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H.E. MAUDE, ESQ.,  
Island of Beru,  
Southern Gilbert Islands,  
Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony,  
Central Pacific.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you for your letter of the 12th November enclosing cheque for 9/-d., receipt for which is attached hereto. Copies of the preceding numbers have gone forward under separate cover.

We would like to take advantage of your kind offer to supply us with topical news about the Gilbert Islands. The great handicap which stands in our way with regard to this Group is the very infrequent mail service, but generally speaking, we go to press every month about the 16th instant, and if you could regulate your budget to arrive here, say, even up to the 12th instant it would be just in time for inclusion in the current issue. You will see from previous copies the class of material we require. We do not want news which is meant for your own particular Group alone, what we want is news about your Group which is of interest to every other Island resident of the Pacific. However, enclosed here - with you will find a memo which we usually send out to correspondents, and from this you will be able to see just exactly what is required.

We realise, of course, that you will most probably find it difficult to send us as much news as correspondents in big areas such as New Guinea, Fiji, etc., but if you could manage to send us about 750 words of good, newsy matter, we are prepared to allow you £1/1/-d for each budget received and published. What we are very anxious to do is to see practically every Island in the Central and Southern Pacific represented in this Journal - that is, every Island of importance, and we would be very gratified if you could see your

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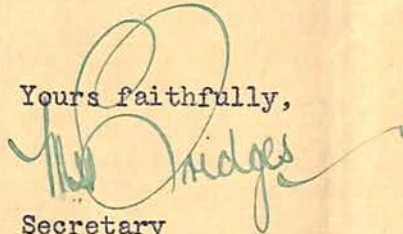
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way clear to act as our Gilbert Island correspondent. Even if you can only manage to get material here once in two months, we can assure you that we will be very glad to receive whatever you send.

Hoping to hear from you again.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "M. Bridges", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Secretary

Enc.

PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY  
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BW 5135

The duties which correspondents of the Pacific Islands Monthly are asked to perform, in their order of importance, are :-

1. Post at least once each month a news-letter, giving the news events of your island, territory or group. Describe any event or condition which you believe will interest the residents of other Island territories, or residents of Australia and New Zealand. Accidents; deaths of well known residents; the activities of administrations, missions or trading firms; storms; hurricanes or unusual weather; agitations by whites or natives; progress of public works of any kind; the condition of planting or trade; the opening up of new plantations or trading stations; relations between whites and natives; announcements by the Governor or Administrator - all these things are news. The readers of the Monthly want to know all that is happening in the Pacific Islands.
2. Send whenever possible or practicable interesting descriptions of life in your territory, particularly the habits and customs of the natives. A description of a day in the life of a Solomons Islands planter; the curious habit of the Niuean natives in placing personal treasures upon the grave of a man lately deceased; the Raratongans' practice of catching fish by blocking up a section of lagoon and impregnating the water with narcotic from a local plant -- little articles of this kind will be most acceptable. Do not worry over-much about literary style. As long as the facts are correct and the interest is there, we shall be glad to have the material. If re-writing is necessary, it can be done here.
3. Wherever possible, send photographs, illustrating news events or the habits and customs of the islanders. If only a small print is available, and the photograph is important, always try to send the negative as well - particularly if the negative is a film, as a film is easily sent through the post. Good photographs of Islands scenery are always acceptable.
4. Matter, to go in the issue of the 15th, should reach the office in Sydney a week before that date. But news of an important character will be accepted up to the 14th. If anything of exceptional importance happens, and correspondents have a wireless station available, and a report sent by post would apparently be too late for that month's issue, correspondents may arrange to send a very brief report by radio. It should be addressed "Pacific Publications, 228 Pitt Street, Sydney" and marked "Collect". Messages should be carefully condensed, and such words as "the" "a" "and" cut out. Arrangements are being made for the reception and transmission of such messages, and you will be further advised in regard to procedure at a later date.

In regard to policy, please remember that this Monthly is to be conducted in a responsible and proper manner. It is our function to assist the Administrators, shipping companies, traders, missionaries, and other established institutions, and not to hinder and embarrass them by irresponsible and ill-informed criticism. Wherever injustice is being done, or improper administration being carried out, it will be the function of this journal to expose it. But no such step will be taken without the most careful inquiry and consideration. All connection with correspondents who supply misleading or biased reports will be discontinued. Apart from that, our correspondents will be assisted and protected in every possible way.

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Per [Signature]



*Arthur Fletcher*

High Commissioner.

By His Excellency Sir Arthur George Murchison Fletcher, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific: to Henry Evans Maude, Esquire, 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, by this my Commission under my hand and the official seal of His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, do hereby appoint you, the said Henry Evans Maude, to be one of His Majesty's Deputy Commissioners for the Western Pacific to act for and in respect of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony in accordance with the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council, 1893.

Appointment of H.E. Maude to be a Deputy Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Given at Suva in the Colony of Fiji this twenty-third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, in the twenty-first year of His Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

*D. MacTera*

Secretary to the Western Pacific High Commission.

Commission appointing  
Henry Evans Maude, Esquire,  
to be a Deputy Commissioner for the  
Western Pacific.



GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

THE RESIDENCY,

Ocean Island, 10th March, 1931.

D.O., BERU.

No. 9.

Sir,

I have pleasure in forwarding to you  
No. 148 - 21/8/30. a copy of a despatch from His Excellency the High  
Commissioner with reference to your qualification  
as a Passed Cadet.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Arthur Maude*

Resident Commissioner.

H.E. Maude Esq.,

Acting District Officer,

Beru.





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Resident Commissioner.

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Acting District Officer,  
Beru.

C O P Y.

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

Gilbert and Ellice.

No. 148.

21st August, 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 142 of the 9th May reporting the passing by Mr. H.E. Maude, Cadet, of certain prescribed examinations and his consequent qualification as a Passed Cadet.

2. I have noted with pleasure the very high percentage of marks gained by this officer in every subject, which is the more creditable in view of the early date at which the examinations were taken. Mr. Maude should be informed accordingly.

I have etc.,

(Signed). M. FLETCHER,

High Commissioner.

His Honour,

The Resident Commissioner,

Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

Dear Maude,

Reference the attached memo. from you, Holland informs me that this cash was handed to you before you embarked at Parawa. It should, therefore, have been reported for insurance purposes by you.

As I feel sure that you won't make the same error twice, you can cut this memo. of yours out of your official files - I've taken the original out of mine.

H. H. left yesterday for a short tour, but I've been so damned busy with Estimates for 1931-32 (God alone knows when they'll reach the S/State!) that I had no time at all to go into your official correspondence, tho' I did answer some of it. I've not even the remotest idea what correspondence awaits attention. I'm afraid we are not going to hang those blighters, but anyway, you all forgot to sentence 'em to death!!

Hamilton stayed only 7 or 8 days with me at Banaba, and then buzzed off, fairly satisfied with things in general.

Kind regards to you both,

sincerely,



11/3/31

*Starting on your mail now - there's nothing of it. Kind G.*

*From*

O.H.M.S.

11th September, 1930.

The Sub-Accountant,

Southern Gilberts,

Beru Island.

*To* The Colonial Treasurer,

Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony,

Ocean Island.

V. & S. LTD.

In reply to your Memorandum of the 11th July, 1930 re Transit of Cash, I have the honour to inform you that the £500 mentioned was handed to me at Tarawa.

*J. L. Maude.*

Dear Maude,

A very hurried note concerning Imprests, particularly Beru (which is the only one I have seen so far).

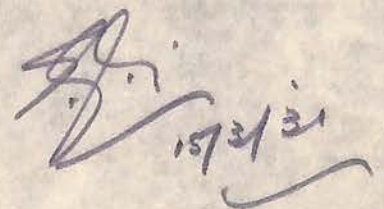
The attached subvouchers for rent are worrying me a wee bit insofar as I cannot trace where they have been put through the accounts. They were attached to the Beru (new imprest) <sup>(voucher)</sup> granted in July, 1930. Let me have some information by return if you can. I hope to get away within a couple or three months, the old tummy is starting its queer tricks again since my return to this hell-hole, if you can reply personally, do so, but if I have buzzed off, send it to Bentley personally.

I see you have refunded carpenter's wages in June and attached the sub-vouchers to the imprest voucher in July. Don't do this as it is rather confusing - or rather, it probably would be confusing to a new man - always attach these "outside imprest" payments to the voucher upon which you make the refund to the N. G.

In any case, it is not tremendously important to issue an imprest in July; provided you are fairly certain that there is no further expenditure to be incurred in June, the imprest can as well be issued then: the question of exceeding the estimate does not enter into the affair.

One other thing - when you close an imprest and issue a new one, always send the subvouchers under cover of a separate letter. Far easier for us at this end, but for God's sake state the amount expended on account of P. Es. and Other charges so that we don't put a Journal entry through without having some check on things.

Kind regards to you both,



Handwritten signature and date: 1931/31

No. 9.

December 31. 1929

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Bon: Aha saika mena n te Hospital wan July<sup>st</sup> 1929  
ni karokoa December 31. 1929

Manako bon: ABAN n. Heitabi

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ABAN Teitoo

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ABAN Katiotia

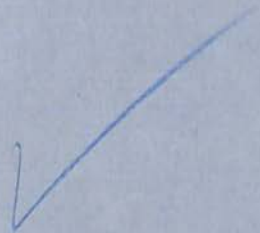
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No. 10.

December 31<sup>st</sup> 1929

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Ben: te: Aha: are: a: maeka: iai: Lepera: man: July: 1<sup>st</sup>: 1929  
ni: karokea: December: 31: 1929

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No. 11.

December 31<sup>st</sup> 1929

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Ben Aba i nanoni Kawan te Tau Taeka man July 26<sup>th</sup> 1929  
ni karekoa December 31 1929

Binako Ben Aban ten: TEBUTO

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June 30, 1930.

No. 25.

Bon aba aika Mena nē Hospital  
Man January 1st-1930 ni Karohoa June 30 1930

E orako bon aban	Neitābi	5/-
"	Teitōa	5/-
"	Katiōtio	2/6
	Moōara	2/6
		<hr/>
		15/-

June 30, 1930.

No. 26.

Bon aba ae maaka iai te On Pebera  
Man January 1st 1930 ni Tarokoa June 30 1930

E naho bon aban nei Ariki

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June 30, 1930.

No. 27.

Bon te aba ae maeka iai to Tautaiaka i Peru  
man January 1st <sup>1930</sup> ki Karohoa June 30, 1930

Erako Bon aban Tebuto

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GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

G.      0.

THE RESIDENCY,

No.      15.

Ocean Island, 13th July, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to your exercise of the option for gratuity and reduced pension on retirement provided for in Rule 18 in the Schedule to the Pensions Ordinance 1929, I have the honour to inform you that (2) (b) of that Regulation gives an officer one month after the date of attainment of eligibility for pension (i.e., on completion of ten years of service) in which to exercise such option.

2. As it is possible that you have notified your exercise of the option under a misunderstanding of the time allowed for such exercise, you may, if you desire to defer the exercise of the option until a date nearer that of the expiration of the stipulated period, withdraw formally, in writing, your notification.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*Arthur Muir,*

H.E. Maude Esq.,  
Acting District Officer,  
Beru.

Resident Commissioner.

Extract from despatch No. 165 of the 13th July, 1931 from  
the Resident Commissioner to the High Commissioner.

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Mr. Maude's conduct of affairs.

44. Referring now to paragraphs 10 - 12 of Mr. Maude's preliminary report of the situation on Onotoa (see Enclosure (I) in my despatch No. 368 of the 8th December, 1930), I desire to draw special attention to the judgement and courage with which this young officer met an extremely difficult emergency. There was real danger of further violence when Mr. Maude first landed on the island, and had he then displayed either any excess of severity or any lack of firmness, the gravest of consequences might have resulted, both to himself and to the natives whose destruction had been fixed for the following day.

45. Mr. Maude has, I submit, shown an ability unusual in so young an officer ~~and~~ in his handling both of the practical and of the clerical work thrown upon him by the disturbance.

I etc.

(Signed). Arthur Grimble.

Resident Commissioner.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

Island of Beru,  
Southern Gilberts,  
12th August, 1931.

Sir,

In accordance with the Rules laid down for the Examination of Cadets in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, I have the honour to apply for examination in the following subjects:-

- (a). Higher standard Gilbertese.
- (b). Law, as prescribed in part (c) of Rule 2 of the above-mentioned Rules.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Honour's obedient servant,

(Signed). H. E. Maude.

Acting District Officer,  
Southern Gilberts.

His Honour,

The Resident Commissioner,  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,  
Ocean Island.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

Island of Beru,

Southern Gilberts,

20th August, 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Honour's letter, G. O. No.15, of the 13th July, 1931, with reference to the Pensions Ordinance No.10 of 1929.

2. In accordance with the terms of Paragraph 2 of Your Honour's letter, I have the honour to withdraw the notification of my decision to accept a Gratuity and reduced Pension contained in my letter of the 22nd August, 1931.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Honour's obedient servant,

(Signed). H. E. Maude.

Acting District Officer,  
Southern Gilberts.

His Honour,

The Resident Commissioner,

Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,

Ocean Island.

Bairiki,

6th. October, 1931.

Dear Maude,

we got back after taking the lepers for a little joy ride over towards China.

Nothing of any moment seems to have happened since. As usual I'm writing against time.

Am enclosing copy of a letter from Hogbin which will interest you. Have sent H.H. a copy of one from the Bishop Museum. It would seem that the Yanks are preparing a small expeditionary force. I had no idea they were negotiating with Hogbin as well as their own man. We'll have to look to our laurels.

Sorry I've left this so late as there are dozens of things I want to chew the rag about. Hope to see you in November if H.H.'s parting remark means that I am going over to Ocean again.

Kindest regards + all sorts of good wishes to you both. Hope you are becoming reconciled to your exile from the beloved Bern.

Yours very sincerely  
Donald J. Kennedy



34, Daughy St.

London, W.8.1.

8. 5. 31.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I trust that you will pardon me writing to you. My name is perhaps not completely unknown to you (a couple of my articles have appeared in the Journal of the Polynesian Society).

The Bishop Museum of Honolulu have suggested that I might undertake an expedition for them to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in 1932. The purpose of the expedition would be to make a complete anthropological survey. I know nothing of the local conditions, and am wondering if you would be kind enough to help me.

I would like to know you how one gets to the islands from Sydney. Is there a main port? Is communication between the islands difficult? Which are the best islands for the work? Should all gear be taken from Sydney? And perhaps most important. Is it possible to get hold of an interpreter with whom to work until one has learned to speak the language?

I am familiar with conditions in the

Bairiki

21st. February, 1932

Dear Maude,

many thanks for your letter  
and also for the pains to which you  
have gone over the studentship  
business. I think I shall take  
your advice & try London - though  
I suppose it could do no harm  
to try Cambridge first - they could  
only turn down a plea for extra-  
special exemption on the grounds of  
their own regulations, & that would  
not prejudice me elsewhere. I most  
certainly could not manage two  
years' residence. However again many  
thanks.

Had hoped to see your paper  
by this mail - but - rotten luck -  
all my last journals reports etc  
must have been deflected to the  
Ellis Group. Andersen writes me  
that he's highly bucked at getting  
both H H's + your + your wife's stuff.  
I am somewhat distressed at

a hint Holland dropped that all was not as cordial as it might be in your relation with Andersen. He is moody - his job is honorary and in many ways he's a good man & worth keeping in with. I had similar difficulties a few years ago, small editorial suggestions and even alterations of text. I did not find out whether it was Andersen or his (then) co-editor, the late Elston Best, who was responsible.

The Bishop Museum would, of course, jump at your staff. I had a flattering letter from Emory, one of their chief field workers. It seems we have checked them - for a time. Emory returned to the subject of my representing them in the Gilberts - but again, no concrete proposal. He definitely suggested that, in any case, I affiliate with them, in a sense, making their Museum a working base. I have replied asking to be put on the free list for all their publications - (without prejudice - as a mutual reservation). I think the Polynesian Society can serve

as better in this area. <sup>Moreover</sup> we are "tin hats" in it but we come up against professionals in the B. Museum. As an indication of the circulation of the journal I have had a request from a professional in France - Nippgen - do you know of him? - for a bound copy of my stuff for review in the French journals.

Well, shall hope to meet you on the way south again. I hope you will both come + stay here with me if opportunity offers. Kinest regards to you both and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,  
Donald F. Kennedy

P.S. My wife told me "over the air" about a fortnight ago that the printers had presented her with two copies each of both your own + H's papers, for having read proofs. She said they both look well done. Hope to see something of your Banalean work in print soon. Records have turned out fairly well.

Hope H. will agree to translate those songs all of which have been recorded. D.F.K.

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27<sup>th</sup> July, 1931

H. E. Maude, Esq.,  
Gilbert Islands.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Kennedy has told me about the interesting work you are doing on social life in the Gilberts. Or is it the Ellice Islands? - I have not his letter by me. We are very anxious to publish researches of this kind from western Polynesia, a region about which we have, until Kennedy began publishing, had very little information. Gimble's rather slight papers have whetted our appetites and we hope that you will let us publish your work. You probably know

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the format of our journal, of which, by the way, I recently became joint-editor, either from actual copies or from author's copies of Kennedy's papers. The journal has been running for forty years, and reads practically all the great reference libraries of the world, and, more important, all active students of the Polynesian field. The Bishop Museum is doing fine work in eastern and central Polynesia but its publications do not reach so wide a public as does our journal. They are sending out a young fellow with no experience to work in your field. I suggest that you help us rather than them. Forgive all this propaganda but you will understand our attitude.

I have just read the final instalment of Kennedy's report, and have been delighted with it. I prophesied that he would find the ancestral shrine with its accompaniments, and at the last moment he found it. The loki uli are interesting, too, - Samoan in origin when I had expected them to be Tongan. What do the Gilberts hold? Is their culture closer to Micronesia or to Polynesia? And where do their adze-types point? Did the Polynesians come to their present home from Micronesia or by way of the Admiralties? Your work and Kennedy's is going to put us on the right track.

Yours sincerely  
H. D. Skinner

Postscript: Steenson, who is now  
A.M.O., Beru, has just called and  
so I have met him for the first time.  
Our Medical School here is first class,  
and as they think highly of him he  
must be a good man; he certainly  
seems a very nice fellow.



Ocean Island,

29th September, 1931.

H. D. Skinner Esq.,  
Otago University Museum,  
Dunedin, New Zealand.

Dear Mr Skinner,

Thank you for your letter, which I received at Tarawa just before leaving for Ocean Island. I expect to be here for about three months codifying the native land customs before going to Tabiteuea Island where there is much research work to be done, as the island contains 1,000 professing pagans.

I am enclosing a copy of an article on Adoption which I am sending to Mr Andersen. So very little is known of this area that it is hard to know where to start but as I specialised on social organisation at Cambridge I am doing the same here. My wife is busy writing an article on String Figures of which we have collected nearly sixty new ones during the last six months.

If there is anything you would like from this field - articles of material culture or notes on specific subjects please let me know and I will endeavour to do my best. We have persuaded Mr Grimble to publish the results of his work on Myths and the Maneaba and my wife and I have three articles in process of formation. In view of the impending visit of the American from the Bishop Museum we are all working overtime in order to get as much as possible of the Ethnography recorded and published before it is too late.

We have collected one or two articles of material culture which I think you would like - we will send them along when they have been written up.

Yours sincerely,

Ocean Island,  
Gilbert & Ellice Islands,  
Central Pacific,  
2nd December, 1931.

The Chairman,  
Bernice P. Bishop Museum,  
Honolulu,  
Hawaii.

Dear Sir,

As I have been working here for some time on Banaban Land Customs Mr. Grimble has kindly showed me the correspondence which has passed between the Bishop Museum and himself. I have been doing research work in the Gilbert Islands, in conjunction with my wife, for the last two years, having taken my Degree in Anthropology at Cambridge in 1929, and if there is any way at all in which I can be of assistance to you please let me know.

My wife and I do much of our work in common, but I have been concentrating on such aspects of the Social Organisation of the Gilbertese as are not being already dealt with by Mr. Grimble, with the view of obtaining the Degree of Ph. D. at some University either in the United States or England, while my wife, and at the present moment Mr. Kennedy, are working on Material Culture. If this area is of any interest to you we are willing to send any data you may require for comparative purposes or articles on specific subjects, objects of Material Culture for your Museum etc., as we are most anxious to co-operate with the researches being conducted by your Museum elsewhere.

I do not know under what conditions it is possible to obtain the publications of your Museum but I should be very grateful if you could send me, as they come out, such of your Bulletins, Occasional Papers etc. as may be useful for comparative purposes to workers in this field. Bulletin

75 would be useful for comparing with the Gilbertese Material Culture and I should also like Bulletin 75 and Occasional Papers Vol.9, Nos.2, 8 and 9. I remember seeing some time ago a work on Polynesian String Figures published by you and I should be grateful if you would send me a copy if it is still in print, as my wife has collected about seventy figures here and many must be identical with those you have already published.

I enclose a Cheque for £5 to cover the cost of any publications you may be able to send; should they come to more than that amount I will remit the balance by return of post.

Very truly yours,

(Signed). H. E. Maude.

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15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1931.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I was glad to get your letter and your very interesting paper on adoption in the Gilbert Islands. Mr. Andersen writes that he has received as well Mr. Gimble's paper on Gilbertese navigation. We look forward to an important series of papers on Gilbertese ethnology from you and your wife, Gimble, and Kennedy, and even, one hopes, from Steenson. Gimble is already well-known to readers of the J.C.I., Man, and Folklore. Of course you two and Kennedy would like to be represented there too, but we hope you

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will spare us something as well.

Have you seen Hilt's article on Totemism in Polynesia, published in Oceania? Get hold of it, and see how your islands fit in. I am confident that it has come into west Polynesia from Melanesia, but it may have come from ~~you~~ Micronesia by way of your area.

Our cordial thanks for your offer of help to our museum collections. I need hardly say that we would be delighted. Unfortunately I cannot authorise you to spend more than £15 in 1932. We rather specialise on fishing and canoe gear, adzes, and

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wooden bowls, but are keen on anything that is authentic — pounders and pounding boards, head-rests, tappa beaters, seats, and pendants. Kennedy has supplied us with a splendid series from the Ellice Islands, and we would like, as far as possible, to make our Gilbert collection run parallel; have a talk with him if he is available.

All good wishes for 1932, which please extend to Steenson if you are in touch. — If you should ever be in New Zealand Mrs Skinner and I would be delighted if you and your wife would be our guests in Dunedin.

Yours sincerely  
H. D. Skinner.

National Research Council.  
Division of Foreign Relations.

Honolulu,

Hawaii,

23rd. March, 1929.

High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Suva, Fiji.

Dear Sir,

Beginning about August, 1929, it is proposed to assign Dr. Leslie Spier, Professor of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma, to an ethnologic survey of Ellice and Gilbert Islands. This work, which will occupy about one year, is part of the general study of Pacific races now being conducted internationally by cooperative scientific institutions in Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Under a "gentleman's agreement" among scientists work in Ellice and Gilbert Islands falls to the lot of Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu. The particular purpose of the field work is to ascertain the cultural relationship of Polynesians in Samoa with Micronesians in Marshall Islands, in an area where the two races overlap.

Before making plans, I should greatly appreciate advice regarding official relations which should be established in order to facilitate the proposed work of Dr. Spier.

Very truly etc.,

(Signed) Herbert E. Gregory.

Chairman, Committee on Pacific  
Investigations.

Telegram from High Commissioner.

I understand that proposed visit has been cancelled and that person named has returned to America.

The Director,  
Bernice P. Bishop Museum,  
Honolulu, Hawaii