st November, 1960.

Dear Ida,

Thank you for no less than three letters - 25th, 26th and 28th - the last arriving this morning; and all of them of great interest. How extraordinary to find a relationship between the Brownings and Boyds; the odd bits and pieces that one investigates from time to time seem to fit together in an extraordinary manner and it should, I now firmly believe, be possible before long to write a really interesting and co-ordinated narrative on Port Jackson's relations with the islands.

Browning adds a valuable sideline to our forthcoming study of Boyd and the Pacific Islands, and I feel sure that Boyd's sudden statement to Brierly that they were all going to China was a result of a talk with Browning.

No matter about the account of Brierly's life in the Scottish Australasian for I have noted it and can look it up here or in Sydney when the time comes. I wonder, however, if you could check through the series "Australian Mariners of the Past" to see if they deal with any of the other South Sea captains, e.g. William Campbell or perhaps Fairclough. I have noted also that the Auckland Weekly News article gives the same account as Brown's typescript.

As regards "Old Slade", I was very glad to get your assurance that there is no Part 2: the Congress entry should be conclusive. I should have explained that I already have a copy of the text - pp.39-41 deal with Boki's expedition to the New Hebrides and pp.49-108 with Manini's show on Wallis Island - what was worrying me was that the text ended suddenly in the middle of the Wallis business and there was an indication that it was to be continued in another volume.

The Mitchell certainly should have a copy of this work, because it is one of the most valuable texts we have on the early history of the New Hebrides and Wallis Island. I saw it in the Mission Childrens Library in Honolulu. By the way, did John Slade write anything else?

The wreck of the Glide is, as you say, the best authority on the Manini business. I have it somewhere, but can't lay my hands on it at the moment; but I am getting someone shortly to index my stuff and then things will really begin to move.

But there are two important references that I haven't got:-

- (1) Burrows, Edwin G. "George Manini in Uvea (Wallace Island)". Hawaiian Hist. Soc. 45th Annual Report, p.45; and

- (2) Kuykendall, R.S. "Some early commercial adventurers in Hawaii".
Hawaiian Hist. Soc. 37th Annual Report (1928).

If you can find either of these in Sydney would you please get me photostats of them; but I am afraid that the Mitchell does not keep the Annual Reports of the Hawaiian Historical Society (though they contain invaluable source material on the history of the South and Central Pacific). If that is the case I shall have to copy them myself, for the National Library has a complete set - but no facilities for photo-copying, I believe.

Also, perhaps you would be so kind as to see if there are any references either to Manini or the Foki affair in the following:-

- ✓ (3) Hopkins, Manley. "Hawaii: the Past, Present and Future of its Island Kingdom". 2nd ed., pp.222-5.
- ✓ (4) Bingham, Hiram. "A Residence of Twenty-one Years in the Sandwich Islands". Hartford, 1848, pp.361-2.
- (5) Sandwich Island Gazette (1838), Feb. 10. "Linear Natives of the Pacific, no. 1. Observations upon the New Hebrides".
- ✓ (6) Jarves. "History of the Hawaiian or Sandwich Islands", pp.288-90.
- (7) Missionary Herald XXVII (April, 1851), pp.121-2.
- ✓ (8) Endicott, William. "Wrecked among Cannibals in the Fijis. ..." Salem, Mass., Marine Research Society, 1923. Pp.49-51.

And now I really have come clean and told you all the items which I have on my cards relating to Manini or Foki (picked up here and there), with the exception of George Bennett's article in the Asiatic Journal, vol.VII (Jan.-April, 1832), pp.119-131, which is by far the best source on Foki's expedition. Some of these sources may be mare's nests (or is it red herrings) for I have not checked any; but if they contain anything of significance perhaps it would be best to get a photostat made.

This reminds me that I have been getting a bit worried about the Missionary Herald because I am continually wanting to refer to it and cannot locate a set in Australia. Do you know of one? It used to be called Panoplist, I believe, but from January, 1820 was the Missionary Herald; it contains some marvellous stuff on the South Seas.

Just one more thing. Some years ago Honor began to copy out the attached article by Louis Becke but did not get very far, and since then I have never found it again. Could you please be an angel and have the item photostated for me, as it evidently concerns some well-known Gilbert Islands traders and appears to be authentic.

Then I have a note that there are three other items concerning our trader friends which should perhaps be copied:-

- (1) Letter from Westbrook dated 20.7.15 in Saunders, A.T. "Bally Hayes ...". 1st ed., 1915.
- (2) Death of Reszleux dated 27.12.11 in ditto.
- (3) Account of Jack Keyes' wife, by Louis Becke, from the Bulletin for 27.5.93, in Becke, G.L. Newspaper cuttings.

If these are no use you can blame my inexperience, for I wrote the note regarding them some 10 years ago, I suppose, and have never looked them up since.

Many thanks indeed for the note re the beachcomber (potential) named Harroway; this Rev. Thomas was a horrid man, as Dillon observed, and particularly to beachcombers; see in Diapen's book (the same Diapen mentioned in "Old Hands").

Re Mrs Guthbert's statement that the Nautical Magazine Index was on its way to the Mitchell, this also may have been my fault, though I meant it to spare you. I made out three pages of entries which I was going to ask you to kindly copy out; and then I thought that a sweat and how boring for you, so I asked to have the whole 393 pages put on micro-film for me. I had a letter today, signed Janet D. Hine, Dixon Librarian, saying that my friends W. and F. Pascoe will do it for £10 (which the University will pay) and adding that Ann Savours would like a copy for her Scott Polar Research Institute and will share in the costs. 'Tis Janet Hine Mrs Guthbert?

You will be glad to learn that immediately I post this I am starting once again with the Randall, Peircelough, Smith paper and hope to finish it (the first draft, to be sent to you, I mean) within a fortnight. And then I must come down to Sydney again, for I am getting a very restless feeling with all your finds.

Yours ever,



John Gumpston hopes to be able to come into the Mitchell Monday and Tuesday of next week en route to the New Hebrides. I hope that you like him for he is always so kind to me. If you are about he will tell you about the Customs records he found at Alexandria.

Department of Pacific History,
17th December, 1960.

Dear Ida,

I am sorry not to have written before but I have been ill - quite astonishingly ill, for me; indeed I am still in bed, more or less, and very disinclined to undertake the slightest exertion, mental or physical.

It must have been a wog for Honor has had it and been bad too and we hear stories of affliction on all sides; I only hope that it is peculiar to Canberra and not something which you are sharing with us. And then the weather; we have fires on all day and look like having a white Christmas for the first time in the history of the A.C.T.

The only thing that has revived me today is the news in this morning's Herald that the thug Burns and his idiotically vacillating stooge Swan have apparently been defeated (though the counting of votes had not been completed at the time of going to press). With all their faults the people who run A. & R. have always been gentlemen, and what a shock it must have been for them to have to come into contact with Sydney financial types interested only in the ring of the cash register; quite irrespective of what is being sold.

It must have been a fascinating meeting, what with Colin Simpson reading out telegrams from his pals and Frank Clune trying to improve the shining hour by getting himself elected a Director. I am laying a share in the Company so as not to miss out on the next instalment. While I cannot agree entirely with his remarks about the Commonwealth Fellowships, P.R.S. was probably right in holding that Sydney University should have its own Press (but it is having one, n'est pas?).

I was very worried indeed at hearing of your serious financial position, and have been trying ever since to work out how best we can all help. It seems certain that there is room in Sydney for a freelance searcher; after all there are many in England and the U.S., and without a doubt there is no one in this country with your qualifications.

The problem is clearly to get yourself known to historians of all kinds as well as the academic profession and it seems that this can only be done by advertisement (again as in other countries). Subject, therefore, to your consent, I shall prepare a draft notice, show it to you and, when you are happy with the phraseology, have it processed or printed and sent (through contacts) to the heads of the various University Departments of History with a request that it be placed on the departmental Notice Boards.

The notice would be based on similar ones in the leading Historical Journals, and would include (I presume) straight historical search, reference preparation, listing, calendaring, abstracting, genealogical tracing and indexing - this is the usual service. I feel that it should also be followed up by brief notices in the journals both in Australia and abroad - this I can fix up for you (once you have approved the wording); indeed I shall be glad to take all the business side off your shoulders.

In the meantime I have spoken to Professor Davidson about work for the Department of Pacific History. You will remember that I suggested as a possibility the copying of all cards relating to the Pacific Islands in the ML MSS Catalogue, but you felt that this should be done by photography. Davidson agrees with you; but suggests that you might care to work through a sample number of drawers (say 10%) and count the number of entries relating to the islands; this would then give us an idea of the total number of cards involved. The University would pay, of course.

Other minor projects which occur at the moment are the cataloguing (i.e. listing) of:-

- (a) material in the Age and Argus indexes (for the years for which they exist) relating to Malden Island and Grace Summit;
- (b) the Supreme Court Papers containing material relating to the Pacific Islands;
- (c) any manuscript material relating to Micronesia, the Central Pacific and the Cook Islands; and
- (d) the Tahitian Consulate Papers.

I have no doubt that we shall be able to work out other projects which need doing for the Department, but I will come down and have a talk as soon as I am well enough; also to explain the "time sheets" which are required for the University Accounts and Auditor, and ultimately for the Commonwealth Audit. Then we will have to work out an hourly fee and put it up to the University authorities. Another thing we must fix is the question of microfilm transcription and listing, as this probably comprises the bulk of historical search work being done these days.

Then I have a personal project of my own which I should be most grateful if you would undertake at the same rate; and that is to complete a Bibliography of the Central Pacific. I have already collected all (or practically all) of the references required but they are higgledy-piggledy all over the place: on cards of various types and sizes and pieces of paper of various colours, some typed, some in ink and some in pencil. Above all, the entries are anything but uniform and many are incomplete. There will, of course, be inevitable additions which you may find; though I expect not too many as I started collecting the references when I was a lad of 18.

What I would propose to do is to send you this raw material and you could work - partly at home and partly in the ML - putting it into order, making the entries consistent and in proper form and completing the citations and annotations. And then in the ML and PL adding any missing items. It can then be published! [Wasn't that a nice little article on the Pub. Lib. in the Herald - by a girl called Cable, I think? Made me quite homesick).

I know that you have hitherto refused to accept a fee for work done for me, but I have felt increasingly ashamed of the fact that in my hopeless enthusiasm for the fascinating material coming to light as a result of your skilled efforts I have been taking undue advantage of your generosity and good nature. But this last time my eyes were as it were opened, the scales fell and I slunk away feeling a worm - as, indeed, I should have long ago.

So there it is - I have a pile of queries but am determined to come down and do them all myself unless we can fix up an adequate rate of remuneration. You see Ida dear I have enough money to keep myself going at present and may even end up with a surplus unless I am careful. At the moment my surplus goes on Pacific books and papers, or some other aspect of the work on which I am engaged - filing cabinets, card indexes, microfilm reader, typists fees, expenses of coming down to Sydney (or rather staying there) and the like, so part of it might just as well be paid to you for helping me as to someone else.

Neither Alaric nor I believe in the inheritance of wealth and if Honor and I can die owing nothing and owing nothing (but with enough on hand for our last meal) we shall be content. So anything we have must be spent; and how better than on the increase of knowledge concerning an area to which we have both devoted our lives from the day we came of age.

I had been shocked to hear that you could not afford to have a holiday this Christmas and had proposed to invite you here; but alas man proposes and it locks as though we shall both be laid up for Christmas. So you would have entered what is in effect a pest house and heard all day the sound of lamentations and gnashing teeth.

Again I had intended to go down to Sydney several days ago to choose presents for all the family as well as yourself. But again all intentions have been frustrated by the plague which has stricken us; so under the circumstances I am asking A. & R. (if the firm still exists) to place a credit to your name so that you can order whatever you like whenever you like. This seems to me a good arrangement for though I could possibly stagger to Cheshires between now and Christmas I should almost inevitably buy some useless junk that neither you nor anyone else would want to read.

I do hope that this long letter has not bored you and we do both wish you the very best Christmas and New Year possible,

Yours ever,

Lucy

PS I had a talk with Mr Douglas Smith of Glenbrook, who was up here the other day, and he tells me that Charles Smith had a friend who was a well-known photographer, Mons. Ferrier of Darling Point Road, who is apparently still alive and would probably be glad to let us have photographs of Smith's ships, etc., and also to give us any information about the old man. He also mentioned Roy Smith of Brooklands, Yass, as being a descendent who knows much of the family history.

J.S.M.

Department of Pacific History,
29th December, 1960.

Dear Ida,

Many thanks for your letter. It is just as well that you did not come up here, at least to stay with us, for soon after I last wrote to you Honor got worse and I had to get the doctor, who ordered her not to move out of bed until at least after Christmas and to take penicillin every four hours night and day.

She has now been up for a couple of days and seems to be much better. I too am a ball of energy once again and working flat out for a week making a heroic effort to get the arrears of correspondence up to date by the New Year; if I succeed it will be the first time that I have caught up since we came to Canberra.

Being constantly 20 or so letters in arrears has got me really down psychologically and I have vowed not to do any other work until every blessed letter is answered and done with. What a relief it will be.

I am so sorry I upset you by constantly travelling TAA; I suppose the fact is that although I detest governments on principle I like capitalists even less and hate to add to their yachts and cocktail bars and mistresses. But to please you I promise that I shall travel ANA whenever possible in future; after all they do give the better service.

I was ever so glad to hear that you have at least enough to live on for the time being as I had been worried more than a little ever since I last saw you. If things get worse you will just have to turn your investments into annuities, which should surely bring you in a much higher rate of interest. I certainly intend to do just that, if I ever have any money to do it with; right now I am paying off an overdraft of £1,000 at the bank - not that they ever seem to worry if I pay it or not.

If you do happen to go to the Mitchell any time you might let me know the issues of the United Service Magazine in which Bennett's "Visit to Several of the Polynesian Islands" appeared, with pagination, etc. I gave you a note on what I knew already but unfortunately kept no copy, so I am rather sunk.

I have written to Frank Eyre (and will see Pat Croft after the holidays) about indexing, and will be seeing him next week in Canberra. We could not put him, and the family, up owing to the Pan-Pacific Women's junket on from the 7th (with 26 delegates from Fiji alone) but I have got him a luxury air-conditioned suite, with refrigerator, bathroom, sitting

room, and all fittings, at the newest of our many Motels (the Travelodge). And it will cost him only £6.10.0 a day for the accommodation (for the 4 of them), as against £16 (without meals) at the Canberra-Rex, so he should be pleased.

I hope to be down soon and will ring you when I get there or soon after,
and with all good wishes for the New Year,

Yours ever,

J.L.M.

Dec. 21, 1960

Dear Master,

Just a brief reply to more urgent references in your letter of the 17th.

First to say how sorry I am you have been ill. Can it be hepatitis you and Honor have had? That seems to be the prevalent trouble lately.

I had been thinking of writing to say that if you didn't urgently need to visit the Mitchell, you should hold off for a little while, because the place is in a mess. Fluorescent lighting is being installed, and the reading room is given over to the installers. A few readers are crowded cheek by jowl in the inner room, very uncomfortable, I should say. I've been in very little since you were here - I was so depressed the day you left, chiefly because you persist in travelling T. A. A., I think. However I'll send answers to your queries soon.

I was also so on edge about the A. S. K. crisis, especially since Swain double-crossed George Ferguson and Co. that I couldn't settle to anything, except seeking votes and proxies. I am amazed and astounded by the happy ending - it didn't seem possible that we should win at all, but to win by such a great margin, after the disallowance of votes received too late, and all. Surely virtue has triumphed

some of the cards, meanwhile no action
please on that draft you were so kind
as to want to prepare.

Happy Christmas with restored health
to you both - I'll think of you singing
Christmas carols in S. John's.

I da h.

P.S.

This terrible scribble is due less to
paralysis than to the fact that I was
hurrying to catch a ferry, which I
now perceive I have lost after all.

I. h.

P.P.S.

Book indexes, if you know anyone who wants
em, Frank Eyre or others, I'd undertake,

over villainy, good over evil - and Swain, in his greed to grasp all has lost all. Frank Clune made vulgar interjections at the meeting, and Norman Cooper had to ask him to sit down, and Inky Stephensen wasn't much better.

Now I must say, while grateful for your concern, please don't do anything more about drafting circulars, etc., for me as a searcher or researcher. I'm not sure enough of my physical condition these days to take on anything of that kind. I can't remember what I said to you about my finances - anyhow all I meant to convey was that the Menzies - Holt activities had so reduced my capital (nominal) that I didn't feel justified in taking a holiday at an expensive pub. How kind of you to think of taking one in - I have a warm invitation to stay with the Frederiksen, which I have declined. I feel that while the economic crisis is on I should live within my income, and not spend capital. I agree, in principle, that one shouldn't want to leave money, and my in-laws don't really need it - but having willed what I possess to them, I'm just stubborn about keeping it that way, if possible. Meanwhile I'm alright on income, if I don't go too often to the Astor, or such.

She writes further about the Mitchell ms. card index when I've had a glance at

Feb. 21/1961

Dear Master,

Did you come down in the middle of the night and clean up "the greatest thing ever", or have even greater ones presented themselves in Canberra? Just as well I didn't book you a flat for the whole of the vacation. Nancy tells me you have written and sent her flowers, so I know you aren't ill. I saw her again yesterday, and she may be going home tomorrow.

You communicated your excitement to me as usual, and now I'm bursting, I suppose, to talk about the result, and to whom can I talk about it but you? As your letter suggested you had covered the John Bull I've been having shots at the earlier Australian activities of Mr. O'Connell, if that was really his name.

He altered his dates for sure - he must have been here 1824-30, not 1820-26, and he also alters facts appreciably at times - I've made some notes on the Phoenix, by which he arrived, on the City of Edinburgh and the Cape Packet.

But most fascinating is the story of Charles Smith, for whom he says he worked for a year after leaving the Phoenix. To have another Charles Smith to get excited about scarcely seems possible and the path of this one has been more difficult to follow - in fact I went some distance along

a completely wrong path.

Not knowing how deeply concerned you may be with the Australian part, except as confirmation of the rightness or otherwise of the Lonape story, perhaps I'd better go slow until I hear from you.

But surely the bit about Marsden putting a missionary and his family on board the John Bull for Strong's Island in 1830 can't be true? Had anybody visited it since the John Bull's earlier captain saw it in 1825, that Marsden should be seeking to evangelize it so soon? I haven't looked up mission records, but there's nothing in the Marsden books, and I thought I'd wait for your advice on this story.

After all his episode of the Cape Packet and Capt. Dillon seems a complete fabrication.

Hoping all goes well with you and the department (and I've been wondering what's happening about Dorothy Shineberg).

Yours,
Ida L.

22.61

Department of Pacific History,
Sunday, a.m.

Dear Ida,

Just a note to thank you most sincerely for your kindness in arranging with someone in the Mitchell Library for Mrs Shinsberg to be introduced to me - it was such a happy surprise to find that you had done this; one often notices people in the ML obviously working on Pacific Islands history but cannot very well speak to them unless introduced.

I had a long talk with Mrs Shinsberg in the evening; and as a result she and her husband came to Canberra on Thursday night and I spent all Friday taking her around the University, etc., and introducing her to experts on the history of the New Hebrides such as Mr Campston.

I am now hoping that I may have persuaded her (a) to change her thesis subject to the sandalwood or blackbirding trades, or at least some earlier period of New Hebrides history ("The first ten years of the Condominium" is, I consider, hopeless, for a variety of reasons); and (b) to do her thesis here with us rather than in Melbourne.

A lot will depend on her husband, who is a secondary school teacher, being able to transfer here, but he has seen the A.O. T. Education Authorities and it may well be that there are no insuperable difficulties (not even the fact that she has two small children).

I really am most grateful to you for this kind action, and hope that if you meet with any other likely prospects at the Mitchell you will be willing to pass them on likewise. As you know I am scouring the world to try and persuade students and scholars to work here on Pacific history, and contemplating the transportation of them and their families, at vast expense, from such remote places as Finland and Russia; to find one who only needs to be brought from Melbourne sounds altogether too good to be true.

I am sorry I could not very well ask you to do any of my work on my last visit, but to be absolutely truthful I came down with one purpose only: to try and catch up with all the research I have to do for others. I had brought most of my correspondence up-to-date by a prodigious effort over the Christmas holidays but was left with a miscellaneous mass of references, etc., which I had to do for such requestees as Saul Riesenbergy, Jacques Barreau, the Fiji Government, Gordon Russell, Ron Crocombe, the Western Pacific High Commission and Colin Jack-Hinton.

Now, as I have already written, I cannot possibly ask you to do this

sort of work for others without payment, so must perforce do it myself. Actually I was going to ask you for a little help in a piece of hunting I was doing for Colin, but you took such a violent dislike to him that (as has happened before) I shrivelled up, was ashamed and fell silent.

I stayed on until late on Saturday (the party fortunately turned out to be on Sunday) but could not get very far, having to call for dozens and dozens of card drawers on spec (not having access to the Index). This not being allowed to search the MSS and other indexes by oneself must I suppose inevitably mean that one has to stay in Sydney for three days to do two days work; then not being allowed to use a typewriter or dictating device means endless copying out in longhand and days of retyping here - I wonder if it would be any use addressing the Trustees?

But glory be I did discover by accident, thumbing through the M. MSS Index, who discovered Pompe Island. And would you believe it, it was the same John Bull; but not on the 1830 voyage that got O'Connell wrecked on Pompe. In 1825, to be exact; and how exciting it all is.

I must come down earliest to continue work on O'Connell and the John Bull. It means searching the ship masters and Customs records, and the Convict Lists, but I really believe that it is going to lead to sheer gold.

I thought that O'Connell's story was all fabrication, but I spent two days checking up the movements of the John Bull (I think now that the whaler was the same as the China tea merchant, for the dates do not overlap anywhere) and its not all hooey - there really was a Captain Barcus.

This being so, the leads which he gives as to his movements in Australia and his general activities here are also probably true - and can be checked up. We are on the eve of the biggest thing ever.

Yours,

See M.

Tuesday pm.

Dear Master, I am still rubbing the mist from my eyes. To be thanked when I expected to be cursed for interfering with your working time by the intrusion of a seeker for advice! It happened that on ^{the} Thursday afternoon I came across Dorothy Merino (Chineberg) again, and found she was lovely perplexed as to how to proceed with her plan, and I suddenly felt sorry for her - and remembering what you had said about all the work done and being done on the New Hebrides, I ventured to suggest you might be willing to put her straight, help her to a point of departure, etc. It never occurred to me for a moment that you might be interested in her as a student in your department. In fact as soon as I had made the suggestion I was appalled by what I'd done, and have been trying to forget it ever since. And here you are being grateful, and Dorothy must be in the seventh heaven.

You may remember her husband coming to the office at Cremorne, when he had just started on the road with Frank Eyre's bookmobile, selling O.U.P. educational books.

The other amazement from your letter was the reference to Colin Jack-Hinton - what an unfortunate tongue I must have! I realized at once that you didn't appreciate the reference to his beard, but didn't know what to say to make it right. Apart from that I have no feeling about him at all, and even if I had I would most gladly do anything for him at your request.

I do apologize for hurting your feelings there - I acknowledge my fault and my sin is ever before me.

As for your other requests I haven't indicated, as far as I remember, that I wouldn't take payment from them.

Now your trouble about the indexes and typing. I feel it shouldn't be necessary to address the trustees about the use of the Ms. indexes - in view of your status I should think representations to Richardson should be sufficient. After all, we can always quote the Mormons.

And as for the typewriter, I think you must have known, and forgotten, that typewriters are allowed. On the occasion of M. C.'s drunk visit looking for his secretary, the reason he couldn't find her was that she ^{was} in the bookstacks typing material for him. There's very little room for such, of course, but there are a few corners in the stacks where they can be fitted in.

And about O'Connell - if I knew where to begin I'd be rushing in straightway. Your last paragraph had me tingling with excitement. If only I were even ten years younger! Anyhow the whole letter, except the unfortunate bit about C. J. - H. was a real shot in the arm - it came just as I was able to stand again after a devastating gastro-enteric attack that had me sick and reeling for two days - and I'd also had several rather bad days the week before. It's a most chastening experience getting these buffetings out of an apparently clear sky if I'd been eating lobster thermidor or roast pork I might have seen a reason. I'll lie low again tomorrow, and if I can stand erect on Thursday I'll go in and try to read something of O'Connell. Meanwhile, to have you keen on a new search makes the sun shine again.

Yours affly
Idaf.

Department of Pacific History,
23rd February, 1961.

Dear Ida,

So glad to hear from you again. I should have written ages ago - indeed I have meant to every day - but I got immersed in writing my paper for the Pacific Science Congress and all else went by the board. It is really a most exacting business this paper writing and I find I have to almost leave this world for a time while it is on - physically, I suppose, I move around but I am hardly conscious of my surroundings.

I was not intending to worry about writing the paper until April (its not to be delivered until late in August) but Dr Freeman, who is leaving for Europe next week, agreed to look at a draft before he went, if I could get it ready by last Friday.

I managed a first draft of all but the last three sections in time and he is now (I hope) examining it. I fear that there is little chance of it passing muster for it is an experiment in ethnohistory such as has not been attempted before, so far as I am aware, at least in the Pacific. Freeman is probably the greatest living anthropological methodologist in the Commonwealth and is unlikely to tolerate anything savouring of historical reconstruction based on oral tradition, the functionalists being dead against just this. However I'm glad that I made the attempt, for it has taught me a lot.

Another reason I did not come down was because it never entered my head that you would be at the Mitchell, still less investigating friend O'Connell; if I had known I would certainly have flown down long ere this.

I cannot tell a lie Ida and some months ago someone was telling me about you being ill and how you should be staying at home or visiting a few choice friends and how some people imposed on your good nature by dragging you to the Mitchell to do their work for them and it was doing you no good and in any case you couldn't afford it.

I'm so exceedingly slow in the top story that it was not until later that it began to dawn on me that in reality I was the selfish villain of the piece. And when I came down next you confirmed part of it at least by speaking at some length about your inability to manage financially and having to cut out your one annual luxury - a holiday at the Canberra - and one weekly luxury - an enjoyable meal at the Astor. Admittedly you seemed to be exercised about Menzies at the time.

And so, as I have said before, I felt thoroughly ashamed of myself

- and rightly so - and have consequently forced myself to refrain from asking you to solve the 101 problems that continue to arise as I delve ever deeper into Pacific history. And I suppose that as a consequence I am now tending to tackle the sort of paper that can be done here without the necessity of visiting Sydney. Perhaps if you'd allow me to arrange at the Astor for you to have dinner there each week at my expense it would not feel so bad - and your fares to and from the Mitchell must come to near a pound a week, which you should not pay.

I must say that all this planning doesn't seem to have done much good, if you are still going to the Mitchell willy nilly, so I might as well give up and talk about shop; and say quite illogically how delighted I am to hear that you have been looking into O'Connell of your own volition. What I should dearly love is for us to produce a short joint paper on O'Connell in Australia (indeed, up to the time of his shipwreck), that is if anything he says can be checked. For the extent to which his account of Ponape can be relied upon must be dependent to a large extent on the degree of reliability of his statements concerning events which can be checked, and particularly those in which he was supposed to be a participant.

Have a look at Hurry, W.M. "An Irish Sailor in Australia," Royal Aust. Hist. Soc., Journ. & Proc., vol. 16 (1931), pp. 45-6, which seems to me how not to write about O'Connell - but if they print that sort of unscholarly effort would they not print a scholarly and critical account?

I feel that the Marsden story is all tripe, it seems so out of keeping with all his other work and surely we would have heard of the venture from other sources (but still it must be checked, for it would be too awful if it turned out to be true - the name of the Rev. should be a clue); and it may turn out that O'Connell was an unmitigated liar.

And yet there was a John Bull and it did get wrecked and Barbus was the captain; see, in this connexion, the Sydney Herald for 4.9.37, p.2, col.6; 7.9.37, p.2, cols.5 & 6; and 28.9.37, p.2, col.4. Is there no O'Connell in the Ship's Muster Roll of the Phoenix or any of the other ships on which he allegedly served? And perhaps Charles Smith was a known identity; surely a contractor of meat for the Government must be well-known by name, and Smith was a horse fancier as well and therefore presumably known in racing circles? What about the Customs Reports of Vessels arriving in Port Jackson: ML 4/5198, etc.? We should really write an article on the Charles Smith's of Sydney - a distinguished clan.

I am enclosing all I know of the John Bull and O'Connell, being the correspondence with Riesenbergh and the notes I made when in Sydney, in the hope that they may be of help. Also a photostat list which I should be glad if you could get them to do.

Oh Ida, I've just noticed that the Captain of the Phoenix was called Salmon, and so was the Captain of the John Bull on her 1828-30 whaling trip. This may be a clue?

And what about Oxley's trip to the interior? When he went and who he went with him should be on record, one would imagine. Is there no biography of Oxley?

But here I go again, getting all excited, so I must stop.

Yours ever,

J. L. M.

27 February, 1961

Dear, dear Master, How good to receive your budget of the 23rd. And how wrong we can get about each other - who is the someone who said I should be staying at home or visiting a few choice friends instead of being dragged into the Mitchell to do other people's work which was doing me no good, etc. I can swear that one, but how wrong she was! Haven't I told you and her and others that it's life to me to do what I can in the Mitchell? When I'm not fit I don't go - but staying at home is wretched and the few choice friends can only be seen occasionally. And it seems such a waste of the knowledge and capacities I have if I can't be used as long as I have the strength - surely you know that to do these searches for you means life and health to me and not the reverse?

Reading the Reizenberg - Forester correspondence you enclose emphasizes that much of the searching is so much easier for me and I might have cleared up the John Bull for him a year ago as easily as now.

I wrote but briefly on various O'Connell incidents because I had made notes of them for you, and also wasn't sure how much detail you'd want. I'll send them on to you if you don't expect to be in town soon - as for the joint paper on O'Connell in Australia, that would be fun, and immortality for me! You say "if anything he says can be checked". I thought I had made myself clear that Charles Smith could be checked - I have him from the convict indent (14 years for picking pockets), through his ticket of leave and conditional pardon,

his butcher's business at Beefsteak Corner (cr. of George & Market Streets), his stud breeding and horse racing, to his death in Jan. 1845, when ten worth and bland and other notables (200 carriages and gigs and 20 horsemen) were at the funeral, and the two newspapers reporting it all stress particularly the concourse of the poor on foot all mourning a kind friend and benefactor. I imagine they were all on the free list at Beefsteak Corner as one of the benefactors.

Before beginning to check O'Connell I read him through quickly, and almost at once got the first hint of inaccuracy in dates, when he mentioned the Phoenix people being met by Macquarie & Healey, superintendent of convicts. I knew that if Healey were right Macquarie must be wrong - it took only a moment to get the date of Healey's appointment, 1823. Then I began on the Phoenix. It brought two cargoes of convicts to Hobart, none to Sydney, and both were of men. The date of O'Connell's voyage was fixed by the condemnation at Sydney as 1824. I expect his publisher said "we must have a story about the convicts", and they found the one about the women in some publication and used it.

I was specially interested in your spotting that Salmon was the 1828/30 captain of the John Bull. I nearly mentioned this last time, but writing takes so long, so I left it out. It was one of my excitements, or rather the second for that name. O'Connell gives wrong names for captain and doctor of the Phoenix. By the way, there wasn't a ship's muster, because they are only for vessels departing, and the Phoenix didn't depart, but became a hulk here. There could be a muster at Hobart - we must inquire. But after the Tamar pulled the

Phoenix off the Cow & Light, the captain and officers wrote a letter of thanks to Capt. Bremer and it was published in the Sydney Gazette, and the chief officer was David Salmon. So when I saw Salmon was captain of the John Bull on the voyage before Baskin took over, it certainly looked like O'Connell was still in touch with him, and that this probably led to him joining the ship.

I think I commented on the O'Leary expedition - likely, but in so subordinate a capacity as not to be mentioned, and there were so many of them.

The City of Edinburgh affair took place in 1829, details are inaccurate, but the story is recognizable. After all, the publisher says there may be inaccuracies, the author didn't keep a diary, and it was only to be expected that recollection wouldn't be perfect. The Ponape part of his experiences was so much newer - it should have been much clearer in his memory.

The Marden story - the name of the Red. isn't given. Hambruch, in his telling of the O'Connell story in the Schiffsexpedition, has a note about the first missionary from America at Strong's Island in 1852. By the way, he seems to have taken O'Connell for gospel in his German edition - he certainly didn't check the Phoenix dates. I would say O'Connell certainly was not an unmitigated liar, on the Australian evidence, in spite of Dillon and the Cape Packet.

And about the discovery of Ponape. It is curious that Capt. Row didn't mention it when he returned to Sydney, but waited until the following year, and then made a statement to the Colonial Times

at Hobart. The brief description seems clearly to be of
Ponape and neighbouring islands. Here comes up again
your query as to what constitutes discovery. Row was
careful to keep clear of the land, but mentions a
channel and gives lat. & long. and makes a shot at the
height of the mountain. Litke made a thorough
survey of the Carolines, including Ponape and the
neighbouring islands (he was so astonished that
they could have been missed by his predecessors,
official explorers and whaling or trading captains),
and in his Atlas are the charts, with a separate
one of Ponape, also a large plate of Ponapeans in
their canoes. What a thrilling volume - the Mitchell
acquired it in late 1958 - the atlas only. Do you
know it? If not, I'm sure you'll approach it
reverently, but you'll be sure to have seen it in
Honolulu or elsewhere. Litke should have been
translated - he was such an important man of
science. Anyhow, there he was, in January 1828,
carefully rehearsing to Ponape after islanders elsewhere
had told him that was its name, to make sure
they were right, and being so fortunate on this
occasion as to be hailed by some peaceful citizens
who told him that Ponape it surely was.

I must stop - I'll surely ask you to take me
to the Astor for dinner the next time you come.

And I do want to know what you think of Jim Mithuley's
Hobart move, and I wanted to tell you about meeting
your cousin Angus at the Garrison Church Concert Service.

I'll attend to the photostats tomorrow, and please
refrain from refraining from sharing your searches
with me. With affection, Ida L.

4 March 1961

Dear Master,

Are you still as keen on O'Connell? Do you remember saying "We are on the eve of the greatest thing ever"? That was what started me off. And in your last letter you say "the extent to which his account of Bonape can be relied upon must be dependent to a large extent on the degree of reliability of his statements concerning events which can be checked, and particularly those in which he was supposed to be a participant."

Well, for his Bonape period, here's a near-contemporary testimony of some weight to add to the specks of pure gold, or is this even a nugget? I believe you have the book concerned, but in case I'm wrong, here is the extract :-

(Horatio Hale - Ethnography and Philology - U.S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-42, vol. 6, Philadelphia, Lea and Blanchard, 1846, p. 80).

"Admiral Rütke, though not, properly speaking, the discoverer, was the first to make known its existence to the world, so late as the year 1828. He did not land, and the only communication which he had with the natives was through two or three canoes which came off to ~~the~~ ^{the} ship. . . . Had the Russian navigator been able to land, he would probably have had an opportunity of rescuing from captivity seven English seamen, who had shortly before reached the island in a boat, after their shipwreck on a reef near Malau. One of these, by name James O'Connell, after living five years on the island, escaped in November 1833, and two years

afterwards reached the United States. He published at Boston an account of his adventures written for him by a gentleman of that city, and containing much valuable information. In 1837 I became acquainted with him, and saw him frequently for the purpose of taking down such a vocabulary of the language as he could furnish - which, notwithstanding his long residence and his general intelligence, was very scanty. He was one of those who seem to have a natural incapacity for acquiring foreign tongues; but with the usages and institutions of the islanders he appeared perfectly familiar, and was able to render a clear and satisfactory account, the general correctness of which has since been fully confirmed."

Note Hale's reference to O'Connell's long residence. It seems he was still sticking to his dates of the book, putting the John Bull's departure on her last voyage back from 1830 to 1826. Hence the confusion of Hambroch and Hale, Reizenberg et al, assuming he must have been on Ponape when Litke was there and thereabouts. It seems such a pointless alteration too.

I've been checking Hambroch's references to earlier discoveries of Ponape. He needs textual checking, by the way. His 2nd reference is to Capt. Mulgrave in the Sugar Cane in 1793. The Sugar Cane was a convict ship, which was discharged at Sydney in Oct. 1793, and the captain's name was Thomas Mulgrave.

His first reference is to Loyata in 1526, and I checked this in Burney, vol. 1, p. 138. The description is

21 Aug. 1526 they discovered in 14° North latitude, an island to which was given the name of San Bartolome. The part first seen was high and mountainous. They sailed along the North East, the North West and South West sides of the land, but could not find anchorage. The next day, being to leeward of the island they saw a narrow sandy point of land, extending eight leagues, near which they could not find bottom at 100 fathoms depth. The birds called boobies were very numerous near this island; many alighted in the ships, and on the seamen's hands. Bonetas, albacores, and dolphins were caught here. The distance of this island from the Radrones was reckoned to be 328 leagues. In the parallel of 14° 328 Spanish leagues is $19^{\circ} 20'$ of longitude, which places San Bartolome in $165^{\circ} 20'$ East longitude from Greenwich."

This, pronounced Hambruch, can only be Ponape.

But I only sat down to tell you about Hale and O'Connell, the bright and shining jewel, and should have stopped at that. I could scarcely believe my eyes when I saw it - I felt as I did on the day when I read the reminiscences of the old sea captain, "As I was walking down Market Street, whom did I see on the other side but old friend Browning, back from the dead, etc."

Had an interesting brief encounter with Alec Chisholm in the Mitchell - full of his Harris project. Why didn't A. or U. ask him to edit a volume of the D. A. B. ? not that he would have agreed,

but he'd have been a far far better one than some I
could name. He told me that Cable (History lecturer,
Sydney) had been asked to edit one, and had appealed
to him for advice as to how to begin, but Chit said he
told him he wasn't interested. His Harris book will
be a scoop - did you see his article on it in Meanjin,
1960 no. 4?

This is full stop!

Affectly
Ida L.

Department of Pacific History,
27th March, 1961.

Dear Ida,

I have been thinking a lot about Rencuard's Journal of the Pandora's tender and the best way of getting permission to use it.

Somehow I feel that if I ask for a photostat it will in all probability be refused, and then I shall be properly in the soup. Or at least it will be delayed for weeks on the grounds that the item had not been accessioned.

By yesterday I had made up my mind to fly down immediately and copy out the relevant passages; but Honor had a bad night and is not at all well today so I was unable to come.

So this afternoon I have been wondering if you would be willing to copy the passages out for me and send them by airmail; on the strict understanding that they will be paid for on an hourly fee basis?

I have nearly finished the paper and only need the text of the Journal to complete it; I wrote it with burning enthusiasm so the words fairly poured out, and as a consequence may need a certain amount of editing. The identification of the islands took nine hours of real thinking and poring over maps and charts; but I think I have got it all straight now - and altogether it was the quickest bit of work I have ever done.

What I would now propose to do is to send the whole article in its final form to Mr Richardson with a request for permission to publish it in the Mariner's Mirror or the American Neptune. I have hopes that if shown the effort and all the work that had gone into it he might be willing to move the trustees to agree; he could see for himself that it was a scholarly paper and not one of the pieces of journalistic tripe that one sees so often quoted as being "based on original research in the Mitchell Library, Sydney".

Frankly, what I am scared of is that one of the big-wigs, such as Judge Ferguson, will come to hear of the MS and demand that they have the first right to use it, or at least succeed in preventing anyone else from doing so.

But this way I hope that I can get everything done quietly and without spreading the alarm among gentry such as Mackness, or someone else with the power to put a spanner in the works.

If you agree to do this copying would you please start on the night of the 22nd, when the tender was off Ototoceba and carry on verbatim until they meet up with the Pandora's crew again at, I think, Sourabaya. Thus I

should have the whole of the doings of the tender from the time that she last saw the Pandora (or a bit before) to the end of the story.

I know that this is tedious, back-breaking work and I really shall not mind a little bit if you say that you would rather not do it; but please let me know then so that I can get down before the Easter holidays, when I imagine that the Mitchell will be closed. Will it be open on Saturday? I would bring my electric typewriter and should easily complete everything in the one day as typing is so much faster than writing.

If you do decide to undertake this chore you must please be sure to complete a tally of the hours worked.

Many thanks indeed for all your invaluable help on my rushed visit last week. I was wild at having to go back in the middle of it just to go to a silly party; of course I never saw Crawford, except in the dim distance, so what was the point of it all?

I shall await your decision with some excitement; for to tell you the truth I could not sleep last night for worrying that the Mitchell Trustees will refuse to let me quote from the MS; or else that someone will succeed in beating me to the gun. For all I can tell, somebody may have already prepared a research paper on it (for the Mitchell must have had it at least three weeks), but that is a risk I must take; however speed is clearly the essence of the contract, for within a few weeks it is certain that someone else will have done so.

Yours affectionately,

J.L.M.

P.S. By the way, what was the tender christened; it is in the MS somewhere, but I forgot to write it down?

J.L.M.

28th March, 1961

Dear Harry,

Your letter of the 27th reached me at 11 a.m. today. It put me in a quandary, because you didn't tell me the thing that matters most - do you intend to quote verbatim the whole of the relevant passages or to make substantial extracts therefrom? If you do, you should of course have permission before you copy them. That is why Mrs. Hancock was holding the Norfolk Island volume, because you hadn't made application, and she wanted to know your purpose. I satisfied her that your purpose wasn't publication. I thought that if I asked permission I mightn't get it, not knowing the purpose this time, and there would still be delay. I think your fears about being forestalled are groundless, except for one possible reason. A ms. arriving in response to a direct order from a bookseller would not ordinarily, I should think, cause any stir among the trustees, but the fact that this one was presented by an ex-officer in memory of a former trustee would surely be specially mentioned at a board meeting and there would be a letter of thanks to the donor. So the attention of trustees might be directed to the subject matter of the ms. and two trustees might be specially interested - Scott (president) and Mackness. Neither would realize, probably, its special interest, but Mackness might like to reproduce

it in his pamphlet series.

Anyhow, I am doing what I think most likely to help you. I began today to make the copy, and have done about nine pages of the twenty-one required. I hope to finish tomorrow, and airmail it to you on Thursday, so you should have it on Saturday at latest.

I'm assuming that you will submit the article to Richardson as you propose, and that you will allow it to be assumed, if you are quoting verbatim or in great part, that you were responsible for the copying. I say this because if it were known that I was responsible it might make it much more difficult for me to help you in other ways in future. I'm never asked to make application to use mss., or why I want to see them, and I can move freely about the bookstacks and examine anything I want to. I'm so used to doing this that it never occurred to me you should have permission to copy those Norfolk Island documents. Not that you wouldn't always get permission - I'm sure you would - it's only a matter of regulations being observed.

So - you will have your copy and use your own discretion. The name of the tender is given as "Maturavi Tender after a bay so named at Otakeite". I imagine this is a copyist's error for Matawai. The place at which they met the Pandora's crew again was not Sourabaya, but Samarang. This is spelled in the ms. as Saramang.

The dates are a bit curious too - although he begins

This is all very badly expected - forget it till we meet, when I can make it clearer what I mean.

with 25th to Edwards's 22nd - he reverts to 22nd when it seems to me it would have been 23rd even by Edwards.

I accept your proposal for payment on an hourly fee basis and will render account of the hours.

Since you left I had been continuing the search through the Shipping Gazette for the Mary Anne and the Louisa - no luck so far.

So sorry to hear of Mrs. Maude's illness, and hope she has had relief ere this.

About the Mitchell holiday hours - it is closed on Good Friday only - Saturday and Monday the usual holiday hours. There are only two close days in the year, Christmas Day and Good Friday.

I'm sorry I didn't get this letter off today, as you say you will await my decision with some excitement, but I hope you may have it late tomorrow, or at latest on Thursday morning, and that meanwhile you'll feel sure no news is good news. Affectionately,

Ida F.

P. S. After all, the Mitchell wouldn't have known about Renouard's journal if it hadn't been for you!

Department of Pacific History,
31st March, 1961.

Dear Ida,

Thank you so much for your letter which I received yesterday evening. I have been a bit disturbed since at realizing what I had unwittingly asked you to do.

I can see now that I have been rather a fool but honestly I had no idea that it was contrary to the rules of the Mitchell for you to copy out part of the Bencuard MS for me. In my ignorance I had been under the erroneous impression that anyone (that is to say anyone permitted to use the MSS material) could copy out anything required, and that the necessity to obtain special permission only came if and when one wanted to use the material, or part of it, for publication.

It sounds awful now I know but over the last few years I had copied out quite a lot of manuscript stuff for correspondents in different parts of the world. But now that I realize what I have done I can only ask you most abjectly to forgive me; I would never, never have dreamt of asking you any such thing had I had the remotest conception that it was contrary to the rules.

Under the circumstances please would you keep what you have done until I come to Sydney next; and don't do any more. In any case I had thought that there were only 3 or 4 pages of relevance and 21 would make it out of the question to use them.

I feel sure that you will agree that it would be wrong for me to even glance at anything which I should not see, according to the rules of the Mitchell Library, and I have been worrying a good deal at having led you into an act which could result in your not being allowed to work at the library any more and which would, I suppose, lost me my job at the A.N.U. if it were ever to become known.

But if you don't send the material as far as I can see no great harm will have been done. I take it that there is nothing in the rules to prevent it being copied by yourself for yourself provided that you can honestly say that you have never showed it to anyone else.

Anyway please accept my most sincere apologies for putting you in such an awkward position in which I was taking an unwarrantable advantage (though believe me it was quite unintentional) of your friendship and good nature to make you, in effect, a partner in a crime.

So please do not send what you have done, and we shall both then be able to sleep soundly once more. But on the other hand do let me know how many hours you worked; it was after all my folly, not your's.

Honor goes into hospital on Friday and, all being well, should be out again after about 10 days; after she comes out I shall have to look after her for a time while she is convalescing, but will try to get down somehow even if only for a brief spell.

Yours,

J. M.

Department of Pacific History,
29th April, 1961.

Dear Ida,

I feel that I never thanked you quite enough on the telephone for your quite sensational detective work on the Mary Ann mystery; I can honestly say that Sherlock Holmes could not have done better, and it will make a thrilling story when written up, as you say yourself.

I wrote to the Crown Agents and have received a very kind and appreciative letter back saying that as a result of your obtaining the dimensions of the Louisa they have had the whole design for the stamp re-drawn in consultation with the National Maritime Museum and are satisfied that it will now be a good likeness to the schooner.

I left the Crown Agents to decide what the schooner should be called, merely pointing out gently that whatever they call her they are going to receive indignant letters pointing out that they are quite wrong and grossly careless (with which they agreed).

I have been trying to get down daily but circumstances have been stacked against me from the start. However, I do not despair but will try again this week.

In the first place the doctor decided to let Honor out of hospital quite unexpectedly early, in fact only three days after I phoned you.

This meant that all Monday I had to clean the house, etc., and from Tuesday on it has been a nightmare of fetch and carry, cook and shop, wash clothes and wash up, iron and hang out, from morning to night. 7.30 a.m. morning tea, 8.30 breakfast, 10.30 mid-morning tea, 12.30 lunch, 4.30 afternoon tea, 6.30 dinner and 8.30 supper. Honor has to have little but often.

I shall never say a word as long as I live against the housewife, who ought to get thousands a year for all the work she does. Admittedly I am slow, but since Honor has been back I haven't done more than a dozen hours of history in two weeks.

To add to the fun P.D. Macdonald arrived on Friday en route to Fiji, where he is to act as Governor. He stayed until Wednesday, which meant added work cooking and a good ration of entertaining and ferrying round as well. And Judith, the girl who stays with us but works in Queenbeyen disappeared for the week-end to help run someone's house while they went

to Sydney to attend the Anzac parade.

All this is not a moan but an explanation why I have been unable to do anything at all for the last fortnight; I can never remember such a period in all my life. Now it is over I can look round once more and collect my wits; especially as the paper on The Evolution of the Gilbertese Boti is completely finished and in the hands of the typist. Its too long, of course, like everything I tackle, nearly 100 pages of double spacing, quarto, with a map, two illustrations, three genealogical tables, five diagrams and six appendices.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just written to Ann Hoxley re contributions to Vol. I of the Dictionary of Australian Biography. The N.S.W. Working Party had referred a number of people prominent in the islands to the Pacific Islands Working Party, so Jim and I had a look at them (the other members of the party not being interested in such an early period).

You will notice that a number of the people are written down for you and I to do (600 words on each). This is only a tentative idea, and if you would like to do them alone I should be more than happy since they are really yours and I am only an intruder cashing in on your specialized knowledge. On the other hand you may prefer to divide them, you to do some and me some; whatever you decide will be perfectly O.K. by me.

But if you should think that it would be best for us to do them together, then I suggest that you should note down such particulars as you are able to find concerning each at the Mitchell and I shall write them up and submit the results to you for approval.

The Committee of Volume I of the Dictionary is to meet, I believe, on Wednesday to consider a variety of matters connected with its appearance. Strictly between you and me I understand that Ellis has been, and is being, difficult and that this is holding the volume up; but what the outcome of it all will be I cannot say.

So much for the Dictionary, now as regards the Pandora's tender I feel sure that after leaving Samoa the party stopped at Pomailei, and then ran down between the volcanic islands of the Tongan archipelago and the main coral groups of Vava'u and Ha'apai until they finally stood off Rua.

But there are two difficulties:-

- (1) Renouard speaks of three principal islands where they were, whereas Tongataboo and Rua are only two; and
- (2) he says that they left there on the 1st August, whereas the Pandora called off Rua on July 27 (where was the tender on that day?).

Tongataboo lagoon for two separate islands. Would you have a look at Tasman, please, and see if he did the same (there is no copy of the English translation of Tasman in Canberra)? As regards (2) Renouard is careless in his dates, as for instance when he says that they left Samoa on the 25th June. I cannot for the life of me see where else they could have gone but Ma, but would greatly appreciate your views.

Just one more matter. I have a partial list here of the Marsden Papers in the Hocken Library and wonder if you would be so kind as to see if copies of any or all of the following are also in the Mitchell:-

- (14) M. to Macquarie, draft, 1 Nov. 1813, re treatment of Maoris by Lasco Jones, master of the King George.
- (18) Copy of deposition of James Elder before M., 12 Nov. 1813, re mistreatment of Polynesians, especially attack on Prince of Wales Island (Tuamotus) by Capt. Dalrymple of the General Wellesley in 1807.
- (41) Copy of deposition by Peter Dillon before M., 17 May 1814, re proceedings of Theodore Walker of Indeavour, and others, in Society Islands in 1810 (Dillon now commanding the Active for the Mission).
- (59) Proceedings at Sydney, 20 December 1813, of general meeting held to establish a "Society for the Protection and Civilization of the Natives of the South Sea Islands who may come to Port Jackson", 3 pp. printed, no publication date. Organization was called "The New South Wales Society for Affording Protection to the Natives of the South Sea Islands, and Promoting their Civilization".
- (6) M. to Pratt, 12 Oct. 1814, list of Maories in Sydney, and remarks on them.
- (26) M. to Pratt, 25 Oct. 1815, re judicial proceedings against Lasco Jones and others of the King George.
- (28) Copy of proceedings mentioned in (26).
- (6) M. to Pratt, 16 Mar. 1816, references to Theodore Walker, whom M. heard was being sent to England to stand trial for his many crimes.
- (46) Joseph Thompson to M., 22 March 1817, on sperm whale fisheries.
- f or 7220? ✓ (15) M. to Pratt, 8 Feb. 1820, wants Active to trade for oil to help to pay costs.
- (38) M. to Pratt, 10 Aug. 1821, reporting on collection of oil by Active.

✓ (47) M. to Pratt, 19 Sept. 1821, re proposed mission ship for N.Z. and Societies; M. got verdict against Edmund Eger in favour of Pomare.

(50) M. to Pratt, 16 Feb. 1822, M. has bought vessel for Pomare, hopes to use it for C.M.S. purposes in N.Z. after selling Active; Pomare's vessel, the Westmoreland.

If so could I have photostats, please?

The rest of the news will all keep until I see you again soon now.

Yours ever,



How glad I am to be back on history again, after my long bout of anthropology.

2 May 1961

Dear Harry,

How good to see the A.N.M. envelope again! I do indeed sympathize with you in your domestic tribulations. Isn't there a branch of House Service in Canberra or any sort of temporary household help?

I had been raring to write to you about the grand finale of the Stewarts, but as it doesn't concern the Louisa I made myself hold back. It does, however, add a flourish to the story. When I read Stewart's letter to Hobbs I felt "This fellow's a personality", and with that feeling persisting, something clicked and I found myself saying "Stewart of Atimaono". Then I couldn't get to the library quickly enough to check on William, which I believed was the name, and sure enough the hunch was right. James was there too, though they ultimately parted in anger. I found then that several writers had learned ^{a little} of the Sydney connection - Dora Hart, Young (quoted by Bolton), Eric Rameden - but none knew of the litigation incident. I remember when Eric Rameden wrote his paper on Atimaono for the Polynesian Soci's Journal. His chief grudge against Stewart was his introduction of Chinese to Tahiti, but he inclined against him on the evidence generally, whereas on all I've now read, I'm for him on that evidence. One further bit about the Louisa, too late now, I suppose, for the Crown Agents - she was advertised for sale in Sydney in February and March 1858, described as "the clipper Yacht Schooner, Louisa,

77 tons register, built at Cowes, Isle of Wight, for Her Majesty's Government, of the very best materials, and regardless of expense: coppered and copper fastened throughout (copper house pipe), well found, and notoriously the swiftest craft in Australia She shifts without any ballast, and is peculiarly suited to the island trade".

So, like the Supply, she was out of the top drawer! Curious that the registration in Sydney, after the 1858 sale, gave place of building as foreign and date unknown. Her plans and specifications may actually be extant in shipbuilding archives.

"The swiftest craft in Australia" - must have made her very useful to Stewart in showing a clear pair of heels.

Now I must turn to something you are wanting to know. I made a start today on your queries on Renouard and Tonga, and will note the results on a separate sheet. I'm afraid I'm too ignorant of the area to offer any useful opinion, but I checked on Tasman and Cook and Monumenta Cartographica, etc.

I'll start on Marsden tomorrow.

The D. A. B. suggestions will keep till you come. Thank you for being kind enough to include me in your list for Ann Mozley, but, seeing Ellis is the editor, I'd better be an unnamed bucket for you - he might go round the bend permanently if he said my name.

I hope all goes well with Honor, and that the pressure on you is sensibly relieved. Affly yours, Idaf.

Department of Pacific History,
27th May, 1961.

Dear Ida,

At last things are beginning to look straight again; the Evolution of the Gilbertese Poti is being typed on stencils, the maps, diagrams, etc., are being done beautifully by a master cartographer and the two illustrations by a firm which specializes in such things. The pile of correspondence is starting to look a bit flatter and I am able once again to dream of new fields to conquer.

This then is an invitation to join me in a project which I have long had in mind - to be called THE OUTER PASSAGE. In brief it is a study of how the opening up of a new shipping route leads to an advance in geographical knowledge. You will find the theme developed in outline on pp.76 and 107-8 of Post-Spanish Discoveries, in the March Polynesian Journal.

The paper should break new ground in the history of Pacific discovery by treating of a segment not in the conventional chronological manner, which merely lists discoveries without affording any picture of how they came about. It will also challenge the popular view that the Pacific was discovered by a series of Government-sponsored scientific expeditions. We shall, in brief, essay to go one farther than anyone else has ever gone before, and portray a chapter in geographical history from the beginning to the end, giving the why as well as the when.

Now the route was, of course, a direct consequence of the settlement of Port Jackson and the necessity for finding return cargoes for England, and the pioneers were the vessels of the First Fleet (or rather some of them).

Clearly the first pre-requisite for any such survey must be an accurate list of every ship which left Port Jackson for China (or Manilla) between 1788 and say 1830 (whatever her exact route), giving:-

Date of leaving.

Name.

Name of Captain.

Where to.

Any other particulars known.

Also references to any other paragraphs concerning the voyage that can be

gleaned from the columns of the press, together with the existence of log books or journals, MSS and other particulars relating to the voyage.

Would you be willing to undertake this work on a professional paid basis? It should be a real contribution to knowledge on quite new lines, and I should think rather exciting.

I wonder what you thought of Angus busting up his contract and taking the whole family back to England again, after declaring that he had emigrated for life (and largely for the sake of the children)? We had known of its imminence but could say nothing. I understand that it was Barbara rather than Angus who disliked Australia. Allen, who is Angus' father, comes to stay with us in June.

I shall be coming to Sydney probably on Thursday to see about the possibility of working on The Outer Passage - it may, of course, be an impossible idea; as you know some of mine are.

I was throwing away the usual bundles of magazines that clutter up the house and then remembered that you had said that you had difficulty in sighting some of them owing to a waiting list. So I am posting a number just in case - no doubt you can throw them away into the sea easier in Sydney than I can get them to the dump, which is 7 miles away these days. The garbage people won't touch newspapers and magazines.

Yours affectionately,

J. M.

Department of Pacific History,
17th July, 1961.

Dear Ida,

At last the first draft of Rarotongan Sandalwood is completed - it has taken much longer than I would have thought possible, mostly because of interruptions.

I am coming down to Sydney later this week to fix up my visa and also to settle one or two matters that are not yet clear about Goodenough's visit.

Mary thanks for your information about the crew on the Cumberland; it was just what was wanted. Would you be willing to do one paid job for the University - not for me - i.e. to send us particulars of any ship's logs in the Mitchell that passed through the Solomons between 1788 and 1850?

As regards my own problems: most of these are bibliographical, i.e. I have to complete the citations in my reference list, which as you know of old is always a difficult operation.

There are a few others, however, and I enclose a list of these just in case you may happen to know the answer to any and thus save me the time.

I hear from a not always unreliable source in Sydney (not one of the family) that Angus' sudden determination to leave Australia and return to British politics was really due to a tip which he received from England that Macmillan was about to retire (not immediately but in the fairly near future) and that Butler would be taking over. He is on excellent terms with Butler, who thinks very highly of him and has never held the Suez business against him, as Macmillan has.

Anyway the story goes that Angus is to be offered the first safe seat that offers and that he would be groomed for the next Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Cabinet reshuffle that follows Macmillan's departure.

This would explain the suddenness of it all, and the generous way in which he has been treated by Fairfax and Henderson, the expensive and extensive tour of the Far East (the only major area in the world in which he has no personal knowledge), and many other otherwise inexplicable moves. So I suppose that in 20 years time he will be retiring as Earl Haude of Hempstead Heath.

Life gets more hectic every day here and I have had to take up writing work at nights as a regular thing: I don't like it and pine for the old days

when I could spend weeks at the Mitchell. I suppose it has really been my own fault, for I felt so insecure and unsure of myself that I believed no one would ever want any papers from me. So when a few requests came through I accepted every one with alacrity, and thus took on too many commitments, which are now coming to roost (that and the infernal Pacific Science Congress). However, I have learnt my lesson and shall never be so stupid again.

I shall certainly ring you when I come, and look forward to seeing you again,

Yours,

Leam

Department of Pacific History,
Sunday, a.m.

Dear Ida,

I am in my endemic flat spin these days as the tour of the South Coast and Cooma (enjoyable though it was) set me back several days on my work schedule, and on my return Professor Ross rang from Birmingham demanding a 15,000 word article on Pitcairn before my departure to Honolulu.

I was a bit worried when he rang, as I felt that it must be news of the death of my mother (for I could think of no other reason why anyone should ring) and then the telephone connexion was so bad that I really could hardly hear anything that he said. Under the circumstances I fear that I merely said yes to whatever was being proposed; but I cannot really carry it into effect, for there is no time and so much else to be done.

May I please ask you a favour:-

- (1) Mackness in his Vice-Admiral Bligh, p.543, item 44, speaks of this manuscript as being the original of Morrison's Journal, but latter in the Golden Cockerel edition, p.7, speaks of the original as having been donated by the Rev. L'Estrange. Are there then two originals, and do they differ?
- (2) May I please have a photostat made of -

"Folger, Matthew. Letter to Amasa Delano in the Quarterly Journal of Science and Arts, vol.I (1819), Art.8."

You will see it quoted in my In Search of a Home, p.130.

Please pardon the haste of this letter but I have an enormous amount to get through before tonight.

Yours ever,

J.L.M.

Department of Pacific History,
5th June, 1961.

Dear Ida,

This is just to thank you ever so much for your great kindness in going to such trouble to look for the precious brief-case. As a matter of fact I was more worried than I liked to say over the phone, since it contained over a month's research and writing, including much by your good self, and I felt that I hadn't the heart to start all over again; now I know how the professors must feel when they lose all their lecture notes for the year (I have heard of two cases recently).

I should never have thought of trying Usher's Hotel again, for I had spent 15 minutes searching my room and then went to T.A.A. and got them to put me on a later plane, whereupon I returned immediately to the hotel, obtained the key of my room at the desk (telling them that I had lost my case) and searched the room once more from top to bottom.

You must indeed have been absolutely exhausted by the time it was all over, especially as I led you on so many goose chases; and I only hope that you are by now quite recovered. Did you ever see such a rabbit-warren as the basement of the Plaza?

I enclose a few shillings to cover your many out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the search; fares, trunk and other telephone calls and air freight. Also I am sending you a small token of my heartfelt gratitude, but it will arrive later.

I got the case all right at A.N.A. after Matins and have started on the article on Goodenough's Visit to Harotonga in 1814, as to finish it will be, I feel, the best way to show my appreciation and relief at not having to do all the research over again. And then the Pandora paper was in the case; and it would have been an effort to write that one once more.

So I will now continue with my writing while the mood is still on, and again many thanks indeed for having made it possible;

Yours affectionately,

Leam.

9 June 1961

Dear Harry,

You were right in your surmise and hope, the Cumberland's crew are in the Sydney Gazette Claims and Demands lists. It's so long since I did any steady work on early Gazettes that I don't carry the look of the pages in my mind as I used to.

I'll set the names out as they appear chronologically, some are repeated several times, and of course there's no proof they all sailed. Thomas Tombs, for instance, appeared on Nov. 13 in a list for the King George and the Lascar Boxho (or Boxma) also appears in another list. But as Tombs appears for the Cum-berland on Dec. 18 and Jan. 1, 1814, he is a probable member of the crew.

This will be rather a scribble, as I realize Monday is a holiday, and private addresses will get no deliveries. But if I get it into the local pillar box this evening, it should get to Canberra and into the A. N. U. box tomorrow sometime. Then, if you're on the lookout you may have it on Sunday, or Monday at latest.

I hope you'll be able to identify some of them at least, historically, anthropologically, or mythologically.

Enclosed your surplus cash - I'm told the late bank call is only 4/-, and the airfreight was 5/6. Many thanks, and no more rewards, please!

Affectionately,
G. G. G.

Everything excepted
and coded

July 5/1961

Dear Harry,

The answer to your question one: —

1. What is generally known and was published as Morrison's journal is unsigned and undated. It is described as 'Journal on the Bounty and at Tahiti I, bequeathed to the Public Library of N.S.W. by will of the late Rev. A. G. K. L'Éstrange, through the medium of Messrs. Church, Adams, Brier, Palmer, Solicitors, London. M.L. Safe 1/42

This was reproduced for Rutter to prepare his edition, and is surely the document to which Maskamest refers.

There is a second document entitled: Memorandum and particulars respecting the Bounty and her crew, signed and dated Hector, Oct. 10th 1792. M.L. Safe 1/33.

This is shorter, covering the period of the voyage, the mutiny, and, in a long letter to the Rev. Mr. Howell, dated Hector, 10th Oct. 1792, the period from Morrison's surrendering himself at Tahiti to his arriving on board the Hector. This volume was in the possession of W.R. Bligh of Parramatta, and by him presented to the Public Library of N.S.W. with Bligh's Log and other papers.

2. Folger's Letter to Delano.

Here you have me puzzled. If you saw this in the Quarterly Journal of Science and Art, vol. 1 (1819), you must have seen it at Canberra or abroad. It isn't in G.P.F. or M.F. - indeed it doesn't appear to be in the B.M. (not in their main catalogue), but it is in the Library of Congress.

I've checked in Search of a Home several times, but can't be sure from that if you had actually seen the Folger letter in the Qu. Jour. of Sci. & Art, or a quotation from it in another place.

So, regretfully, I can't do anything about the photostat at present.

Don't work all night and all day - you don't want to get like Alf Conlon do you? I only heard on Friday about his stricken condition and went to see him on Saturday. He told me what happened and when "I was sitting in this chair reading at three o'clock one morning". You must have heard surely from the Anguses? He told me Mrs. Angus had been to see him on Saturday morning. He had this stroke five months ago.

Lee made continued efforts to find the
tonnage of the Cumberland, without
avail. All I could find was that she
~~was~~ completed building in 1812 and
Blaxcell advertised, when she was nearly
ready, for a crew.

Affectionately

Ida H.

Department of Pacific History,
31st July, 1961.

Dear Ida,

Goodness only knows if and when I shall be able to get down to Sydney; every day I have been hoping to leave and every day brings fresh worries and problems. And now Jim Davidson has departed for Samoa and left me with the running of the Department as well.

One good thing is that the magnum opus for the symposium of Pacific ethnohistory is at last completed, run off and in circulation. I sent off a copy to you this morning (not that I expect you, or anyone else, to read it, or understand a word of it if they did) and intended to follow it myself later in the day and have a real holiday at the Mitchell for a day or two. But alas I got a letter by the morning mail (followed by a cable from Washington) to say that I am expected to speak at the Unesco sponsored symposium on "Aspects of Man's Influence upon Island Ecosystems". If you know what an ecosystem is, you are one up on me.

So there is to be no rest for the weary and I have apparently got to sit down and churn out something on a subject that bears no remote resemblance to history; and it may easily take me days, especially as the only spare time I have left now is at nights when I'm tired. Confound Fosberg and all his works.

I leave for Honolulu by Canadian Pacific Airways on Saturday August 19 and will be away for just as short a period as I can; I suppose from two to three weeks. I had hoped that the American security would have refused a permit to enter the country, but (unlike the Department of Territories under Hasluck) they have grown so lax that they gave me an unlimited permit for as many entries as I like. Could you not write to them privately and say that I am a well-known Comco? It would be a kind and Christian action.

I'm sorry that this is not a very cheerful letter, but it is difficult to be cheerful after working from 9 a.m. to 10 or 11 p.m. 7 days a week and no sign of a rift in the clouds. Honor too has been laid up with asthma for nearly a month now; in fact we have more or less decided to quit Canberra and settle for somewhere warmer.

I do hope that all goes well with you and that Sydney is not proving as cold as here.

Maybe an ecosystem is something like an echo-sounder, only more complicated - or do you think its an animal that bites?

Yours ever,

Glenn

3 August 1961

Dear Harry,

What a relief to get your letter! I'd been in a state of anxious indecision these two weeks, wondering if I'd let you down by not sending on the answers to the questions in the last letter. I got them ready to deliver when you came, as expected, late that week - then thought, if I did send them, they'd probably cross you on the way.

Well, here they are now - Mr. Bareback Burbeck took quite a while to work out.

I've started on the logs of ships that went to the Solomons - no luck so far - and meanwhile I'm occupied on the

index to a book Colin Simpson
has written for Anapol.

So sorry Honor has been ill
again, and your own trials
therefore increased. Do try
to remember you can't work
every hour of every day, if
you don't want to join the
ranks of the occlusionists.
It was a real blow to learn
last week that my doctor, my
friend, my lifeline, Ted
Rivett, has had a stroke.
Sister Chris told me about it
it happened in the surgery in
Macquarie St - not a
severe one - but I doubt if
he'll practise again. I'd
always relied on him
seeing me out of this life.
Always he has worked to the
limit of human endurance.

I paid a second visit to Alf
Conlon, who has begun to get
about again, with leg in
calliper and arm in sling -
going to board meetings of
Benevolent Society, etc.
Barbara Maude has been
visiting him, and he had
some idea about Angus's
return to British politics,
and mentioned Enoch Powell
in connection therewith.
That was before I had your
letter, so I don't know if she
was his informant. And you
didn't tell me who was yours.
Yesterday Charles Higham
told me he had seen
Barbara, so I presume she
was his (Higham's). He said
Angus, after his far Eastern
journey, is going to work

in the Foreign Office with ^{for} Sel-
wyn Lloyd, who, presumably,
is arranging the far Eastern
journey. That made me
wonder whether it's Lloyd and
not Butler, who is sponsoring
him, as there are suggestions
now that Lloyd will be the
next P. M. In this connection
there's an interesting article
on Lloyd in the New Statesman
of 21 April.

I didn't tell Higham what
you had said, regarding
that as confidential, nor
would I tell anyone else.

If I believed you didn't
know what an "ecosystem"
is, I should consider myself
one up on you, having
guessed immediately it
must have been shorthand

for ecosystem.

Now I must stop and go
into town and post this:

On Sunday I met Paul
Godard, Helen Walsh's
husband, at the Walshs'.
He's on a trip on the Calédonien
a passenger ship this time.

Nancy was there, and
wondering why she hadn't
heard anything of you.
Also I've just had a letter
from Helen Sheils.

This is really full stop.

Ida L.

Department of Pacific History,
11th October, 1964.

Dear Ida,

The Pacific Science Congress was the most terrific rush you can imagine; but I managed to see about half the people I wanted to, which was quite a triumph. I tried to ring you on my return but could not get on and only had 15 minutes at the airport in Sydney on account of Honor being so ill.

Just as well I did not stay any longer, too, as I found her still in hospital and the doctor would not let her go home until my return. By then she was feeling much better and chafing at the bit to get out.

But once she got home she picked up rather slowly at first; but is in fine fettle now, only in my opinion she does too much. Three nights running now she has been out until close on midnight; and this morning decided to leave for Sydney to see friends. But I suppose she is not likely to crack up again so long as she keeps interested and happy.

There seems to be little doubt that the trouble last time was this wretched girl Judith (I seem to remember that you always said this yourself). She would not leave Honor alone for a minute night or day, being lonely herself, I suppose.

I took Honor down to the coast and we stayed for some days in Sir Keith Hancock's (really the late Lady Hancock's) house at Baxley Point. It was just heaven and I only wish that we could have spent longer. However we had to get back among other reasons to see Alaric and Annabel off to Tonga.

They are now in Nukualofa and I hope that Alaric is by now well on with his fieldwork. His thesis is on population and land resources in the Kingdom and I imagine that the work in the villages should take about 10 months, if the Tongan Government will let him stay that long.

Things have been very hectic here as owing to Jim Davidson's smash up I have had to take over the Department once again and this has entailed an unusual amount of work; more particularly since Sir John arrived back from the States and started a series of meetings and lunches over this and that. And this term is our seminar period, which always gives me the willies.

Jim has just arrived back again from Samoa, looking pretty groggy and about 10 years older; but in remarkably good heart. He is, of course,

extremely lucky to be still alive.

With it all I am going ahead slowly but I think surely with my last commitment; the History of Pitcairn Island for Professor Ross' book. It is over the half-way mark now and I am longing to get it done and be able at long last to start once again on research. It seems so long ago that I did say that I should not know how to begin.

I have been on the point of coming down to Sydney for weeks but have finally decided not to do so until I have this ghastly chore (15,000 words) off my chest, and can therefore enjoy life again with a clear conscience. It was due by the end of last month and I am expecting a wrathful letter any minute.

I sincerely hope that you are all well these days and that no news is good news. I mean to work on the Outer Passage next as it should be fun. Oh what joy to be quit of outstanding promises and to be able as a consequence to start afresh with a new piece of work like in the old days. It was, of course, all my own fault that I bit off more than I could chew, being flattered when people asked me, but I shall never do it again.

Yours ever,

Leam

Many thanks for the copy of
your paper.

15th October 1961

Dear Harry,

How good to hear from you again! I've been
conscious that it's been quite a time, but I knew you
would get in touch when you were free enough, and
that meanwhile to get letters that were not overhated
would only add to your burden.

So glad to hear Honor is well again and happily
occupied. I seemed to have heard Alaric would
be going to Tonga some time but had no idea it
was imminent. Don't be busy, with you being
a friend of the Queen and Tonga and all.

I saw pictures of your Davidson and the
smashed wagon in P.T. N., and was surprised
to hear he is back so soon.

You perplex me about Pitcairn - I thought
your work on Pitcairn was for one of your own
three books. Is the contribution to the Ross book
just a preliminary? - a kind of general essay?
You haven't been through the Noble papers yet,
have you? (Sorry - I've just taken in that
you say 15,000 words, which surely fixes
me my answer).

I had hoped to be travelling the Outer Passage
long ere this, but I got caught up with some
work for money that I didn't like to refuse in
view of Mr. Holt's damage to some of my investments.
I knew Marjorie Barnard hoped I would make
the index to her History of Australia - I knew

also that it would be a long and tough job. Beatrice Davis wanted me to do it too, so I gave way. It is a book of near 700 pages, and it took me 156 hours. Also Colin Simpson asked me to index his Ampol book, and I've done that too, and read two mss. for Ark. Just before your letter came I took out my preliminary Outer Passage notes and gazed at them rather sadly.

Then too, there has been the break of Alfred's death. Though I had seen so little of him in these later years, it had the extraordinary effect of plunging me back into the Directorate days, with the day by day events constantly before my mind's eyes as if on a television screen - vivid pictures that seemed to shut out all else. It was a constant effort to force myself back to the daily round. I hadn't even known about his stroke until I heard of it by chance from John Kerr at the end of June. You would have known, of course, from Angus. I said to John "I must go and see him" and he said "You'll get a shock, Ida" and repeated it. When I went the next day I couldn't understand what he meant, because he looked so serene, and his face looked years younger. But of course I didn't see him walking, only sitting in a chair. I went again, a fortnight later. He had begun going out to meetings, right leg in calliper, arm in sling. Then he went to Melbourne by car and was away over two weeks. That effort

was probably too much. Next evening he had a committee meeting on psychiatric courses planning, and seemed well afterwards - the next morning he died suddenly. Telford was at home, but Willna was in the hospital as a patient - she had gone in a few days earlier with a flare-up of her bronchiectasis of several years ago. She came home at once, and has kept going remarkably ever since, and is now back at her work at the hospital. She rang to tell me about Alfred and asked if I'd like to be at the service (which was at the Crematorium Chapel) - if so, Telford would come and get me.

The Chapel was crowded - John Hope took the service, and there were orations by Bernard (Mr. Justice) Siegerman and Jules Stone. I was told they were remarkable addresses both, but I could only catch words here and there, they spoke so low. Jules was so moved that he was overcome by tears as he finished. The Nation of Oct. 7 (p. 4) has a brief quotation from each of these addresses. There was talk of printing them, and Jules assured me I should see his anyway.

I had lain awake for hours the night before thinking of the people who would be there, so of course was not surprised when John Ryan rang me from the house to say Telford was on his way for me. With him from Melbourne had come Sam Cohen, Drs. George Shaw and Derek Denton.

Later the house was full of people, some of whom

stayed late into the night.

Please look at the reference in Nation, in case the orations aren't printed.

I must tell you before I close that Helens is coming, almost certainly, for a visit only, to sell the house. She leaves on 30 Nov. and arrives 30 Dec. by the Bretagne - she has booked a tentative return passage on the Patris in April.

Just in case she might change her mind, I wrote to Frank Eyre to ask him to be ready to help welcome her and offer her work if he still felt that way, and he replied immediately that he would have a letter ready, though he had heard from you she was most ~~likely~~ unlikely to return here ~~from~~ ^{or} food, and had also had hints to the same effect from elsewhere. She had said to me not so long ago that she felt more Australian than ever, and who knows, she might want to stay when she came.

That's all for now - looking forward to seeing you. Ida L.

(and I was overlooking the sad disappointment that you aren't a trustee of the F.I. of H.S.D. And that Rae Elsie Mitchell is, was holding the knife in the wound. Richardson assured me you would have been a certainty if you hadn't been at the A.N.U., which is unpopular because of Butler's switching of the A. A. Co. papers.)

Department of Pacific History,
6th December, 1961.

Dear Ida,

It was nice seeing you again after such a long absence in the bush; and in such fine pickle and good form too. I mentioned once again to Pat Croft about your willingness to do general editorial work and shall repeat it at the Publications Committee meeting next Monday.

Just three things while I think of them. I remembered when I got home, goodness knows why, that you declined to believe that friend Tungi had burnt the Tonga Government records in their archives as he needed the space. So to restore my credit I reproduce an excerpt from a letter from a senior officer (not Alaric) who investigated the matter on the spot:-

"It was Tungi as you probably know, who destroyed the Premier's Office records. He burnt everything up to 1927! Tui'pelehaki told me with much gusto and rumbling mirth about the day the lorries bore the records off to the dump. Ironically this piece of stupid vandalism was perpetrated because Tungi wanted space for the Education Department bookroom."

Please treat this excerpt as confidential as it was contained in a very confidential letter and the author would not like to find that I had repeated his remarks. The fact of the burning is, however, well known, and I have heard it from at least 5 reliable people during the last few years.

Secondly, I meant to ask you about the library Stewart bought (there was a lot of bally-hoo in the papers about it a few weeks ago). Would it contain any Pacific books? I went specially to Stewarts to look but could not find anything on the islands, in fact there seemed to be fewer books about than usual. Perhaps you could ask him; I didn't like to as he does not know me and might have thought it presumptuous.

Lastly, I enclose a cheque for £15, being your share of the swag re the Mary Ann/Louise Ritecain Islands commemorative stamp issue racket. Its nice to find that the activities of the Stewarts are bearing good fruit at last. I will send you a copy of the Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin for November when another arrives; I gave mine away.

I shall be down for 10 days in January to finish the William Campbell and Thomas Raine biographies; have not been able to trace the one you are to do as yet.

Yours,

John M.

11th Dec. 1961

Dear Harry,

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you so soon, not to mention the enclosed precious scrap of paper. I believe you about Jung's misdeed, but can I believe you about this good deed of the Crown Agents? If there is a swag which really allows me this as a share, I am most grateful, but anyhow I'm going to keep it, and be thankful. Last year you put £10 to my credit at ArRx, and I didn't accept it - a year before you sent me a cheque for £30 and I returned it. Anyhow I must thank you more even than the Crown Agents, as but for you I couldn't have had a part in their thriller. I'll be glad to see the copy of their Bulletin.

About the library Stewart bought - my information was that it was a lot of rubbish. The collector was a successful

chiropractor who bought books more or less wholesale - sometimes he bought as many as a dozen copies of a book, then never even opened the parcel! Archie had a look at them, and wouldn't make a bid for them at all. I think a lot of them had to do with health fads of various kinds, and I should think it is most unlikely there'd be any Pacific books, unless he bought them in a bundle by accident.

How ridiculous of you to suggest that Stewart, of all booksellers, might think you presumptuous!

Thank you again for mentioning me to Pat Croft and the Publications Committee.

You say you'll be down in January to finish two biographies - does that visit coincide with Queen Salote's, I wonder? But please don't think it necessary to reply just to tell me.

I rang Nancy to tell her I'd seen

you and to get her news, and was surprised to hear of one part of her recent activities - that, in collaboration with her Yogi preceptor, she has produced a book that has been accepted by Hutchinson's, and a second one on Yoga for Women she is trying to place at present. I confess I find Nancy's preoccupation with Yoga considerably more difficult to take than Helen's with playgrounds. Grandpa is still in hospital, and Vanessa is to part with her appendix.

And what of the election? I think it unlikely that you listened in to the count, so you won't know about Norman Harper's performance as head and spokesman of the University team that performed for the A.B.C. On previous occasions Herman Black was rather puerile, but Harper outdid him. It was pathetic nearly two hours after the outcome was

clear to hear him tentatively prophesying a
2 to 3 % swing, with a possible loss of four
to seven seats. Only at the last moment,
12.30, he said, in rather pained surprise,
"This is the hardest election there's been to
estimate - there could be a loss of ten
seats or even more". I like Norman
Harper, but - it was a sorry performance.

Menzies will surely be a little less
complacent. Gus is of the opinion that the
Parliament won't go its term, and that
Menzies will be displaced as leader.

It was good to see Honor looking
so well. The prospect of the year ahead
should be a real tonic for you both.

May you have a happy, relaxing
Christmas.

And thanks again for the very
pleasant dinner party, for the food, food
and wine, and I did enjoy seeing
you have your rum omelette.

Ida

98 Cornwall Gardens,
London, S.W.7,
29th April, 1962.

Dear Ida,

I know that you've been thinking that I was never going to write, and to be truthful I began to think it myself for I had vowed not to do so until I had something to report and I started off with an incredible run of bad luck, which has only recently begun to turn.

We had great finds in Melbourne, thanks to the Grice family, who did all they could to help, and to the fact that the Governor's despatches, general correspondence and papers had only a month before been transferred from the Government House offices, where they had been inaccessible to the public, to the new archives

So I had the first dig at them and found two bundles of guano papers covering the earliest application for a Malden Island Licence down to about 1900. There is much to be done here on guano licences and the policy followed in granting them but I have found a file:-

Board of Trade: Mercantile Marine Department. M.4959/76;

in the P.R.O. which looks like giving the beginnings (which are important for understanding later developments). I see it starts in 1856 with grants by the Emigration Board.

The journey to England was simply heavenly. Not a ripple all the way and we had an enormous suite, with a cabin stretching half across the ship, a lovely private bathroom (with a fresh-water bath as well as a shower) and a lobby, together with a more or less private deck outside our windows. And yet people prefer to travel on those wretched passenger ships at double the price.

There were three other passengers, plus the captain's wife and the doctor's wife and baby, so we made a grand party, and even I unbent and joined in the nightly game of Scrabble. It was ideal for working, too, and Honor put in a solid 6 hour day on her string figures and I on catching up with the usual piles of letters (and also some book reviews).

We got to London early in March and it was truly horrible. Snow all the way from Liverpool and a beastly cold wind. For a week we chased flats and then got a beauty at the above address, about five minutes from the Gloucester Road tube station and therefore really very central, and yet ever so quiet (much quieter than Canberra).

But unfortunately all unbeknown to me Honor had arranged for us to go across immediately to Guernsey to see my mother. I suppose she thought that at 92 we ought not to wait; but the old lady was as hale as ever and writing furiously all day on her pet subject (British Isrealism).

Anyway the weather was even more grim in Guernsey; we had to stay in a frightful hostel place to be near mother and after a week Honor went down with a nasty attack of bronchial asthma and even I had a touch of pleurisy. I had to nurse her night and day for two solid weeks and it was pretty worrying; but thank goodness we had an excellent doctor and between us managed to keep Honor off having to take to Cortizone for the second time.

I felt so miserable and frustrated in Guernsey, what with all the work to be done in London and time ever ticking away and the ghastly weather (the worst March for 50 years) that I just could not write to you, or to anyone else; not that there was much spare time as Honor needed constant attention in the absence of a nurse. Typical of England, we could not get her into hospital. At one time we pretty nearly made up our minds to chuck it all up and come back to Australia - and then the sun shone.

So we dodn't start work in London until the first of April and have been flat out trying to catch up ever since. It certainly is Alladin's Cave and I have been so excited day after day with the treasures I'm finding that I can hardly eat or sleep - and my heart has been aching away, I suppose with being constantly over-stimulated. Yet it is a sheer race against time, so what can one do?

I've worked so far in the British Museum (Reading, Manuscript, State Paper and Map Rooms), the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, National Maritime Museum and East India Library, and have catalogued over 400 manuscripts relating to the Pacific Islands. But this has been largely due to the co-operation of two girls who are conducting a Survey of MSS on South Asia and which they have generously extended to include the Pacific.

Everyone has been kind beyond measure and gone out of their way to help us find things (in fact I really think that the last 30 days have been the busiest and happiest I can ever remember). We had no difficulty (as you prophesized) in getting Readers' Tickets anywhere; Honor as well as me, for she is now quite a habitué of the Manuscripts Room at the B.M. - to see her in that Holy of Holies hunting up or cataloguing some rare document is quite a treat.

My special study this month, apart from continuing the listing of MSS, is the development of the Southern Whale Fishery and its gradual encroachment on the privileges of the East India

Company. It seems to me (but you will know if its so) that no-one has yet tackled this subject in the light of the material available in the India Office Library and the P.R.O. (especially the Board of Trade and Customs Department files).

Would you therefore be an angel and do me a great favour by:-

- (1) arranging with the Public Library to have photographed and sent to me immediately by air mail their Research Department's cards under the headings: "Enderby Whaling Company" and "Whaling" (I believe that they did these research jobs in 1931 and 1932 respectively); and
- (2) do the same with the entries under "Whaling" or "Enderby" in the typescript indexes to the Nautical Magazine, Naval Chronicle, Gentleman's Magazine, and any other journals you can find indexes for. X

This is strictly paid commercial business so mind you let me know the damage. And honestly it will (I hope) help me a whole lot.

Do you know of any newspapers or journals likely to print shipping or commercial news in 1790 or thereabouts? My trouble is that I can find so little about the Enderbys and the other whaling firms: no-one knows where their records are now.

I do hope that all goes well with you and that Helen has settled down happily: I imagine that she will never visit this part of the world again and I don't blame her now that I have sampled the climate. Also one gets the constant feeling of being isolated on the periphery of things instead of being at its centre in the Pacific.

Well I will stop now and not bore you with any more shop - and there is nothing else to write about for quite literally I have seen nothing. I get on a tube immediately after breakfast, travel under London (I've not yet seen the West End) and emerge at Russell Square for the British Museum, to return the same way at night, tired and ready for bed. When the MSS entries are typed I'll send you a copy so that you can say what are already in the Mitchell.

Yours ever,

J.H.M.

P.S. Have found John Adams' Baptismal Certificate in the St. John's Church, Hackney, Register. Likewise his brother & sister & his father's burial record.

12 May 1962

Dear Harry,

Your letter of 29 April received, and photographs ordered from library - a note or two, not long enough for that treatment, sent herewith.

Why should you be thinking I'd be thinking you were never going to write? Why on earth should you use your precious time writing to me? I didn't expect to hear from you at all unless or until you needed some information. But I was glad you sent a letter off to Helen as soon as you landed - you certainly owed her that. And why are you assuming Helen settled down here for ever and a day? Didn't you know she only agreed to give Stanner the minimum of time needed for editing the 'Aborigines' report. I doubt if she'd have yielded so much ~~time~~ that it gave her rather more time for disposing of the house. She is definite that she is returning to England for 3 1/2 years, and she will leave here, I expect, in July or August. At present she's in Melbourne, at O.U.P., and has also had brief sessions at Canberra. It's a very bad time for selling property of any kind - the bottom seems to have fallen right out of the market.

Your beginning reference to Lyice and Malden and Juana jolted me back into what seemed like the dim and distant past - you didn't tell me what was your important business in Melbourne.

So sorry to hear of your Guernsey illnesses, especially Honor's renewed attack so soon, but glad you found your wonderful mother so well. You say Honor arranged that early visit all unbeknown to you, but one of the last things you told me before leaving was that your first move on arriving was to be a visit to your mother!

The listing, or cataloguing (your word) of Pacific mss. in the B.M. - surely that has been done before, except, perhaps, for recent accessions? Anyhow, I suppose you're examining them in addition, and nothing could make up for that.

About Southern Whale Fishery, and East India Co. I don't know if this subject has been studied in the light of the India Office and P.R.O. (Board of Trade and Customs Dept.) files.

I'm sure you know the Enderby references in the King papers in the Mitchell library - they are in the ms. index. Tell me if you don't, but I feel sure you haven't missed them.

So glad you had the thrill of finding John Adams's baptismal certificate!

Now - is there any news to give you? Nancy's novel, *The River and the Brook*, is being published by Macmillan this month - I've read a proof copy lent me by A.K. Helen & I had lunch with her on Observatory Hill during Helen's brief return to Sydney.

Pat Croft has asked me to do the indexes for A.N.U. publications, about six per year, and I have agreed - the first should be ready soon. For this, of course, I owe thanks to you. The first is on *Seato*, and the second is Gillian's *Indians in Fiji*.

I do appreciate your excitement at the daily finds in B.M., or P.R.O., or I.O., or wherever, but I hope you'll also find time to look at beautiful buildings and parks and even panoramas and to take your wife to the theatre! Also to eat proper meals at reasonable times.

Business reply on separate sheet.

And regards to Honor, please.

Yours,
Idah.

X I had in mind the bill, in Cambridge History of the British Empire, vol. 7, pt. 1, p. 653/4; you are aware, I suppose, of the Journal of Rev. George Beard, of H.M.S. Blossom, including a narrative account of Pitcairn Island (B.M. Add. MS. 35,14D).

27 June 1962

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd, your check and the overprovision of stamps. I shall have a dinner in town at your expense. You remark that it's nice of me to save money for the University - if I could have been sure the University would be the payer I wouldn't mind doing the work professionally. Therefore, if you want the Louisa log examined at their expense, I may as well do it as the next fellow. You are right about the case - The voyage covered the dates Sept. 1853 - May 1854, and Beresford was the commander. I expect you saw references in the Towns letterbooks.

The information I sent you on the Kettle ships also came from tedious perusal of the Shipping Gazette - there isn't an index in the Mitchell. You're fortunate in having a full set in Melbourne of this fascinating publication. It didn't occur to me that you would have used it yet. As I had carried on a few years further since I wrote, I enclose the result, on the off-chance you might have missed a reference - not likely. Perhaps I have it seems strange that there shouldn't have been a mention of her loss, if she were lost, or of what happened to Capt. Abby and his wife.

Also I send Kettle's record in Sydney

directories. There's only one Kettle in today's telephone directory - a doctor - I'll try to find if he's a descendant.

The physical effort of getting to the library. It's not age so much as a legacy from a devastating flu I had about three years ago, which settled in my back - it responded to intensive treatment, but not perfectly, and climbing hills is tiring. At 12/6 an hour, however, one could take taxis.

Helen returns from Canberra tomorrow for a week or ten days - she'll be glad to escape the icy blasts. And your distinguished historian Marnie Bassett is spending a week in the Mitchell.

I'm expecting Peter Ryan's dynamism to send M.M.P. bounding upwards in the publishers' lists. Do you see anything of him and his family?

Affectionately,
Ida L

98 Cornwall Gardens,
14th August, 1962.

Dear Ida,

It was indeed kind of you to be so forbearing in saying that you did not expect letters unless there was something that I wanted. I only wish that some of my other correspondents had been so generous for in truth the never ending barrage of letters requiring more or less urgent replies (which might need days of research), books for review and papers for criticism, has rather turned our sojourn in England into a nightmare; some have gone so far as to complain to Professor Davidson - others have been merely rude.

I can honestly say that I have never worked so hard in all my life - nor certainly has Honor - something had to give in the end, I suppose, and I retired to bed with a recurrence of the nervous trouble which incapacitated me in 1935 and 1936; fortunately one can deal with these things better later on in life and I am now back to the salt mines again but having to go slower.

We have had to cancel all our plans to go to America to work on sandalwood and guano and to return the grant-in-aid to the University. A pity after all the trouble it took Sir John to get it, but really it seemed best to do one job reasonably well rather than two jobs badly. The difficulty has not been, as I had anticipated, that we should not be able to find the material we required but that we have found too much.

Generally speaking I have concentrated on the Southern Whale Fishery, which is now nearly sewn up, mainly at the P.R.O. and the India Office Library. But as you will appreciate this study brings in the whole of the East India Company's policies towards trading in their territorial areas, including N.S.W. and the Pacific generally. And this brings in the North-west Fur Trade, sandalwood and much else. Jane Roth is working on the Jardine, Matheson Papers in Cambridge for me and I hope to find someone else to help in London.

Things seem to be gradually shaping towards a book on early trade in the Pacific and we shall not leave until I have located the remaining information on this subject, in so far as they are to be found in England.

Many thanks indeed for sending me the extracts from the Index to the Nautical Magazine so promptly; I have checked up using it and the full set of the journal in the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. Also for the mention of the George Peard MS, which as a matter of fact I had already spotted and had microfilmed.

I shall not worry you with queries in this letter; mainly because there would be so many. One of my main troubles has been (and this is of course my own fault) that I have not known whether or not the Mitchell has already got copies of the various items I discover so have had to copy everything lest I later find that it is not in fact in Australia. There is bound, therefore, to be a good deal of duplication, but better to be sure than sorry.

Your remark that a catalogue of Pacific MSS had probably already been made worried me a bit for a time. But then no-one seems to have heard of the person who has undertaken this work and certainly it has not been published as yet. So I have had to take a chance, and if we find later that the compiler you have in mind is in fact well ahead with his work maybe it will be possible to combine forces, as I know that I have a great deal of material that he will inevitably have missed. Perhaps you were thinking of the French lady from the Mitchell who was working in Edinburgh the week before ourselves, but she appeared to be aminly concentrating on Australia and not in any detail on the islands.

Present hopes are that you will agree to prepare the MS catalogue, which I shall be bringing back with me, for publication, putting the entries into proper bibliographic form; this of course at the expense of the University and with a view to publication by them. So far I have fixed up arrangements, so far as I can at this stage, with the Department and the School of Oriental and African Studies; but of course I realize that you may not feel like it.

Enough of my affairs. We hope that all goes well with you and that the work for the A.N.U. has proved satisfactory and of use to you. I understand from your letter that Helen expects to return to England for a time but somehow I do not anticipate that she will. I certainly would not live here a day longer than I had to. Even the British Museum is in a sense a disappointment in that they have so few of the books I was looking forward to consulting. The trouble seems to be their pitiful grant from the Government, as a result of which they can hardly obtain anything published in America, and their holdings of Pacific material is greatly inferior to the Mitchell. And the Public Record Office, though wonderful and an absolute treasure house, is slow to the point of inducing madness and so crowded that one can hardly find a seat. The throng there are, I think, largely composed of geneological research professionals with permanent liens on all the best seats.

Angus has been selected as Conservative candidate for Dorset (East?) so I imagine will have a walk-over, though you never can tell these days. They are finding the South of England a bit too expensive to live in, being filled with the dachas of business tycoons on expense accounts, so they move to Oxford this month; and then, if he gets into Parliament, they will move once again to Dorset. I rather fancy that they are a bit broke having no visible means of support and their children all at expensive boarding schools.

Alaric has finished in Tonga for the time being and when last heard of was in Fiji en route to Australia. They are due to have their first-born in October and Honor is naturally a little bit sad that she will not be in the country for the event.

As we cannot now go to America we are planning to leave England about mid-November, all being well and the work completed, and flying to Australia via South Africa, spending some time in Nairobi, where I have a niece, in Southern Rhodesia, where there is another, in Mooi River and Zululand, where we have sisters, cousins and aunts galore, in Mauritius, where Rennie (lately Resident Commissioner, New Hebrides) has been appointed Governor, and the Cocos Islands, as I am writing a paper on its early history. But I guess nothing will come of it all.

Love from us both,

Yours,

Hay

Cobarisha Hospital
Castletroy
Mar. 21/1963

Dear Harry,

A letter from you came yesterday same time as one from Nancy - each prevented from visiting me by being ill yourselves. I was sad to think of Nancy in plaster for a fortnight with a thrombosis, immobilized! So I decided to put out my best effort and write to you both straightway. Last week when I stood one morning to brush my teeth I fell crash on the back of my head and have felt half stupid ever since - just when I should be facing up to going home and looking after myself again.

I'm glad you and Honor didn't make a special effort to visit me, though sorry it was because you weren't well yourself.

I'll have to make some decision soon about going back home or to a convalescent hospital.

Wonderful news about your special new Professional Research Fellowship, senior to all others - you must really have been thrilled about that, O Cambridge anthropologist-historian. And good to hear of your research students from Barnett at the same time.

Also so glad to hear you have got the retiring house of your dreams, and that Oliphant OK'd it. I suppose you'll stay where you are until you retire, for years and years yet? Meanwhile remodel and let the new one? And why did Harrie go so far away for his new home? And will his wife still teach, or will she be housewife and mother?

I knew you'd miss dear Raad - Basking - was glad you were back home when it happened, and so glad to hear your tribute to what you owe to him.

Thank you too for telling me about the farewell party for the Forsyths. I'd been wondering what Bill thought about going back to the S. P. C., whether he'd feel it a demotion rather than a promotion after all this time. But I mustn't expect answers to all these questions.

That's all's now - with abiding affection, and regards to Honor.

Ida

Department of Pacific History,
30th July, 1963.

Dear Ida,

Every week I have been meaning to get down to Sydney and do some work in the Mitchell; but the intention never seems to come off. I suppose that there is really no longer any excuse now that you are not in the Mitchell yourself and as a consequence my conscience, though never particularly a lively one, will not permit me to use University money (and therefore money which properly belongs to the taxpayer) to go down primarily for a jaunt, enjoyable though it would be.

The consequence of think^{ing} that I'm about to be off all the time is that I naturally keep postponing writing to you, as I am not enamoured of writing letters at the best of times and never do so if I can think of an excuse not to. But I feel that I cannot in fairness delay any longer reporting progress, such as it is, in my monastic life.

I have had two young Americans, Knudson and White, from the University of Oregon, for just over a month studying displaced Pacific populations; and now Jean Guiart has sent one from Paris (the son of the former Socialist Governor-General of Madagascar) gathering material for a thesis on Marching Rule on Malaita. Also young Coleman (the son this time of the former Governor of American Samoa, and a part Samoan) who is studying contacts with Micronesia, where his father is now the District Governor of the Marshall Islands.

I have two Ph.D. students to supervise, Noel Rutherford whose thesis is a biography of Shirley Baker of Tonga and Peter France from Fiji, who is to do a dissertation on the land tenure system of the Fijian people. I was fortunate in my last two students for they both got through their doctoral exercises with brilliance, one on the history of land tenure in the Cook Islands (which is now being published as a book by the O.U.P.) and the other on the Discovery of the Solomon Islands. So let us hope for the best with the present pair.

But despite liberal scholarship grants I cannot get students in the quantity and quality I should like; people to work not on political history (which is outmoded) but on what the Americans call ethnohistory and the British social history or cultural history. But right now I'm trying to persuade a very clever young Jesuit priest from Sydney to come and work on early contact history of Eastern Polynesia. But alas he seems to have his heart set on Harvard.

As for my own work it goes on fitfully and slowly; I enclose a couple of recently published examples. I had settled down happily to finishing our joint paper on the early history of trade in the Central Pacific when I was pulled off to prepare the Pacific Islands history lecture to be delivered to Section E (History) of the forthcoming A.N.Z.A.A.S. Congress. John Beaglehole is to be the Section Chairman and Morrell the Chairman of the actual meeting. Just imagine for a minute having to deliver an address to all the historians of Australia and New Zealand gathered together in one room. I see it all

in my dreams every night, and die a thousand deaths.

I have chosen as my subject "Beachcombers and Castaways", a title which in itself has caused some speculation and raised eyebrows. I hope, if I survive to the day, to outline the whole history of Pacific beachcombing from the earliest times to the present day and to endeavour to analyse the contribution of beachcombers to the political, social, economic and demographic history of the Pacific, and to end with a peroration on their contribution (a notable one) to Pacific literature and our knowledge of the islanders and their way of life. But it is not going to be easy, I can tell you.

I do trust that you are keeping reasonably well these days and not too bored with the flat. I had been wanting to see you especially to try and persuade you to have me arrange for a television set installed which you can switch on or off as you like. All our partially immobilized friends (Mrs Fredericksen for one) have them now and they make all the difference in the world to life. A lot of the programmes are of course all tripe but a lot are of absorbing interest, especially for one like you who does not live entirely in the early 1800s.

I wrote to Miss Roach asking her to kindly soften you on the subject, for I know only too well the resistance people have to television until they get used to having one - and then they can't believe they'd ever managed without one. But she never replied, so I presume that she suffers from a resistance herself.

I am afraid that this is not much of a letter, but as you know I am a complete recluse so have nothing to write about except work, which is extremely boring to read about. Anyway this is really just to say how do and to wish you all the best and to say that I shall ring when I do reach Sydney again; and meanwhile do please think favourably about the television set. You have many friends and it would not cost you a penny; one day one man would come quietly and put it in a corner of the room and you need never know its there; certainly not turn it on.

Yours ever,

Lee M.

21 Stolbrook Avenue
Kiviribilli
6 August 1963

Dear Harry,

Thank you for your very kind and generous letter of the 30th. Miss Roche, who had taken me to town to do some shopping - my first attempt - had just told me of your marvellous offer to give me a television set, and asking her to be, what is it? "a hidden persuader". But I had already said No most firmly. I've heard Grace Frederiksen on the subject, as well as Kathleen Roche and Beryl Wilson and the Kerrs, all of whom think it's worthwhile having t.v. for limited sessions, but I'm still not tempted at all.

I'd rather read. I'm happy to have the subscriptions to Nation and Newsweek and with the Bulletin and the SM Herald that doesn't leave me much time.

I'm glad you've got interesting students, PhD and other, though still not enough of them, and that your two last PhDs did brilliantly. You said you were enclosing a couple of recently published examples of your own work - I thought that meant they'd come under separate cover, but they

haven't arrived so far.

If you haven't heard direct you will have seen in the Herald that Angus is the Conservative Candidate for Stratford on Avon by-election on August 25. If it's still first past the post, I can see him being defeated by the Labour candidate. I had an idea they changed recently to preferential voting - if that were so, he should be alright.

Profumo didn't have a runaway victory in a straight out fight with a Labour man - 16,000 to 12,500 roughly a 3,500 majority.

I'm very concerned for Angus that he should be successful. Is he meanwhile writing for the Observer? and continuing to live with father in Sussex?

Helen has just gone to Scandinavia for six weeks - first a week's holiday, then three weeks' playground duty in Sweden, then, she hopes, another week's holiday, before returning to finish her proofs of Aboriginal Studies, still only in final galley proofs. The Stannards were back in England, and expecting a baby early in the new year, which, I'd said, Bill didn't yet understand would probably say seven nights out of seven, and he wouldn't be able to take it fishing for a year or two! All thanks short of acceptance, and with affection, Edy.

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Sunday evening.

Dear Ida,

Sorry I messed up sending you the memoir and article I promised. My memory has now completely gone and it should not be long before they discover the fact and push me out.

It was good to hear from you for it must be an indication (as does your shopping excursion) that you are a bit better.

I suppose that you are right about Profumo getting 16,000 to labour's 12,500; you usually are, but I must say I had the impression that labour only got about 7,000 and a liberal 3,500. I had imagined that Angus was due for a complete walk-over but if he has only 3,500 votes to play with he could easily miss the boat.

Why he should be so attracted to such a dirty game as politics beats me; I suppose he was thwarted in his early days and feels the urge to take it out on others by pushing them about. I have just been writing to Sir Gilbert Archey to congratulate him on his accolade, and couldn't help contrasting his life of service to scholarship and the community.

Sorry you would not instal the 'telly', but I must admit that I wouldn't either. However its not for your reason but because I know full well that I should spend my time looking at it and so lost my job. I have a brother-in-law who from the day he retired on pension (at 50) has done nothing else but look at television from 10 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

Yours,
Hay.