



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

No. 1507.

13th July, 1940.

Sir,

I am directed by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to second you from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Service for special duty in Pitcairn Island, and to confirm as follows the oral instructions which you have already received in this connexion.

2. You will proceed to Pitcairn Island, via New Zealand, leaving Suva in the m.s. "Matua" scheduled to sail to-day. Passages to Auckland for yourself, Mrs. Maude, your child, and a servant, have been arranged in the vessel mentioned. On arrival in New Zealand you will proceed to Wellington where you will call upon the Naval Staff Intelligence Officer, who has been advised by telegraph of your proposed visit, and will discuss with him certain matters affecting Pitcairn Island affairs which

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



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he wishes to discuss. He has been asked to assist in arrangements for your onward passage for which it is understood that an opportunity may occur by the s.s. "Akaroa" expected to leave Lyttelton at an early date.

3. Your secondment for this service will take effect on the day of your departure from Suva en route to Pitcairn Island, and you will continue to receive salary at the rate of £600 (Fiji currency) a year. The period of secondment cannot at present be definitely stated as it will depend largely upon the progress of your work in the island and the time which you may find to be required there for the successful completion of your mission. But it should be expedited as much as is possible consistently with the exigencies of your task. So far as it is possible to anticipate at present, it is considered that a period of approximately two to three months at the outside should be ample, and you should in any case report by telegraph as soon as possible when you think you will have completed your task, so that arrangements may be made in good time for your return journey.

4. With regard to the object of your visit to Pitcairn Island, the matters requiring your attention have been fully discussed with

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you from time to time and certain office files have been handed to you which you will take with you and which show what is required. The most important matter is the question of regulations for the local conduct of such simple administration as you may find to be practicable and within the capacity of the inhabitants and for the maintenance of law and order. Such regulations should be prepared in accordance with the terms of the Secretary of State's telegram No. 92 of the 7th June, 1940, and as advised by the Chief Judicial Commissioner in his minute of the 11th July, both of which are in the office file M.P. 2519/37 which you are taking with you. On completion of your work in the island a full report of your proceedings should be furnished together with duplicate copies of the regulations.

5. AS you are aware, arrangements have been made for the closing of the present New Zealand branch Post Office in the island and for the opening on the 15th October next of a Post Office under the High Commissioner's control and the issue of a series of postage stamps for the Pitcairn Islands. For the proper establishment of the new postal service

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it is proposed to second Mr. A.E. Fuller, an official of the Fiji Post and Telegraph Department, for a visit to the island, and Mr. Fuller will arrive there early in October. You should make arrangements for his accommodation in the island and attend to such matters in connexion with the postal service and the stamp issue as you may find to be desirable or necessary prior to his arrival. You should also afford him every assistance possible in connexion with his work after his arrival.

6. While in Pitcairn Island you should endeavour to maintain satisfactory wireless communication with Suva and Wellington and should endeavour to ascertain the causes of any defects in the local wireless service with a view to placing it upon a more satisfactory basis. Mr. Fuller, who has had some experience as a wireless officer, will probably be able to render valuable assistance in this respect.

7. You will be provided at Government expense with return passages between Fiji and Pitcairn Island, including rail fares in New Zealand between ports of dis-embarkation and re-embarkation,



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embarkation, for yourself, Mrs. Maude, your child, and your servant. You will receive subsistence allowance -

(a) during periods of unavoidable detention in New Zealand while awaiting onward transport, at the rate of £1.10s.0d. (Fiji currency), and

(b) while resident in Pitcairn Island at the rate of 12s.6d. (Fiji currency),

for each complete period of twenty-four hours spent on shore.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary to the High Commission.



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
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No. 1507.

9th July, 1940.

Sir,

With reference to your forthcoming visit to Pitcairn Island, I am directed by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to forward the attached Commission appointing you to be a Deputy Commissioner for the Western Pacific with jurisdiction within the district of Pitcairn Island.

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2. This Commission should be surrendered on the termination of your visit to Pitcairn Island.

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Your obedient servant,

B. Macdonald

Acting Secretary to the High Commission.

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



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High Commissioner.

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By His Excellency Sir HARRY CHARLES LUKE,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner
for the Western Pacific.

To HENRY EVANS MAUDE, Esquire, Member of the
Most Excellent Order of the British Empire,

GREETING.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the
King and by virtue of the power and authority in
me vested by His Most Excellent Majesty I do
hereby, by this my Commission under my hand and
the official Seal of His Britannic Majesty's
High Commissioner for the Western Pacific,
appoint you, the said HENRY EVANS MAUDE, to be
a Deputy Commissioner for the Western Pacific
with jurisdiction within the district of
Pitcairn Island (which shall be deemed to
include the Islands of Pitcairn, Henderson, Oeno,
and Ducie) in accordance with the provisions of
the Pacific Order in Council 1893.

Given

Appointment of
H.E. Maude to
be a Deputy
Commissioner.





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Given at Suva in the Colony of Fiji this
9th day of July, 1940, in the fourth year of
His Majesty's reign.

By Command,

B. Macdonald

Acting Secretary to the Western Pacific
High Commission.