

Central Archives of Fiji and the W.P.H.C.

Suva, Fiji,  
5th July, 1958.

Dear Margaret,

This is just a note to say that we seem to be on our way all right, so far. I dropped Honor in Auckland, where she was to indulge in an orgy of visits to her friends and relations all around the country.

Meanwhile I have settled in here at the archives and have made many fascinating discoveries. If only their existence and contents were known to American historians I feel sure the place would be swamped.

Bully Hayes, O'Keefe, Louis Becke, R.L.S. - pirates, adventurers and saints - all come to life in the old files and faded letter books of the High Commission; and indeed, when they are worked on properly much of the history of the Pacific Islands will have to be re-written.

It is not the diplomatic history which really interests me so much as the romance of commercial development in the islands: trader succeeding beachcomber; the big firms succeeding the independent adventurer; and all with a movie-thriller background of bloodshed, trickery and heroism.

Dorothy Crozier, the guardian of these treasures, who is about to hand over to an archivist from Canberra named Diamond, works from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. which I must say is a great convenience, though I find the hours rather exhausting in the tropics.

But a month is really far too short a period to get anything finished, especially in the absence of microfilming facilities. I am trying to get a typist for the last few days, but even they are hard to come by in this country.

Honor says that she did write to you before leaving Canberra to thank you most sincerely for your kindness in finding us a flat to live in. It sounds lovely and very different to the slum conditions I have here. Accommodation is a chronic problem in Suva; in fact the whole town seems to be rather bursting at its seams. Possibly because I am getting old, it doesn't seem to appeal to me as it used to.

It is mid-winter here and even a bit chilly at times; but it will be different in Honolulu I guess. Which reminds me (why it should I don't know) that one of my main tasks must be to go right through the files of the 'Friend': I see



from your master catalogue of serials that there are several complete sets in Honolulu, but alas not one in Australia.

Looking forward to seeing you and our former haunts once again. I suppose Honolulu shows few signs of island contacts these days, unless one goes out to look for them: though somehow I still think of it always as a little, sleepy South Seas town, with Stevenson jumping on a horse to go and call on the King. Like Miss Judd, I'm afraid I live somewhat in the past.

Yours ever,

J. J. J.



Suva, Fiji,  
7th July, 1958.

H.B.M's Consul,  
Room 568,  
Young Hotel Building,  
Bishop Street,  
HONOLULU, Hawaii.

Dear Sir,

I am a former officer in the British Overseas Service, having acted in a variety of positions in a number of South Pacific Territories, including District Officer, Chief Lands Commissioner and Resident Commissioner in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, Secretary to the Western Pacific High Commission, Agent and Consul in the Kingdom of Tonga, British Representative on Pitcairn Island and Officer in Charge of the Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme. In 1949 I became Deputy Secretary-General and later Executive Officer for Social Development on the South Pacific Commission.

Two years ago, after having lived on some 70 islands in virtually every group of the Pacific, I retired from the service in order to indulge a lifetime ambition to write the history of the South Seas, and I have since been working on this project as Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Pacific History of the Australian National University.

At the moment I am engaged in a survey of the Central Archives of Fiji and the Western Pacific High Commission at Suva but am leaving for Honolulu on the 17th by the 'Oronsay' to work in the archives of the Kingdom of Tonga on Hawaiian contacts with the Pacific Islands.

I should be most grateful if, while I am in Hawaii, I might be permitted to examine pre-1902 archival material at the British Consulate relating to, in particular:-

- (1) the Central Pacific Islands;
- (2) Pitcairn Island;
- (3) the Guano Industry; and
- (4) the immigration of Polynesian labour into Hawaii.

In the hope that you will see your way open to grant this



request, I shall call to pay my respects as soon as I have settled into my flat at 2129 Kamehameha Avenue. Any enquiries addressed to the following will serve to establish my bona fides:-

In Fiji

- (1) His Excellency Sir Ronald Garvey, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., Governor of Fiji; and
- (2) The Hon. P.D. Macdonald, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

In Honolulu

- (3) Miss Margaret Titcomb, Librarian, Bernice P. Bishop Museum.

There are probably many others in Honolulu who remember me as I worked for the U.S. Naval Intelligence at Pearl Harbour during the last war and also attended a six weeks conference at the University of Hawaii.

Some years ago I had an extremely useful history of the Honolulu Consular records, by Paske Smith, but it has alas been stolen from my library. If you have a spare copy in the consulate which you could sell me I should be most grateful indeed.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



I am sorry that I have not another envelope for the enclosure, but I guess that you will not mind.

J.C.

Navua. Hotel.

NAVUA.

July.8. 1958.

Dear Maude.

I was delighted to get your letter, which was forwarded to me here.

I loathe Suva, with all it's rotten way of life, and also had the same difficulty as yourself with regards to accommodation in Suva, so came out here where is lots of fresh air and very much more sunshine than in town. Suva is a most depressing place to me and abounds in all kinds of corruption.

This is just a small new hotel on top of a hill with a splendid view over the Navua river and the sea in the distance. The food is plain but better than the hotels of Suva, where everything is old or tainted. I am a simple eater, but like good fresh food,.

I have heard of Miss Crozier, but have never met her, although a Tongan woman (a noble) asked me if I knew her, when I was last in Tonga. This same Tongan woman coupled the name of Miss Crozier with a life long friend of mine, Lord Armstrong. He was in Canada for some years before he inherited the title, and visited there only last year before Xmas. I cannot remember just what the Tongan woman said about Miss Crozier with reference to Lord Armstrong. Maybe she knows him.

I notice that you will be going to Honolulu about July 12th, and if I do not see you before you go, I will do so when you pass through again.

I have a friend in Honolulu, who is a very fine chap, an entomologist in the Hawaiian government. He has visited many parts of the world in research work, and I am sure that you would like him, and find much in common with him. I would like to suggest that if you have time that you go and look him up, and at the same time give him my regards. His name is:-

Noel. Krausse.  
2437. Parker Place.  
Honolulu.14.

If you do see him, you better speak of me as " Jack Cummings" and mention Tonga where I first met him.

I would come into Suva and see you, but it is so damned difficult to find accommodation that I cannot venture. I intend coming to Suva next Monday, but I fear that you will have left by that time.

In the meanwhile I wish you all the best, and hope that a friendship which I have made with you will long continue, even if we do not see much of each other. I make very few friends, but the friendship is from the heart.

Always sincerely  
*Jack Cummings*  
(J.Cummings)



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CANBERRA

A. C. T.

TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS :  
" NATUNIV " CANBERRA

BOX 4, G.P.O.  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

9th July, 1958

Dear Mr Maude,

Thank you very much for the kind things you had to say about me in your letter of 29th June. It looks as though I shall be here for another few weeks as Jim hasn't finally decided on anyone for the job yet. There are two candidates from Sydney in the running and the University is sending them up either this week or next to be interviewed by Jim. They both sound very good on paper. In the meantime, time marches on!!!! The Department has very kindly decided to give me a party Saturday week at Jim's flat - no speeches I hope!!!!!!!!

I am enclosing herewith some letters (bills!) for Mrs Maude. Perhaps I shouldn't be forwarding them on? Talking of mail, there is a small package here for you from the Department of Photoduplication, University of Chicago Library. If you would like me to forward it on, please let me know, otherwise I shall leave it on your desk.

The report on the future role and organization of our School was finally completed on Friday in order that members of Council would have a week in which to read it. It looks very impressive and you must get Jim to show you a copy on your return. Professor Spate is very proud of his map at the end of it.

The only other news about the Department I can pass on is that our new Scholar, Mr R.G. Crocombe, has arrived and seems a very pleasant sort of chap who should get on well with everyone here. p.t.o.



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You will be pleased to know that we have at long last ordered the CONTOURA, together with 9" CONSTAT Processor complete with all accessories plus foolscap and quarto negative and positive paper and developer.

Best wishes to both Mrs Maude and yourself.

Regards,  
Rae



11th July, 1958.

Messrs Burns Philp and Co., Ltd.,  
Island Agencies Department,  
Bridge Street, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Sirs,

I should be grateful if, as agents for the Western Pacific High Commission, you would kindly obtain the following book and forward to me at Canberra:-

Allan, Colin H., "Customary Land Tenure in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate". Honiara, Western Pacific High Commission, 1957. 25/-.

I see that the work was processed by McTaggart and Cornish, Yagoona, N.S.W., and presume that you either have copies in stock or can readily procure them from Honiara.

I will send a remittance to cover costs on receipt of your account.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



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Telegrams "Natuniv" Canberra

18th July, 1958

Mr H.E. Maude,  
2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII.

Dear Harry,

The Report on the School of Pacific Studies is done and, in the main, accepted by Council. We get our Department of Economics. The New Guinea research proposal is referred back for further consideration of details, though the general idea behind it has wide support. Coombs, as Chairman of Council, has gone out of his way to express his approval of the Report. The only complicating factor is, that some members of Council are dead keen that we should find a "great man" as Director of the School. Melville himself is not very impressed with the feasibility of this, as there are not many such splendid figures in our field of work. However, we are all going through the motions of looking for such a person. The opinion in the School is that we would be happy to have a suitable Director, but that we are not prepared to have anyone who would want to turn our work into lines other than those which we have worked out for ourselves.

The main purpose of this letter is to ask you if you would have a talk with G.H. Kerr who, as I think you know, is applying for the vacant Senior Research Fellowship in the department. You will probably remember that Harold Coolidge told me that Kerr was looking for some financial support to enable him to write a history of Asian (primarily Chinese) immigration into the Pacific Islands. Kerr is a man of considerable experience, who has some knowledge of both Chinese and Japanese. I enclose a copy of a letter from Kerr, in which he sets out his experience. His present address is c/- The Bishop Museum. I am also writing to him and suggesting that he gets in touch with you.

I should be particularly grateful for your impression of him and his plans because, very much to my surprise, Francis West has also put in an application. He says his New Guinea Highlands book is half written and, of course, he has a lot of the material for a study of Sir Hubert Murray. During the next six months he will be on leave from Victoria University, visiting Fiji, American Samoa and Tahiti on a SEATO Fellowship. He would thus come back to us with a large amount



of relevant material and experience. I do not know enough about Kerr to be able to make a very accurate comparison between him and West.

Hoping that all is going well with your trip.

Yours,

Jim Davidson

P.S.

Miss Hurley (alias Mrs Mozley, formerly Mrs Cousins) has applied for a scholarship: she wants to continue her work on the W.P.H.C., to 1895, for a Ph.D. What do you think?

Is Mr M. now part of the past, like Mr C.? Does her capacity for getting, but not remaining, married prejudice steady work? Would she have University House in an uproar with, perhaps, a series of fresh matrimonial adventures?

She sounds very competent, but I have never read anything she has done.



Extract from a letter to Professor J.W. Davidson from Mr G.H. Kerr,  
dated 10th April, 1958

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The proposed study of the movement of continental Asians into the Pacific fits logically into a pattern of interests in which I became involved years ago. I have long been studying the meeting of East and West in the frontier islands along the Western Pacific rim. By adopting Western material culture and technology as she did in the 19th century, Japan identified herself in large degree with the dynamic Western powers, pushing and thrusting towards the continental landmass, and into the islands of the Pacific. In the island world she had considerable success in bringing about social and economic reorganization to support modern technological activity, but her missionary zeal - like ours - was thwarted and frustrated on the continent.

I spent the years 1935-36 in Japan making a study of traditionalism as a conservative force in the national life, noting the agencies and arguments used to resist change, and those which were used to bring about the transformation which set Japan so far apart from her continental neighbours. The results of my enquiry were to have been published at Tokyo by the Hokuseido Press in January 1942, but all was lost in the war.

From August, 1937 to September, 1940 I was in Formosa (with brief excursions through Korea and North China) observing Japan's relatively great success in modernizing a segment of Chinese society, minimizing past association with the continent and creating among Formosans a sense of identity with the modern, Western world through Japan.

In 1940 and 1941 I studied at Columbia University with Sir George Sansom, Carrington Goodrich, Ryusaku Tsunoda and others in the Department of Chinese and Japanese Studies. With the outbreak of war in the Pacific I entered government service, first as a civilian specialist on Formosa at the War Department, and then as a commissioned officer in the Naval Reserve, directing the research and training programme for officers expected to be used in an invasion and subsequent military occupation of Formosa. In the capacity of an Assistant Naval Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in China I was present at the formal Japanese surrender at Taipei in 1945.

Transferring to the Department of State I returned to Formosa to organize and reopen the American Consulate there. As you know, the Formosans begged to be delivered from mainland Chinese rule, or to have at least some form of U.N. or United States protection through a transition period pending the conclusion of a Japanese Peace Treaty, or at least pending the satisfactory settlement of the Chinese civil war on the mainland. They asked for a guarantee that Formosans should form the local island government and that the island should be represented on the mainland, in Central Government affairs, by Formosans properly elected. It was apparent that after fifty years of isolation and re-organization under Japanese control the Formosan people felt a stronger identity of interests with the oceanic world than with the continent.



The massacre of Formosan-Chinese leaders in early 1947 was the Generalissimo's answer to that. I resigned from the Government service at that point.

We had an evil choice to make. If we recognized Formosa as the easternmost point of the rim of continental interests - an off-shore extension of mainland interests, we would permit hostile forces to occupy an important segment of the island chain marking the western Pacific frontier. If we treated Formosa as an island of the Pacific rather than as a segment of the continent, we would expose ourselves to the wrath of the mainland Chinese who dream of restoring the old pattern of Empire and tributary border regions. Until 1950 we chose the first course; since 1950 we have tried to maintain the pretext that politically considered, Formosa is representative of mainland China, while at the same time we have tried to treat it economically and in military matters as if it were indeed the westernmost point on the oceanic frontier. We must expect another "Formosa crisis" before a satisfactory settlement is reached.

From 1947 to 1949 I lectured on Japanese history and the history of Japan's colonies at the University of Washington, Seattle. In 1949 I joined the Hoover Institute at Stanford as a Senior Research Associate, lecturing in Japanese History in the University and directing seminar work having to do with dependent areas in the post-war world. In 1952 I undertook a study of the history of the Ryukyu Islands, with special reference to their relations with Japan and with China and their position in the 19th-century pattern of British, French and American interests vis-a-vis Japan. In 1953-54 I lectured in Japanese history and on the history of Formosa and the Ryukyus at the University of California (Berkeley). Out of this grew the summary review of Okinawan history which is now in the press and is soon to be published by Charles E. Tuttle Company of Tokyo.

I am working on the last chapters of a brief history of Formosa. Again the principal theme is that of an island on the western Pacific frontier, miserably placed at a point upon which continental interests overlap and clash with the interests of the oceanic powers.

I have set this forth here at length because I believe you may be interested to know of the direction and character of my interests and experience.

We know how the Japanese, in their years of strength, found opportunity to exploit the interests and position of their nationals scattered over Asia and the sea islands. I expect that the Chinese government at Peking, in its growing power, will not overlook opportunities to act as spokesman for scattered Chinese communities if it is in Peking's interest to do so.



Having examined the history of continental relations with the off-shore archipelagoes, I now propose to look into the history of Asian movements into the central and southern Pacific.

On consultation with Harold Coolidge and Alexander Spoehr (of the Bishop Museum) I had drawn up a proposal for a two-year undertaking. This would involve a preliminary swing around the perimeter, to touch at administrative and academic centres - the collection of census data, migration records, press notices of coolie cargoes, the records of mercantile companies, mining concerns and plantation organizations and the like - to be followed by on-the-spot investigation of Asian minority settlements in the various island groups.

I have excellent research connections well-established in Japan and in Hongkong. In Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and Fiji I hope to find useful data among the administrative records for dependent territories in which Asians have settled.

Can this range of interests be reconciled to the requirements of a Senior Research Fellowship in the School of Pacific Studies?

I would be prepared to assist graduate students wherever my own background and experience may prove useful. I should like to bring this Formosa study to an end and to publication. I should want to be assured of fairly substantial periods in the field, entailing wide ranging travel among the islands in which significant Asian migration and settlement had taken place.

I do not know how your academic year is divided; perhaps alternate terms in residence at the University and in the field would prove feasible over a three-year period. If the travel funds include passage from Hawaii to Australia the preliminary groundwork in Japan and Hongkong could be done enroute, opening a channel for information to flow to me at Canberra.

Perhaps to forestall misapprehension I should add that although I have studied both the Chinese and Japanese languages, I do not consider myself proficient in them, and would not undertake to direct research in either one.

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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:  
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BOX 4, G.P.O.  
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21st July, 1958

Dear Mr Maude,

Yes, I am still here. You can take this as being definite, I now leave on Friday, 15th August. This will give me a week with the new secretary, Miss McElvenny who, incidentally, hails from Sydney. Jim interviewed her last Thursday and seemed very pleased. I think she will be ideal for the position.

The reason I am writing is that Niel says you have two books of his (one of which is a library book) and a manuscript which he would like back. As his scholarship expires on 15th August, do you think it would be possible to send the books back before then?

The party Jim gave for me on Saturday went off very well indeed. I thought it very good of him to put it on. By the way, I bought a very dainty Noritake dinner set with the money which was collected, and which I don't think I deserved. I was really overwhelmed when told how much they had collected.

I do envy you people in Honolulu right now. The weather has been cold and miserable ever since you left, and everyone seems to have the flu, including my husband. I certainly hope that, when the time comes for me to stay home, the weather improves somewhat.

*kindest regards to Mrs Maude  
and yourself  
Rae*



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
27th July, 1958.

Dear Dick,

We are in Honolulu at last and hard at it from morning to night. The material in the Hawaiian Archives is simply unbelievable; just like Alladin's Cave. And there is much elsewhere too - the Judd correspondence, for instance, on the guano islands, is in the Bishop Museum.

Would you believe it, Kuykendall tells me that the University of Hawaii has the whole of FO/58 on microfilm (about 200 reels, he thought). If they can get it can't we? Do you think there would be any point in my finding out from the University Librarian how they got it, how much of it there is, what it cost, and other pertinent details?

Spoehr is very keen on the Department producing a Journal of Pacific History (he brought up the matter himself, and is willing to do what he can to help). His mother recently brought out a book reproducing Tetens Diary of voyages in the Caroline Islands - I haven't seen it yet but ordered it from Francis Edwards before I left - and now she is working on a History of the House of Godeffroy.

I nearly went blind in Suva, working on the High Commission stuff from 8.30 a.m. to after 10 p.m. seven days a week; and most of the time in a rather bad light. There were a few misunderstandings with Dorothy at first but after a bit she got used to me hanging around; and has even lent me Pts XIII - XVIII of the FO Confidential Prints, which she must have snaffled in England some place. So I am trying to type out all the excerpts I need from them during the evenings: they cover the period July, 1887, to December, 1889, which was quite a critical one as far as the taking over of ~~old~~ Pacific Islands is concerned. If Miss Jacobs won't let us have a look at her set I think I'll write to the FO and ask why one can't be deposited in the National Library for the use of all bona fide research workers: why should kissing go by favour?

But what I wanted to write about was to ask ~~you~~, on behalf of Father O'Reilly, if you would be willing to let him have a review of Beaglehole's "Social Change in the South Pacific" for publication in the Journal of the Societe des Oceanistes? Here is an extract from his letter, which I have told him I am passing to you:-

"Nous donneriez-vous un compte-rendu du livre de Ernest Beaglehole "Social Change in the South Pacific". Cinquante lignes dactylographiees seraient parfaites, signees de vous. Ici personne ne connait les Cook."

I intended to suggest to Golson that you should write a review for the JPS, but he was away when I passed through



Auckland. Honor also tried to see him later but he had gone off again somewhere: I guess he spends most of his time fossicking in old heaps of kitchen refuse, like Emory here.

Friend Beaglehole was on the 'Oronsay' with his wife, en route to study some tribe of Indians in the great South-West. He told me that in general the anthropologists liked the historical parts of his book while the historians liked the

anthropological.

Rae says that she has a parcel for me from Palmer, of the Polynesian Society in Wellington. Would you please have a look at it and if, as I suspect, it contains the proofs of the Bounty article ask her to send it to me by ~~air~~ air-mail? And also please tell her that I am about to write to her myself.

If there is anything I can dig out for you (or anyone else) over here let me know,

Yours ever,

*J.E.M.*



1.8.58

Dear Harry,

Many thanks for yours of the 27th. Herewith the JPS proofs. I didn't know whether you would require your original for checking, so I have enclosed it to be on the safe side - though the airmail charge will be substantially increased.

Your points, seristim. The FO/58 business is fascinating. I wonder how long the U of H has had the film. I think the main factor is whether there is a master copy somewhere or whether an arrangement could be made whereby we bought a copy of UH's. It seems incredible that such a task should have been undertaken without some attempt to break down the cost among several parties (perhaps it was - for several USA outfits??). It would be even more incredible if, once this work has been done, the originals had to be copied all over again for us. The expense would be enormous - far more than the ANU would pay for. The Natl.Lib. would handle it, but the unit in London mightn't get round to it for years - though I've been thinking of an approach to Burmester on the question. Your news suggests that <sup>such</sup> an approach would be easier and more fruitful than I could have hoped. ---- The PRO will not allow its films to be copied without its permission. The UH film may not be an official (or commissioned) PRO film, of course, but I suspect the same restrictions would apply. However, it would be worth checking up to see if the ANU or the NL could secure permission to have a copy made, and if so, whether the cost would be favorable vis-a-vis the cost of refilming the lot. Frankly, I don't see why some pro rata cost would not be advantageous to us and to whoever paid for this film you mention. The joint copying project (NL, Mitchell, etc) cuts unit costs this way, as you know. It isn't likely that we'd get it copied for the mere cost of the copying itself - for as you know, that process is relatively cheap, and even more so in relation to the original outlay, which must have included some labor costs apart from actual filming. However, the cost of copying, plus a pro rata share of the original investment, would still make an attractive proposition. --- I suggest that you see the UH library people, find out if there is a master negative, either in their possession or some one else's, if a deal could be made, reproduction, etc. Once the issue is created, you could write to Burmester at the NL and beg him to pursue it as a means of expediting an essential project at what might prove a reduced cost. Actually, if the expense were higher than we might consider just, yet no more than the NL's London unit would require, the time factor alone would make the line worth pursuing. ---- While you're about it I suggest that you ask the UH librarian if he (or she) knows of other film series available in US institutions - CO 225, for example (High Comm. WP). --- ~~NE~~

About the FO Conf Prints. As you know, I've been meaning to write to my FO friend about the Pacific Islands series. Of course, I haven't. I am convinced that any formal approach to the FO on this subject would have to be handled discreetly. For example, we couldn't say that we know Miss Jacobs has a set, that the FO gave it to her, and that she proposes to put it in the Mitchell some day. I am sure she will let us see hers, but of course, it would be vastly preferable to have our own (I had been thinking of a set for the Dept., but the NL idea is quite as good - probably better). I can put the whole story to my research division friend and, in reply, he can at least advise what line to take - and, perhaps, whether a set is left that we could have. It might be, for example, that an official overture from White (NL) through the Australian Ext. Affairs would be the surest way to arrange it. I can put all these points to this fellow in detail, however. With your prompting I propose to write very soon. It can do no harm. Will let you know the results. I have the full citation of the series so that there will be no doubt about identifying it in my letter.

Yes, I would do the review of Beaglehole's book. The limit of



50 lines is not quite "parfait", but I could manage somehow. At least there would no question of succumbing to the reviewer's disease - "unfortunately, the book is marred by errors. On page 127 the comma is missing after . . . ." etc. Do I await notice from O'Reilly? Will English do? --- As you must know by now, Tony Hooper did the review for JPS. He was very kind.

You probably know that Jean Guiart was through here - or at least, that he was on his way back to the NH's. -- Crocombe has arrived, of course. He will be anxiously awaiting your return. His project will need careful <sup>thought and</sup> preparation before it is manageable. --- You will know, too, I suppose that Gillion was passed. But the trav. scholarship went to someone else. His boss in Perth is now putting him up for the permanent lectureship and hopes to arrange for him to take some initial leave with pay in order to visit India for six months. -- Gunson has been awarded a Brit. Council scholarship and leaves Canberre in a fortnight - and Australia in six weeks. He was being enrolled at London (SOAS) but that may be switched to Cambridge. The completion of his thesis will be held up. -- Come to think of it you may have met Tony Hooper on the ship. He was heading for Harvard about the time you were due to Fiji, and assuming his ship might be yours, I suggested that he look you up. --- You no doubt know that Rae has stayed on longer than anticipated, owing to some delay in getting a replacement. She's been very good about this, for I suspect the delay could have been avoided.

Must close. We are well. Envy you your present environment - not only the research part either. I can think of nothing (of which we know) that you can dig out for us - but you will recognize material of value when you find it. I hope the microfilming facilities are proving satisfactory. If so, my only request would be to have useful stuff (on my account, anyway - Jim isn't around so I don't know about large-scale work) filmed, assuming that that would not detract you from your own interests. In case of doubt, film anyway. As for settlement of cost - I can always send you a dollar cheque on hearing from you. Many thanks. -- Now back to the grind.

All the best to you and Honor.

Yours,

*Beck*

Regards to Don Johnson if you see him.

*P.S. re F.O. Conf. Print and an official N.C. or external affairs approach: if the Mitchell (who presumably doesn't know Miss Jacobs' plans for presently he isn't essentially) were to come in asking for a second set, this could be embarrassing. But if Burmeister were aware of this, while being assured of success re the N.C. alone, he'd see that the arrangement was handled confidentially.*



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
19th August, 1958.

Professor J.D. Davidson,  
Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Box 4 G.P.O., CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Jim,

I have duly seen friend Kerr and had a good talk with him on the subject of his proposed research project on Asian immigration into the Pacific Islands.

As to his capabilities I have no doubt; nor has anyone else I have spoken to, including Spoehr, who is an enthusiastic supporter. He seems to have spent most of his life studying the peoples of the marginal islands - the no-man's-land between mainland Asia and the Pacific Islands proper - so this work would be merely an extension of a subject on which he has already acquired much specialized knowledge.

I should judge Kerr is a natural research type, capable and studious, used to combining field with documentary research and able to write effectively (I have examined his book on Okinawa - just out). In addition he is a very pleasant person, and would be an asset in the Department.

So much to the good. But on the other hand if I understand him rightly (and I have questioned him more than once) the proposed scope of his study does not seem to me to be terribly well worked out. I gather that the main theme is Asian immigration into the Pacific Islands but, no doubt for valid enough reasons, he will be more or less ignoring Indian immigration into Fiji and Indo-Chinese immigration into New Caledonia and the New Hebrides. He is left, therefore, with what boils down to a study of Japanese immigration into the present American Trust Territory and Chinese immigration into French Oceania, Fiji, etc.

I suggest that this is really two quite distinct studies, with but little in common, and that he might be better advised to concentrate on a detailed investigation of either one or the other, but not both. If it is not to be a detailed study of one problem would not the realistic alternative be a general work on all Asian immigration into the area?

But what seems to me to be more important is the fact that his programme of field work - in the Far East, the Trust Territory, Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji (wherever in fact immigrants



came from or emigrants went to) - envisages an expenditure from your Departmental funds probably in excess of the total budget for all of our travelling combined. And he made it clear that he is unwilling to join the ANU unless he has an undertaking that the necessary funds will be forthcoming.

Assuming then, as I guess we may, that Kerr and West are equally competent practitioners, it would seem that the latter might be your best bet since:-

- (i) New Guinea is the School's area of special concentration;
- (ii) the sort of work I imagine West would be engaged on can be done better from Canberra than Kerr's; and
- (iii) Kerr's project will run the Department into large expenditures on travelling and maintenance which might produce more valuable results if spread out rather than lavished on one person.

In brief, I consider Kerr undoubtedly competent to perform the work he has mapped out for himself but feel that its scope is too vast to enable sound detailed scholarship without the expenditure of more time than he appears willing to afford and more money than the University is likely to provide. Like most people over here he seems to think in terms of thousands where we think of hundreds; and if selected I predict that he is going to consider himself distinctly ill-used unless he gets his thousands (much of which would presumably have to be in dollars).

As far as the work is going here I am more than satisfied. The High Commission archives, like those of the Kingdom of Hawaii, have proved virgin fields and considerably more rewarding than I could have hoped. But it has been rather hard work and I shall be pretty exhausted by the time I get on board. My only regret is that I shall not have time to run through critical sections of the FO/58 series, which I expect Dick has mentioned is in the University Library here (in 323 reels). It seems awful to have it so near and yet not be in a position to use it.

How nice that your report on the School went through all right - I knew it would because Rae Matthews was enthusiastic about it in her letters and I have acquired great faith in her judgement. But it must have been a colossal task.

The 'great man' Director idea seems a poor notion to me: he could so easily mess everything up unless he is really 'great'. And in that category who is there but Firth (who presumably is now out of the question). In the academic world no-one: I rather believe Spoehr here might be the best



bet as his range of interests cover both the area and the disciplines nicely and he is excellent on staff relations. Outside the academic world one might do a lot worse than Sir Alexander Grantham - just retired from Hong Kong - who knows the Pacific and Far East as well as anyone and has a keen mind, essentially interested in research.

I met the Vice at a party and had a discussion on the proposed Journal of Pacific History, a subject which appears to interest him. He has given out that the Social Sciences are his main theme this tour, but I trust that he does not intend to select the new Director: a wrong choice could be a major tragedy.

I hope you have signed on Miss Hurley, who sounds an interesting type. Was she the lass who used to work for me and later went to England, got a job in the CO Library and then became personal historical research secretary to Lord Beaverbrook? She was definitely good (I mean Mentally).

Yours ever,



H.E. Maude.



G.A.MOLLER  
Post Office Box 13  
Hellerup  
Denmark  
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August 19, 1958

H.E. Maude, Esq.  
Senior Research Fellow in Pacific History  
Australian National University  
Canberra, Australia.

Dear Sir,

It was with great interest and a feeling of personal experience re-lived that I read your informative article

ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH SEAS  
in the London "Times" of the 5th of this month.

I spent a year -- 1944 -- as navigating officer of an ammunition and troopship along the coast of New Guinea and brought the Japanese prisoners from the Admiralty Islands down to Lae, with a couple of trips in between to Brisbane from Hollandia and Wakde Island. The last place I touched at was Rendova Island -- literally: our skipper ran us ashore.

In civil life I was previously , and am again, a writer, specialising in travel and history, and have for a long time searched for authentic data on post-war New Guinea without success. My eye was therefore caught by your mention of a South Pacific Literature Bureau, which provides technical information and service.

I wonder if it would be possible for you to put me in touch with that -- and any other organization -- in order to obtain whatever official material there might be available about New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands? I should be very grateful indeed. The people of this country know nothing at all about that part of the world.

Languages also being one of my subjects, I am eager to learn something of the history and development of Pidgin-English; I believe there has been some research done by the Unesco in that field, but I have not seen any report of their findings.

Trusting that I am not inconveniencing you too much, and hoping to see another article from your pen very soon,

I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,

G. A. Moller.



P. & O. 'Himalaya',  
7th September, 1958.

Dear Mr Robson,

I'm sorry not to have replied before to your invitation to write up to 2,000 words on my essay on historical reconstruction, "In Search of a Home", which gives a new picture, based on recently rediscovered evidence, of what Fletcher Christian and the mutineers of the Bounty actually did between the mutiny itself and their arrival at Pitcairn Island (a period of just on nine months).

I had not forgotten the matter, but was not worrying because it seemed appropriate that such an article should appear more or less simultaneously with the paper in the Journal itself and I knew from past experience that the June issue would not come out until towards the end of the year.

As far as I know it has not appeared yet - indeed the proofs of my paper reached me a few weeks ago only - but I have, as promised, finished the article, which I have called "New Light on the Bounty Story. The Saga of a Nine Months' Quest". It works out at just under 1,700 words and is not intended as a signed article but rather as an objective epitome of the paper itself (supposedly by a staff writer). But if you would prefer a signed article I can easily turn it into one by changing a few sentences slightly: it would take me under half an hour to prepare the revised copy.

The separate note about the availability of reprints of the full text of the paper is inserted at the (I think reasonable) request of the Polynesian Society; as a quid pro quo, since the article was more of the original text than is usual in a mere review.

I will let you have a typescript of the article when I pass through Sydney en route to Canberra on or about the 16th of this month; also a copy of a map of the 'Bounty's' track criss-crossing the Pacific three times. And if you want any suitable illustrations I can suggest some: there are none in the original paper.

As regards the final paragraph of your letter, in which you suggest a few paras on my plans for historical research, with special reference to the work I have been doing in Hawaii and Fiji, I should be glad to work out a draft when I get home. We have made so many exciting discoveries in the last few months that it is difficult to condense.

I should appreciate it very much if you could glance at an article I wrote on the Pacific Islands for the London Times: it



appeared as a full spread on the editorial page of I think the issue of August 5. Among other things it aimed at getting the British public used to your idea of Pacific Federation which, like Sir Ronald, I am convinced is the only hope for the future of the islands. At the moment I sense that many are frightened of the idea (since it seems something new to them) but if we keep hammering away in journals such as the Times people will gradually come to accept it as a matter of course. My article in that august paper is, of course, anonymous - "by a Special Correspondent", I think - so you may care to quote it in PIM as an example of gradually changing public opinion in the Commonwealth; or rather at its nerve centre.

Hoping to meet you again before too long (I should like to offer a few ideas for a short article on changed Hawaiian attitudes towards the South Seas).

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



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17th April, 1958.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,  
C/- The National University,  
CANBERRA.

Dear Mr. Maude,

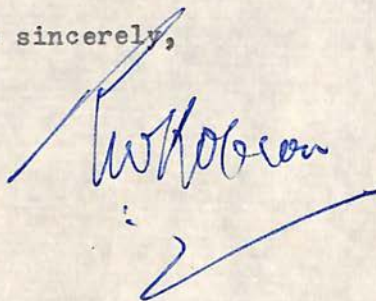
This is just a note to remind you that we should be very glad to have from you an article of up to 2,000 <sup>words</sup> describing the discoveries you made in relation to the wandering of the Bounty after she was seized by the mutineers.

I think you said that an article about the matter would appear in the June issue of the journal of the Polynesian Society. We do not wish to anticipate the publication of that article, but we should like to get a summary of the development for publication as soon as the Polynesian Society's journal appears.

Would it be possible also to get from you a paragraph about the extension of your historical research work and your plan to spend some considerable time abroad?

With my kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Robson', with a long, sweeping underline stroke extending to the right.



P. & O. 'Himalaya',  
7th September, 1958.

Dear Mr Golson,

I do hope that my wife and I may be fortunate enough to catch you in Auckland when we pass through on board the 'Himalaya' on the 13th September: she tells me that you are hardly ever in one place for long!

We should like very much to have an opportunity of discussing publication plans and prospects in the Polynesian Journal. I do not know to what extent you may feel able to offer a home for the growing output of the historians working on the islands, or whether it might be better to start a separate Journal of Pacific History (which would, I hope, work in close liaison with the Society).

Apart from such mundane affairs, however, we should much appreciate being able to meet you personally; and bring you news of the Emorys, with whom we have been consorting of late. Kenneth gave me at the last moment a packet of films which I was to hand to an offsider of yours by the name of Greene (or at least to you for him).

May I also please bother you on one small matter? Mr Palmer in Wellington kindly arranged for a few copies of an article of mine in the June issue of the Journal to be made available to the public in a 'Reprint Series' form.

I am anxious to arrange for a few of these to be on sale at Angus and Robertson in Sydney and propose, having obtained Palmer's consent, that an epitome of the article should appear in the Pacific Islands Monthly. This brief summary ends by saying that the full version appeared in the JPS for June and that copies of the Reprint may be obtained from the Asst-Sec of the Society in Wellington or Angus and Robertson in Sydney. The aim of the exercise is to give publicity to the Polynesian Society and, one hopes, attract some new members.

Could you please, therefore, let me know what would be the price of the Reprints (a) to the public, and (b) to booksellers? I should ask Palmer, I suppose, but he's such a busy person, and I'm sure that as co-Editor you will know the answer too.

My wife is busy editing Emory's Tuamotuan string figures for publication, and it is turning out to be rather a tough assignment. She tells me that she has given you Mrs Jackson's telephone number (as the 13th is a Saturday and the University



exchange will presumably be silent), so we will find out from her if you are in Auckland and free to see us; and if so when and where.

Till then adieu,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H.E. Maude', with a small flourish at the end.

H.E. Maude.





24. 8. 58

The University of Sydney

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thanks for your letter. I was wondering what had happened to your article, but that is quite alright. As you say, 20 000 words would be too long for the Journal - I'm only sorry it will not be more widely read here. Perhaps the Societe' might let you have a few off-prints which could go in the libraries?

Glad the <sup>Hawaiian</sup> Luva<sub>2</sub> archaisms were rewarding - & I hope you find the Consul's reports etc.

Regards

Yours sincerely

Bob Shaw.



10 Donald Street,  
Carlingford, N.S.W.,  
25th August, 1958.

Dear Mr. Maude,

It was good to receive a letter from you while you were enroute to Hawaii. What a busy person you are! I have an idea how you must feel sometimes about all the matter to be collected and arranged. Even when I have been in a book shop on odd occasions and I wish to look at this and read a bit of that (or maybe in a library), I watch the time slipping by and grow fidgety - and perhaps miss lunch altogether in the effort to make the best of the books!

Well, it is nice to know you are working on something really interesting and that will be of great help to many when it is completed.

We had not heard of Roy Sanders' "Our Home." That should have great attraction, especially to anyone who has been to Pitcairn Island or who has met the islanders. Perhaps it will be more widely published some time.

You will have heard most of Pitcairn Island news, as you were in touch with islanders in New Zealand. There was the fire at Bert's home that you may not have heard of, though His home was completely destroyed - through the children playing with matches! They will be sure to receive help from various sources. Miss Blanche Walker, who spent a few weeks on the island, wrote to Myrtle after her return home and said that several islanders had written to her and all had mentioned the fire. She was gathering many things to send. More than £200 was raised for them on the island. And you can imagine that many correspondents will be sending odds and ends to help.

Parkin will be home by now, I guess. He brings an organ that was presented to him for the church - and an engine to generate electricity for the same. He much enjoyed his visit to America as a delegate to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It was a wonderful meeting, of which we are now reading reports that were published in daily bulletins in the "Review and Herald."

It is nearly a month since we received your letter. Mail has been delayed here on account of Myrtle's illness. She made great efforts to catch up with her letters and had them all answered - for the first time in many years! Then down she went with some sickness - in fact, there seemed to be several complaints! She was growing pale and weak, but she would help on the painting of our front fence. That was the last straw. She seemed to have a flare-up of the lead poisoning she had on Pitcairn Island. We called the local doctor, who lives just at the corner of our street. He was a bit puzzled. Myrtle's blood pressure was 240!



Request for Clearance

Name - Henry Evans Maude.

Formerly - Engaged in administration of Pacific Islands territories since 1929.

Among other assignments has been:

British Agent and Consul to the Kingdom of Tonga.

British Representative on Pitcairn Island.

Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

Executive Officer for Social Development, South Pacific Commission.

Presently - Senior Research Fellow in Pacific History, Australian National University ( a non-teaching graduate research institution).

Writing - A regional History of the Central Pacific Islands, including the Gilbert Islands.

Permission sought - to consult material concerning the American Board activities in the Central Pacific area and, in particular, reports and correspondence relating to the enquiries held into the connection of the Rev. Kapu and Nalimu with the 1880 Civil War on Tabiteuea Island.

Honolulu, Hawaii,  
23rd August, 1958.

.....HEM.....



As from: 98 Arthur Circle,  
Forrest, A.C.T.,  
Australia,  
25th August, 1958.

Francis Edwards Limited,  
83 Marylebone High Street,  
LONDON, W.1. England.

Dear Sirs,

Please send the following books to my Canberra address, as above:-

- (1) Wood, H.J. and Wallis, H.M. (Eds.). "The Circumnavigation of Captain Philip Carteret, 1755-9". Hakluyt Society, 2nd series, CXI, 1958.
- (2) Vidal, Ch. "Histoire des mutins de la Bounty et de l'île Pitcairn (1789-1930)". Paris, 1931.
- (3) Vaucaire, M. "Histoire de la pêche à la baleine". Paris, 1941.
- ✓(4) Fabian Colonial Bureau. "Labour's Colonial Policy. III - Smaller Territories". 1957.
- ✓(5) Marriott, E.P.W. "Papua and New Guinea in Pictures. A Book of Elementary Social Studies". Macmillan, ~~1956~~ 1956.
- (6) Hillas, Julian. "I know an Island". London, Hutchinsons, 1943 or 1944.
- ✓(7) Meek, C.K. "Land Law and Custom in the Colonies". London, 1949.
- ✓(8) Worsley, Peter. "The Trumpet shall Sound". London, MacGibbon and Kee, 1957.
- (9) Dulles, Foster Rhea. "The Old China Trade". Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1930.
- (10) Villiers, Alan. "The Coral Sea". (the name of the English publisher is not known here).

I shall be returning to Australia in a few days time.

Yours faithfully,

*S.E.M.*



The Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
Canberra, A.C.T.,  
25th August, 1958.

Beck Book Company Ltd.,  
53 Pulteney St.,  
ADELAIDE, South Australia.

Dear Sirs,

The Librarian at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum has shown me a catalogue of "General Australiana" which she has recently received from you.

In it I find the following items which I should be glad to purchase if still available:-

31 LADY BRASSEY; 64 CARRUTHERS; 65 BESANT; 77 DIAPEA;

170 MILNE; 176 MUSPRATT; 226 VERSCHUUR; 281 BROWN;

315 CRAWFORD; 379 LETT; 380 LETT; 433 READING.

Please send me any catalogues listing items on the Pacific Islands which you may issue from time to time, as I have probably the largest private library in Australia of South Sea books and am constantly adding to it. I shall be returning to Canberra in a few days.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
25th August, 1958.

Dr A.M. McBriar,  
University of Melbourne,  
CARLTON, N.3., Victoria,  
Australia.

Dear Dr McBriar,

Thank you for letting me have the pork article back. It arrived safely and I should have acknowledged its receipt before this, but I find it difficult to write when constantly on the move as I have been for some time.

Hawaii is quite a treasure house of material on the South Pacific and I am unearthing far more than I had expected. Fortunately there are good facilities for microfilming and photostating, and what I cannot get on to film I am dictating on tape.

As a new boy in the field of historical research I keep wondering how one managed before the advent of film.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



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20th June, 1958.

Mr. H. E. Maude,  
c/o Central Archives of Fiji & W.P.H.C.,  
Private Bag, G.P.O.,  
SUVA. Fiji.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for your letter explaining the situation of your article. Professor Graham did not mention the fact that it had already been offered to another journal. Historical Studies does not as a rule print articles or translations of articles which have already been published elsewhere, but our editorial board would probably allow a translation of an article first printed by us to appear in another journal. As you have promised the article to the Journal de la Societe des Oceanistes no doubt you should proceed with it.

I am sorry there has been some delay in returning your article: I had to get it back from one of our readers.

Yours sincerely,



(A. M. McBRIAR)  
Acting Editor



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
25th August, 1958.

Dr Murray Groves,  
Department of History,  
Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T., Australia.

Dear Murray,

Thanks for your letter. I will do my best to work out the paper you want, though I can't quite agree with you that all I need do is to sort out the parts of my talk on the Gilberts and string them together. From what I remember several parts of the address were highly libellous and could run into substantial damages if published unretouched.

Here the volume of material to be collected is quite unbelievable and we are both flat out recording on film, tape and typewriter from noon to night. So any digression here would scarcely be possible; but I hope to have some time on the voyage back.. Though there again someone has lent me several issues of the Foreign Office Confidential Print series and I want to use most of my time taking notes on these before sending them back.

It is fortunate that the 'Beach at Waikiki' is such a ghastly place these days; so there is no temptation from that quarter at least.

I hear that all has gone well with your New Guinea plans and sincerely hope that it is the case,

Yours,  
*JLM*



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Telegrams "Natuniv" Canberra

11th July, 1958

Mr H.E. Maude,  
2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII.

Dear Mr Maude,

We hope to publish soon two symposia containing papers read to our seminar on "Techniques of Administration", and later perhaps a third. The first two would be entitled something like "Problems of District and Local Administration" and "Race Relations in the South-west Pacific".

I am wondering whether you could write up the parts of your seminar that dealt with administration in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands for inclusion in the first of the two symposia mentioned above, which we hope may contain the following:

- (1) Introduction by Jim Davidson.
- (2) Your paper on the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.
- (3) A paper by Derek Freeman on district administration in Sarawak.
- (4) A paper by me on Hanuabada and Tolai local government councils.
- (5) A paper by Jim on local government in Samoa.

I have no doubt that you are very busy, but as we really need to get these symposia under way by September, and as we are most anxious to include your interesting material on the Gilberts, could you possibly find time to prepare something for us by September? All you need to do, really, is to sort out those parts of your paper which dealt with the Gilberts, and put them together.

If you do not have with you the text of the paper you read to the seminar, perhaps you could tell us where to dig it out and we could send it to you.

With best wishes to Mrs Maude and yourself,

*Yours sincerely,  
Murray Grew*



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
25th August, 1958.

Dear Jean,

It is really most remiss of me not to have written before to thank you very and truly for all your many kindnesses to me when in Suva and particularly for seeing that I did not have to sleep in the Botanic Gardens for even a single night.

How you bore with my constant chopping and changing, not to speak of my general bad temper, behaviour and language is a marvel; but I suppose that when one works for Paddy one gets used to what are known in the academic world as 'lowered standards' and I must have really seemed by contrast a model of protocol and etiquette.

And then I had at least intended to say good-bye, but that really was your fault. To get a childrens' disease at your age is rather ridiculous; though I'm bound to say that I was past 40 when I first had it (or is it them).

Here we work and work; Fiji seems an idle picnic. Some of the material I copy, most I have put on microfilm or verifax and the rest I dictate on to tape which will mean many weeks of typing when I get home. But as you can imagine there is a lot to get down by some means or other. We both work solidly from 8.30a.m. to 9.30p.m. and feel pretty exhausted at the end, it being summer here.

Living cheaply is a distinct problem in the most expensive city in the world, but we are managing it by dint of buying in the Supermarket, eating in Drug Stores and travelling by bus. I feel quite respectful towards the bus drivers when I think that they earn more than the Col. Sec., Fiji; but probably quite rightly, when one comes to think of it.

Which reminds me that if you are still working for Mr Macdonald you might mention to him that I have not forgotten my undertaking to let him know the terms and conditions which would induce me to grace the Government of Fiji by clearing up the mess they are making over the Rambi Island lands. But on thinking things over I feel that it would be ethically wrong for me to put pen to paper until I have discussed the matter with my immediate boss, Professor Davidson to wit. And I would rather not do this until I hear whether the Banabans (and this means Rotan) fall for the idea or not. But I expect that by the time I pass through Suva on the 10th September PDM will have been to Rambi and had an opportunity of sounding out the local yokels.

We have not been 'on the Beach at Waikiki' as yet,



believe it or not, but did go to a Cinerama show: stereoscopic, with 3 projectors on a screen  $\frac{1}{2}$  round the theatre; with stereophonic sound (whatever that may mean). It was all so realistic that one was scared stiff most of the time, clutching at the seat up in a plane and desperately sea-sick on board ship (the ushers rushing round with paper bags).

I must get back to the work, I guess, but I feel better now I have thanked you for being so good to me. Without your assistance I should have gone back to New Zealand by the end of the first week. As I shall probably not be able to see you during the few hours the 'Himalaya' is due to be in Suva I am handing a piece of Honolulu which I picked up for you to Paddy so please extract it from him in due course, or he may go giving it to some girl friend.

Hoping the mumps are nicely over and have not disfigured you for life,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
23rd August, 1958.

Mr A.L.G. McDonald,  
Librarian, Australian National University,  
Acton, CANBERRA, A.C.T.,  
Australia.

Dear Mr McDonald,

Thank you for your two letters about the three queried items on my Microfilm Request List. I have been trying to find out the answers here but I'm afraid without any success, so matters must perforce wait over until my return.

As regards the New York Tribune list of guano islands, I have ascertained that the list was "dated at Washington, March 5, 1858" (the Friend, April 20, 1859) and that it was published in the Tribune "on or about March 5, 1858" (Paradise of the Pacific, September, 1939), so the truth probably is that it did not reach the Tribune until March 6 or 7. How long did it take to get from Washington to New York in 1858?

The other two references were obtained, I'm almost sure, from early numbers of either the Nautical Magazine or the Naval Chronicle and there are no copies of either here though I did, to my surprise, come across a fine set of the Gentleman's Magazine right back to the 18th century in a private home. But there is no immediate hurry for these, and I will check on my return.

Many thanks for obtaining the remainder of my requests. I am looking forward particularly to the article on the sandalwood trade published, for some unknown reason, in the wolds of Canada.

What a wealth of material there is here on the early history of Hawaiian contacts with the Pacific Islands. We are working day and night on recording as much as possible on verifax, microfilm and tape. I find tape, at \$2.40 for an hour's dictation, much quicker than typing; though it will mean many tedious hours of typing later on.

Do you think there is any chance of the University getting a Microfilm Reader-Printer as on the attached sheet? I should certainly use it a great deal for one, and I imagine others would too. Please pass it to Dick Gilson when you have finished with it, as he might well be interested.

Yours sincerely,  
*J.L.M.*



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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:  
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29th July, 1958.

Mr. H.E. Maude,  
2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
HONOLULU. HAWAII.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Could you please be so kind as to re-check the following two references:

1. Felix Farlees Bristol journal for March, 11th, 1820. Letter from John Adams of Pitcairn Island to his brother, dated January 18, 1819, together with any other data or observations on Pitcairn published with it.

According to the sources available at our library this journal was published under various titles only from 1743-1809, but your reference quotes the year 1820.

2. Forster's Magazine, V. 1, pp. 200-206  
"The account of Captain Gilbert's discoveries in the Gilbert Islands."

We would like to know its publisher, place and year of publication. We could not find this entry in any of our reference books.

We have asked the New York Public Library to supply us with microfilms of these two references, but it did not possess these publications.

Yours sincerely,

*A.L.G. McDonald*

(A.L.G. McDONALD)

*H* Librarian.

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CANBERRA, A.C.T.  
17th July, 1958.

Mr. H.E. Maude,  
2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
HONOLULU. HAWAII.

Dear Mr. Maude,

In our endeavours to obtain microfilm copies of the various references you left with Mr. Stockdale we have received the following comment from the New York Public Library. We requested from them a microfilm of the New York Tribune - List of Guano Is. March 5, 1858. To this request they have replied "Please verify, cited list of Guano Islands does not appear in the March 5th issue". Would you please let me have any additional information you may have which would clarify the reference.

Practically all the other items you required have been quoted at quite low prices, totalling in all only about \$10.00, I have, therefore, confirmed our orders and the microfilms should be received before your return.

Yours sincerely,

*A.L.G. McDonald*

(A.L.G. McDONALD)  
Librarian.



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
23rd August, 1958.

Dear Dorothy,

I have been meaning to write and thank you for all your kindness in looking after me in Fiji and for keeping me fed with such a constant supply of interesting material that the time seemed to fly by.

Here too there has been a frantic amount to get through and its another case of 8.30a.m. to 9.30p.m. Not having your indomitable will power I feel quite exhausted at times and long for sleep.

We have finished (more or less) the archives of Hawaii, which was unbelievably rewarding; the Bishop Museum; the Hawaiian Historical Society; the Mission Children's Society; but still have to deal with the Consular archives. I have concentrated on a few main themes, such as Guano; mission work and labour recruiting in the Gilberts; the 1820 Boki sandalwood expedition to the New Hebrides; the 1855 Hawaiian Protectorate over Sikiana; the Manini expedition to Wallis Island and completing my bibliographic cards on the Central Pacific.

I suppose Hawaii is today the most expensive place to live in that the world boasts, but we are managing on not much more than it would take in Australia; by dint of living largely on fruit and vegetables which we buy in the Supermarket and travelling only by bus. Lunches we eat at a corner drugstore for under half the price at a restaurant but when we feel wealthy we go to the Y.W.C.A. and spend a dollar each at the cafeteria.

We have talked over the possibility of stopping over in Suva on the way back but for a variety of cogent reasons find it just not possible; despite your very kind offer of house room. Next year, perhaps, but right now the drill seems to indicate getting some of our newly acquired knowledge on paper before everything fades. At present some of it is in notes, and some on verifax; but most is on microfilm or tape; both of which will require weeks of transcribing.

I am more than ever anxious to see your indexes and calendars published and, if you are still of the same mind, intend to set about effecting it as soon as I get back. I have the list and think the best initial move will be for me to write to Firth telling him the truth, i.e. how impressed I have been with the prodigious work you have put into the archives and above all in recording the wealth of material that it contains, and asking if he can suggest how best your record can be reproduced for



for the benefit of all interested in Pacific studies (possibly by Colonial Social Science Research Fund grant).

I do hope that in the meantime you are keeping the goal of writing a history of the W.P.H.C. in the foreground. The more I think of it the more I feel that you are essentially the person to do this. Admittedly I had once thought that a woman would find it difficult to appreciate the sort that made the traders and officials of the earlies, but you have a masculine feeling towards the tough life and open-air adventure that makes you the exception. So please go at it when you can.

We shall be passing through Suva, per 'Himalaya', on the 10th and I hope to see you when I come up to the archives to collect the swag of typing which I trust our friend has finished: probably in the morning as I believe I am due to have lunch with Mrs Snodgrass and that the ship leaves again in the early afternoon. I have also to return Mr Kerkham's letter to you, which I see that I still have despite your reminder, and one or two books. May I please keep your F.O. Prints till I reach Australia as I have not yet finished typing out the extracts I need: I promise faithfully to send them back pronto. I am still trying to locate your Conklin 'Endura' but so far people just gape: there is evidently a fashion in pens as in everything, and Conklin is out.

I really don't believe that in years I have written to anyone except under compulsion so you should consider yourself most honoured. But seriously I am fully aware that if you had not been so kind to me when I was down and out in Suva, and let me have open slather at your records, I should have got nowhere (except the Botanical Gardens) and done nothing: actually I should have left for New Zealand at the end of the first week.

Here in the relative luxury of Honolulu one realizes that the physical conditions of life in Suva are pretty sordid, and no credit to the British. How you've stuck it for so long beats me.

Anyway many thanks for all and you can be assured that I shall extol your work on the archives to all in Australia and elsewhere - as indeed I have here.

Hoping that all goes well with you, Mary, Pauline, and of course Andi.

Yours,

*John*



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
23rd August, 1958.

Dear Miss Conrad,

We were so sorry that we arrived back at the Archives just 10 minutes after you had left on your last visit so were unable to thank you personally for the wonderful help you have been to us in our quest for material on Hawaiian contacts with the South Seas.

Since you departed we have been working at the Bishop Museum and the HHS-HMCS Libraries; the University Library proved a wash out (its Pacific collection is negligible) and we have still the Consulate to do.

But the great thing is that by the end of the week we should have got most everything done that we hoped to do (one never really finishes, of course) and this has only been possible thanks to your very positive assistance and encouragement, which went so far beyond anything we could have expected or even hoped for.

Toomorrow or the next day we are handing in our second (and final) list of microfilming requests: well under 100 items this time; and will pay in advance as you suggested: if there is any balance owing I can easily remit the necessary from Canberra or Miss Titcomb (of the Bishop Museum) can hand you direct, as she keeps a permanent balance of dollars here for us.

With the microfilm list (but separate) I am including a short second list of HMCS material for microfilming; only about a dozen items, I think, as we did not want you running a removal van service between the two libraries. Miss Judd has really been most co-operative ever since you spoke to her about filming our material.

What a great place for working in Hawaii is and I wish we could spend months and months hunting for treasures. But alas one must return to old haunts; which reminds me that if you ever want archival or library searches made in Australia or New Zealand, microfilms or photostats made and the like, please don't hesitate to write to me. I know where to look over there and enjoy the hunting.

Again many thanks for making our work in the archives so



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pleasant and rewarding and we hope that you are having ever such a happy holiday on the mainland.

Yours sincerely,

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

H.E. Maude.



# The Australian National University

CANBERRA

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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:  
" NATUNIV " CANBERRA

BOX 4, G.P.O.  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

August 11th.

Dear Mr Maude,  
Michael has just received a letter from A. G. L. Shaw, asking him if he knew of your whereabouts. He has been expecting an article from you on the pork trade. Rae remembers typing it some time ago, so we wonder if it could have gone astray.

I hope that you are enjoying the warmth & the beaches.

Best wishes to Mrs Maude & yourself from us both,

Margot Roe.

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Answered by  
Portland.  
23.8.58.

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2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
23rd August, 1958.

The Librarian,  
Honolulu Star-Bulletin,  
125 Market Street,  
HONOLULU, Hawaii.

Dear Sir,

As a full-time specialist engaged in writing historical studies on the Pacific Islands I have been sent here by the Australian National University (a wholly graduate research institution) to work on material connected with Hawaiian contacts with the South Seas.

In the course of this research (for the most part conducted at the Archives) I have had occasion to microfilm many news items taken from the Star-Bulletin, which is of course an invaluable source of information on most of the subjects on which I am engaged.

As I am about to leave Hawaii on return to Canberra I am writing to enquire if by any chance there is, either in Australia or New Zealand, some institution, organization or private individual possessing files of your paper (past or current). If there is, and the possessor should be willing to allow me reasonable access, it would save so much tedious and expensive reference to Honolulu each time one becomes necessary.

Hawaiian contacts with Sydney when Charles St Julian and John Webster were Consuls-General were closer than today, as they were with the whole South Pacific, so I am hoping that you may have had subscribers somewhere in the antipodes during the last century, even if no longer.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii,  
23rd August, 1958.

The Librarian,  
The Honolulu Advertiser,  
605 Kapiolani Boulevard,  
HONOLULU 2, Hawaii.

Dear Sir,

As a full-time specialist engaged in writing historical studies on the Pacific Islands I have been sent here by the Australian National University (a wholly graduate research institution) to work on material connected with Hawaiian contacts with the South Seas.

In the course of this research (for the most part conducted at the Archives) I have had occasion to microfilm probably hundreds of news items taken from the Advertiser, which is the most valuable single source of information on many of the subjects on which I am engaged.

As I am about to leave Hawaii on return to Canberra I am writing to enquire if by any chance there is, either in Australia or New Zealand, some institution, organization or private individual possessing files of your paper (past or current). If there is, and the possessor should be willing to allow me reasonable access, it would save so much tedious and expensive reference to Honolulu each time a reference becomes necessary.

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Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu, 14, Hawaii,  
23rd August, 1958.

The Managing Director,  
Pacific Chemical and Fertilizer Company,  
311 Pacific Street,  
HONOLULU, Hawaii.

Dear Sir,

As a full-time specialist engaged in writing historical studies on the Pacific Islands I have been sent here by the Australian National University (a wholly graduate research institution) to work on material connected with Hawaiian contacts with the South Seas.

One of the main undertakings on which I have been engaged is the compilation of a detailed history of the American Guano Industry in the Central Pacific Islands, which lasted from about 1858 to 1878. I know these islands intimately, and have lived on all for varying periods.

More than one contact in Honolulu has advised me to get in touch with your firm as the successor to the various American guano companies which formerly operated in the Central Pacific (the United States, American, Phoenix and Pacific Guano Companies) and as likely to possess historical data relating to the period of guano exploitation in the area.

I do this with some diffidence, as I am well aware that few people in busy commercial concerns have the time for, or interest in, historical matters; I am assured, however, that the Pacific Chemical and Fertilizer Company is different in that there are, or were, at least two members of the senior staff with a knowledge and interest in the history of the guano trade.

I shall be in Honolulu until the 3rd September, when I leave for Australia again on the 'Himalaya', and could come to the Company's office or elsewhere at short notice any time between now and then.

I have a certain amount of information on the old Pacific Guano Company, including their booklet on the history of its operations



issued in 1876. I understand, however, that you are not a successor to this concern, which worked the guano deposits on Howland Island.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H.E. Maude', with a small flourish at the end.

H.E. Maude.



As from: 2129 Kamehameha Avenue,  
Honolulu, Hawaii,  
19th July, 1958.

Mr F.P. Ward,  
10 Donald Street,  
CARLINGFORD, N.S.W.

Dear Mr Ward,

Once again my correspondence has got into a hopeless state of arrears: this time because I have been working in the archives at Suva from 8 in the morning till 10 at night 7 days a week: trying to straighten out the history of the Central Pacific from the original correspondence covering the period 1875 to about 1900.

Honor spent the time in New Zealand and we have now joined each other on this ship - the "Oronsay" - en route to Honolulu, where we hope to work for 6 weeks in the local archives and libraries. There is so much original material to be obtained and so little time to collect it in that often I cannot help but feel lost and wondering how I am going to get the picture ever sorted out. As the missionaries were apt to remark: "If only there were more workers in this field what could be done".

Many thanks for all the news of Pitcairn, which we both much enjoyed, and also for sending on the information from Andrew, which is just what was wanted. The Gazeteer has been delayed once again: this time because I have been reading Roy Sander's thesis on Pitcairn sociology entitled "Our Home".

This very interesting study does not contain any material in the text on place-names, but curiously it does have three maps of the island which give rather complete lists of them. And as far as I could see from the copy lent to me at Suva, there are several that we have not yet got.

So I am going to try and borrow a copy of Sanders' work (there are, I believe, only 4 or 5 typescripts in existence) and see what is missing. Even if one cannot find out the exact identification of all the place-names at least one can reproduce the author's maps (with acknowledgments to him).

I am sorry that the final publication date of this Gazeteer



seems to fade constantly into the remote future, but I suppose it is better to strive for completeness (not that one ever gets it) rather than speed.

Anyway, it will be published some day, I promise, and meantime I am most grateful to you for your invaluable assistance, without which it certainly would not be.

Yours very sincerely,

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

H.E. Maude.





THE SECRETARIAT  
SUVA, FIJI

8th May, 1958.

Sir,

I would thank you for your letter of the 5th May if it were not for the fact that it is both rude, impertinent and inaccurate. You correctly quote me in saying "There is no copy of this (my earlier) letter being put on file". It is a pity that you do not seem to understand the Queen's English. Doubtless you have read so much that your mind is now thoroughly befogged or your eyesight is failing. The operative words in the quotation are, of course "on file", by which is meant an official file. Knowing what a slippery customer you are (having been trained under you as a cadet in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands) you will appreciate that after 26 years in the Service I am not such a fool as not to make copies of letters which I send to you.

I now revert to the hotel situation. This is critical since Pacific bowlers are descending upon Suva in large numbers during the second half of June, with the result that all the hotels are fully booked. However, Jean has managed to get you accommodation at the Defence Club until the 26th June, and thereafter at the Metropole Hotel. The Defence Club will, however, only give you tea and toast in the early morning and you would have to get your meals elsewhere, i.e. at the Metropole, which would seem simplest since you will be going to live there later on. I am sorry but that is the best we can do for you as all the reasonable hotels are full and you would certainly not wish to stay at one like the Garrick which, now that Fijians and Indians no longer have to have permits to drink beer, is rather a bear garden. Remembering from Butaritari how you used to see ghosts which did not exist but which you alleged used to visit the ice chest at nights, I have been very careful to ensure that a schizophrenic like you does not have to share a room.

As for your catty remarks about me in the "Mariner's Mirror", how on earth do you think I lost 23 lbs. in weight if I did not do some digging for these things which I was excavating? But quite apart from that aspect I am happy to say I can bowl you out completely since I have some colour photographs of myself swinging a pick.

Your Miss Crozier has now loaned me that footling article called "Sovereignty over Christmas Island". I had hoped that, since 7 months had elapsed since I last saw you, you may have done some more work but unfortunately that is not the case.



As regards Diamond, we eventually heard from Cowan that he recommended him and we immediately telegraphed the Secretary of State informing him that, unless we heard from him to the contrary by the 10th May, we would offer Diamond the post. I have not heard from the Secretary of State so far and so I hope all will be well.

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*Handwritten signature*



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6th August, 1958.

Mr. H.E. Maude,  
Australian National University,  
The Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Box 4 G.P.O.,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11th July, 1958, asking that we obtain for you a copy of the book "Customary Land Tenure in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate" and advise that as we have not a copy of the book on hand we are requesting the Chief Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, Honiara, to forward a copy of the book direct to you.

Yours faithfully,  
for BURNS PHILP & COMPANY LIMITED.

*J. H. Maude*  
*Best regards*





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Monsieur Henry Evans MAUDE  
The Australian National University  
Dept. of Pacific History  
Box 4 G.P.O., Canberra, A.C.T. Australie

Monsieur,

Nous vous remercions de votre <sup>lettre</sup> du 3 Juin ~~abus~~ annonçant l'envoi d'un versement de Fr. 9.200 francs pour couvrir le montant de vos cotisations à la Société pour 1957 et 1958,, ainsi que l'achat de deux de nos Publications.

Par ce même courrier nous vous faisons l'envoi de :  
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1 ex. Hébridais, répertoire bio-bibliographique des Nouvelles-Hébrides, par P. O'Reilly.

Nous prenons bonne note de vous adresser à leur parution les bibliographies de l'Océanie pour 1956 et 1957.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de nos sentiments distingués.

La secrétaire

*B. Guyonard*





Ref. 502

British Consulate,  
Honolulu. T.H.

21. July, 1958

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for your letter of July 7. I look forward to meeting you; when you have moved in please give me a call on the telephone. The office number is 56185.

Yours sincerely,

*Beryl M. Evans.*

*for* (J. W. S. Corbett)  
H. M. Consul.

Mr. H. E. Maude,  
2129 Kamehameha Ave.,  
Honolulu. T.H.



3653 Tantalus Drive  
Honolulu 14  
Hawaii

Dear Hona and Harry,

A friend in Ponape, Mus. Carlos Escheit, is coming through Honolulu at the beg end of April, and would like to stay with me for three days before going on to California to be with his daughter, who is in "Layus", being pregnant, and an "R# negative and R# positive" marriage having been made.

I hope this does not happen to be the time when you will be coming. I hope my house will be free to receive you. Not knowing yet just when you will be coming, I have said yes to Simone Escheit's request to stay with me for that short period.

My best to you,

Margaret

March 14, 1958





DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ISLANDS EDUCATION OFFICE,  
WELLINGTON, N.Z.

8 September 1958

Mr H.E. Maude,  
C/o Department of Pacific History,  
The Australian National University,  
Box 4, G.P.O.,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.,  
Australia.

Dear Mr Maude,

I have just received a letter from Mr C. McKay. In his letter he mentions that you had written to him from Hawaii asking whether he could obtain a copy of the nature study book recently published by this section.

I was pleased to hear of you again and I am forwarding a copy of the book under separate cover which I would like you to accept with my compliments.

As it will be used by local teachers, whose knowledge of English is often limited, only the simplest English has been used. It has not been easy to express scientific terms in simple English but it was essential for the author to express scientific facts in everyday terms which Island teachers would understand.

By interesting teachers (and through them the children) in nature study and simple agricultural topics, we may lead them to a more tolerant conception of agriculture as an occupation. Perhaps in a small way the book may make a contribution to this ideal.

I should be grateful to hear from you about the reception to the book in Hawaii and your own opinion with regard to the usefulness of publications such as these for the islands.

I have been gratified by the reception given to two books translated into Samoan - King Solomon's Mines and The Black Tulip. These have been selling well, both in Pago Pago and Apia.

Incidentally, you may be interested to hear that Pitcairn Island School has now been handed over to an S.D.A. teacher from Australia and is no longer in our sphere of influence.

Yours sincerely,

*F.R.J. Davies*  
F.R.J. Davies

Officer for Islands Education

FRD'JAD



P. & O. 'Himalaya',  
11th September, 1958.

Mr J.H. Taylor,  
Alexander Turnbull Library,  
Bowen Street,  
WELLINGTON, New Zealand.

Dear Mr Taylor,

For at least a month past I have been itching to write and ask if you have any correspondence or other manuscript material in the Turnbull Library on:-

- (i) Charles St. Julian - once Hawaiian Consul-General in Sydney and later Chief Justice in Fiji;
- (ii) John Webster - of 'The Last Cruise of the Wanderer' fame, who followed St. Julian as Hawaiian Consul-General; and
- (iii) J.L. Young - a prominent Pacific Islands entrepreneur during the early part of this century.

I am writing a paper on Benjamin Boyd's Pacific Confederacy and the Hawaiian Protectorate over Sikiana (c.1850) and have succeeded in obtaining a good deal of documentation in the Archives of the Kingdom of Hawaii at Honolulu.

St. Julian and Webster were up to the hilt in the Sikiana business but at a critical stage in the proceedings Webster departed to live in New Zealand, taking much of the correspondence on the deal with him. It seems to me possible that you may know where his personal papers are housed?

As regards J.L. Young, after a long search I traced his son in Australia who told me that for some time before his death Young was engaged in writing his memoirs (or at least collating his papers) and the son thinks that they may have been deposited in the Turnbull Library.

I have just had a fascinating month in Fiji working in the newly-opened Western Pacific High Commission archives,



followed by six weeks in Honolulu on early Hawaiian contacts with the Pacific Islands. When historians begin to realize what there is in Suva they will be standing in a line waiting to get in; meanwhile I am glad to be able to have a first pick at some of the treasures.

When I get home I am hoping to work out a scheme for microfilming the High Commission records to 1907 as a co-operative undertaking to be shared by the Bancroft Library of California, the University of Hawaii, Harvard University, the Mitchell and National Libraries in Australia and probably a few more (up to say 10). This would cut costs to a minimum and make it quite an attractive proposition. Do you think that any institution in New Zealand (the Turnbull Library, for example) would be interested in joining in? We could cut down the bulk by not duplicating material in the British F.O.58 series, which is already on microfilm (in 370 reels).

I have asked Golson if I may have a talk with him on JPS publication policies when we pass through Auckland in a few days time. They have kindly accepted an article I wrote on the Bounty and Pitcairn history but I am not sure to what extent they are now interested in anything except technical papers by professional anthropologists. I know that I am biased, but I feel some of these may have a rather limited appeal.

Nevertheless, as the editors are anthropologists I do not know how kindly they would take to such recent papers of mine as 'The Tahitian Pork Trade: 1800-1830' or 'Spanish Discoveries in the Central Pacific: a Study in Identification'. I feel that you would like them; but I suppose that you have no say in editorial matters these days and it is no use sending you manuscripts?

It is difficult for a perennial enthusiast like myself to be objective, but I would be willing to bet on an increased membership to the Society if it moves with the times and begins to publish more on the utterly fascinating history of the Pacific, which I find is of interest to the specialist and non-specialist alike.

But enough of my meanderings. I trust all goes well with you and look forward to coming to work at the Turnbull in a few months time and to renewing old times,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



PS. In Suva they have yet a new Library Committee working on your report (a copy of which is one of my more treasured possessions). Perhaps it has truths for all time: at all event I found it far from buried.

*slm.*



c/o Fijian Office

SUVA

13 9 59

Dear Harry,

Herewith the text of the broadcast. I think even PIM would see the point of the rigger match; and whatever else it is, it isn't mumbo-jumbo. Of course there are people up here who could do the job, but then they're doing their own jobs; and besides that, there is the very considerable tactical advantage of getting in an outsider free from local cliques prejudices & personal tangles...however.

I was ~~very~~ glad indeed to meet you - it did my morale a lot of good on the one point I was worried about. As it happens there are signs of rents in the Tapa Curtain already.

Job itself going very well - I haven't worked & enjoyed work like this for years. My first village yesterday - most interesting - learnt things already I would never have got from documents or talking with Fabians. Beginning to doubt if "the Fijian" (that lovely abstraction) is quite so unique or quite so devoid of common sense as Fabian theory demands. It's a lovely excuse for fatalism.

Dorothy still in flat spin - not quite so bad tho. The poor dear keeps trying to feed me with Secret History of Cluase 4 from Archives - doubtless she would agree after all her archiving that the Secret History of today cancels out last century's, but of course she doesn't know the files (red ones) that Paddy piles on me. Some of them make my hair stand on end. Encouraging as a hint...

all the best

Oskar



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Literature Bureau,

BOX 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

15th September, 1958.

Dear *Harry,*

You have been mentioned to me as a most reliable, and I hope willing, source of suggestions and material for the proposed South Pacific Commission "Pacific Reader".

No doubt you had thought that the Pacific Reader would never again cross your path; and for that matter there was no reason for you to think that I should ever again cross your tracks. If this double meeting is welcomed by you I shall be most grateful.

You will surely not be able to deny your extensive first-hand knowledge of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and many others as well. I also know that your interest in, and devotion to, the Pacific Islanders will not allow you to refuse this abrupt request. I can only hope that the duties of your present position will allow just a little time for you to give us the benefit of your experience and opinions.

... Attached is the outline of the four sections which it has ultimately been decided to retain. A draft of Section I has already been done.

Mr. C. McKay (N.Z. Commissioner) has sent in some 18 typed pages of well arranged, and useful material on Western Samoa - or mostly on Western Samoa. I have also drafted a letter to Jean Guiart who is familiar with New Caledonia, the Loyalty Islands, and New Hebrides, I believe.

I shall be presumptuous enough to give you a lead as to what may be helpful.

Mr. H. Maude,  
Flat 4,  
98 Arthur Circle,  
FORREST. A.C.T.



1. Any facts about any territory of the Pacific which you consider are "high lights" or "musts" in such a book. They need only be alluded to in a summarized form. Please do not feel that you are required to write such material up in a finished form. Brief headings will be adequate.
2. The titles of a few of the most useful books - books which are not too technical.
3. Any good source of pictures of any area.
4. The names of any persons who would be likely to be willing and able to co-operate with us in this project.
5. Briefly any suggestions which you think will help.

With that I leave it with you.

Bruce goes to the Session next week, and later he is to relieve Dick Seddon, your successor. Then Bruce goes on furlough, so we are not to see much of him during the next 9 - 12 months. We are still stationed at 28 Lower Boyle Street.

I retired from Rarotonga to join the Literature Bureau, and in spite of my love for the restful Cooks I am quite appreciating the zestful life of Sydney, and all the huge city has to offer. This is so strange when I have always had such an aversion to town life.

A few months ago I was making enquiries about house buying - and financing. The Manager of Bank of N.Z. told me that he had either lived in your house, or had bought your house.

I almost wrote to you at that time about some arrangement you had made with the S.P.C. re the rental subvention, but, as things turned out I secured the information from Noumea, and have not proceeded any further with the venture.

If you see Crocombe - you will be certain to hear him, anyway - just give him my regards, and please accept my best wishes for yourself.

I hope to hear from you soon - or as soon as you recuperate from your Honolulu visit.

Yours truly,

*W. Allison*

(W. Allison)

Editorial Assistant



25th September, 1958.

Mr W. Allison,  
South Pacific Literature Bureau,  
Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter B.57 (L.4) of the 15th September, regarding your proposed 'Pacific Reader'.

Of course I should be only too glad to give any assistance I am able to such a laudable venture. I have been so long away from Commission affairs, however, that I must confess being a bit hazy as to the intended scope and content of the Readers.

No doubt it would all have been clear from a perusal of the 'outline of the four sections' which you say you were sending with your letter.

But, alas, though we turned the letter and envelope inside out there was definitely no enclosure to be found. So presumably your Secretary still has it or else has swallowed it; in which case would you please ask her to cough it up and I shall duly digest it myself.

I was very glad indeed to hear that you had joined the Literature Bureau: I felt that for once here was the right man settled in the right job. And when Bruce gets his well-deserved promotion in the Colonial Service I hope that you will be taking over from him. I was telling Paddy Macdonald, the Colonial Secretary in Fiji, a few weeks ago that it was high time that he was offered a really good Directorship or the equivalent.

But for you, like me retired from the hurly-burly of life, I cannot think of a nicer post than you have taken on; one in which you can combine your love of the Polynesian and of literature with your practical experience of teaching and writing.

I was interested in your remarks on the stimulating effect which Sydney has on you. It was the same with me: I could never have believed that I should ever tolerate anywhere outside the islands and yet I loved Sydney from the start, and still do.



In my present work I spend about a third of my year in Sydney, so I will get in touch with you someday and perhaps you will be able to come over and have lunch with me.

Crocombe is indeed here - looming large to the sight and booming loud to the ear. I am apparently his Supervisor of Studies, though I am hoping to get out of this as I feel that there are others, e.g. Dick Gilson, who know far more on his intended topic. My own interests lie more especially in the commercial history of the Pacific, its general history prior to about 1840, and the regional history of the Central Pacific Islands; and none of these really concern Crocombe's thesis.

With kind regards, and awaiting that enclosure,

Yours sincerely,

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

H.E. Maude.



23rd September, 1958.

The Acting Chief Secretary,  
Western Pacific High Commission,  
HONIARA, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter F.165/4/3 of the 28th August, informing me that you had forwarded a copy of C.H. Allen's "Customary Land Tenure in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate" by registered post.

This work has now arrived and, as requested, I have sent a cheque for £A1.5.0 in payment direct to Messrs Burns Philp and Company Limited, Island Agencies Department, Sydney.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



23rd September, 1958.

Burns Philp and Company Ltd.,  
Island Agencies Dept.,  
G.P.O. Box 543,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.,

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of the 6th August, notifying me that you had requested the Chief Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, to forward a copy of the book "Customary Land Tenure in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate" direct to me.

This work has now arrived, and at the request of the Acting Chief Secretary I am enclosing herewith a cheque for £A1.5.0 in payment.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION  
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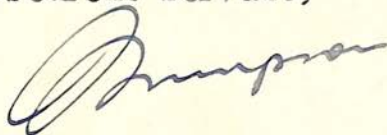
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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Acting Chief Secretary.

H. E. Maude Esq.,  
C/- The Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
Box 4 G.P.O.,  
CANBERRA.     A.C.T.



11th September, 1958.

Mr G.B. Hayes,  
Vice President,  
Pacific Chemical & Fertilizer Co.,  
P.O. Box 48,  
HONOLULU 10, Hawaii.

Dear Mr Hayes,

I am very sorry indeed that I was unable to call on you after you had so generously offered to spare me some of your valuable time to provide information on the history of the Pacific Chemical and Fertilizer Company.

I had fully intended asking you for an interview on Monday the 1st September and kept the day purposely free of all engagements. But when Monday came and I was about to telephone you I was told that it was a public holiday and that you would consequently not be at your office.

On Tuesday I had a series of engagements at the University and on Wednesday a round of farewells before leaving by the 'Himalaya'.

However, next time I am in Honolulu I will make a call on you my first priority, and in the meantime please accept my sincere apologies,

Yours very truly,

  
H.E. Maude.



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VICE PRESIDENT

August 26, 1958

Mr. H. E. Maude  
2129 Kamehameha Avenue  
Honolulu 14, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Maude:

Appreciate your letter of August 23 and will be glad to meet with you at any time, at your convenience, and give whatever information we have on the history of Pacific Chemical and Fertilizer Company.

I would suggest that you give me a phone call and time can be confirmed by this call.

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZER COMPANY



G. B. Hayes  
Vice President

GBH:jr



11th September, 1958.

Mrs Vernon Ireland,  
1413 Bluff Drive,  
SANTA BARBARA, California.

Dear Mrs Ireland,

I am sorry not to have written to you before about my membership of the International Geranium Society, but as a matter of fact I have been away from Australia for the past few months; in Hawaii, as well as various other South Sea Islands, where no-one seemed to know your address and unfortunately I had not got it with me.

Now, however, I have been given it by a friend in New Zealand and so I am writing at once to say that as I am likely to be engaged for some years to come in work that involves a great deal of travelling I have had to give up my gardening (even geraniums), and I must perforce tender my resignation from the Society, with many regrets.

When I eventually get back home from this trip I expect to find a sheaf of Subscription Reminder Notices from you and this is merely sent in anticipation. If with them there are any copies of 'Geraniums Around the World' I will either return them or send a remittance to cover their cost.



11th September, 1958.

Mrs Vernon Ireland,  
1413 Bluff Drive,  
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Wishing the Society all success,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



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MRS. LESLIE L. CONANT

Dear Mr. Maude;

Our records show that the renewal of your membership in the International Geranium Society is due in January. As you know, we have given all our members numbers in the order in which they have joined the Society. Your number is 754. The I. G. S. is growing steadily and strongly, and we are sure you will want to help us keep up the good work by renewing promptly.

We receive many enthusiastic letters from members about our magazine "Geraniums Around the World", which is carrying more and more articles of interest to the grower of geraniums, and we're sure you won't want to miss a single copy. May we hear from you soon?

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Vernon Ireland,  
Membership Secretary

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I wish to renew my membership in the International Geranium Society as a REGULAR        (\$3.00), CONTRIBUTING        (\$5.00), SUSTAINING        (\$10.00) member. I would like to make the following suggestions for the Society: Jan. #754

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# 754

May 14, 1958  
Please address reply to  
1413 Bluff Drive  
Santa Barbara, California

*Hear Mr. Maude;*

We have not received your membership renewal in the International Geranium Society to date. If you have any special reasons for this, and would be kind enough to let me know what they are, you would be helping us very much. Our greatest concern is to be of value and all possible assistance to geranium lovers.

The coming issues of the magazine will carry lots of extremely interesting articles and pictures. You will find stories of their experience with geraniums by hobbyists, as well as articles on all aspects of geranium culture by specialists who are experts in their fields. We're sure you won't want to miss any of these. May we hear from you soon?

Most sincerely,

*Vivian Ireland*  
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Please send details about the Society to:



P.& O. 'Himalaya', at sea,  
11th September, 1958.

Dear Harold,

I have been meaning to write for ever so long to thank you for so kindly sending me a copy of Gatty's 'Nature is your Guide'. It was truly a most appreciated gift for I sat down and read it at once; and lo! it contained a passage on the unreliability of birds as an indication of land in tropical latitudes which was exactly what I wanted for my study on the identification of the Spanish Discoveries in the Central Pacific.

But of course I delayed writing, salving my conscience by waiting until I could tell you about the result of my application to the Carnegie people in New York, and then again because someone in Honolulu told me that you were now living in Central Africa!

Even so you cannot, I suppose, live in Central Africa for ever (or, if I know you, anywhere for very long) so I write to say that Carnegie's scullions eventually turned me down; largely, I gather, on the grounds that I was over 50. Apparently they suffer in New York from the medieval superstition that anyone who has turned the half century is automatically senile and should be sitting by the fire in his carpet slippers preparing to die instead of prancing around the world trying to add his mite to its slender store of knowledge.

However, who are we to argue with the dispensers of the world's largesse? The month in Suva and six weeks in Honolulu has proved unbelievably rewarding and Honor and I are returning laden with reproductions of documentary treasures which we've made in pencil, ink, typescript, microfilm, photostat, verifax and, above all, on tape.

We worked in the Archives of Hawaii, the Hawaiian Historical Society, the Bishop Museum, Hawaiian Mission Childrens' Society and the University of Hawaii, and everywhere everyone couldn't do enough for us: I only hope Americans get the same treatment when they come to Australia.

As a result of discussions in Honolulu I am going to try and run a small service myself by which documents of Hawaiian and American interest in Australia and New Zealand can be -photocopied and made available at cost to those institutions wanting



them. I was rather surprised at how many gaps there were in Hawaii's Pacific documentation; really the place is too small to run so many competing organizations - they should come to an agreement not to overlap and so be in a position to use their limited funds to the best advantage.

I am terribly anxious to complete my book on the American Guano Industry of the Central Pacific and have now just about every scrap of documentation that I require with the one exception of the data in the files at Washington.

Professor Kuykendall, of the University of Hawaii, tells me that he has seen the Guano Files in Washington, and that they contain most valuable information on the guano islands and the firms that worked the guano. They are not apparently regarded as restricted documents in any way. So if you ever can think of any organization that might be willing to sponsor my research there please let me know: I am not at all defeated just because Carnegie turned me down, but don't know who I had best try next.

Honor did go on television in Hawaii with her string figures, and from all accounts was a definite success. But all she got from it of a material nature was a tin of something to make her hair curl: and it does that anyway!

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,



P. & O. 'Himalaya',  
7th September, 1958.

Dear Mrs Spoehr,

Thank you very much for kindly sending me the translation from Tetens on the inauguration and organization of the Peruvian guano trade with Europe, and also for the two photographs of the wharf and buildings in the Chincha Islands which came through Margaret Titecomb. I will have them copied and the originals returned to her for filing in the Bishop Museum Library.

I was particularly interested in your confirmation that Theodore Weber introduced the method of shipping copra instead of oil from the islands but I should dearly love to know the date on which the change over was made, if you should come across it in your researches, as there has been some controversy on this point.

I have just read through your 'Among the Savages of the South Seas' for the first time and must congratulate you most sincerely on what you have done. The greatest need in Pacific history today is for the publication of more primary source material, and particularly of first-hand reports covering the earlier decades and the remoter areas. And few of us, sad to relate, can read German with sufficient ease to render translations unnecessary.

At first I was a bit sorry that you had kept your excellent introduction mainly biographical and had shunned the temptations you must have experienced to expatiate on the many historical side-issues which his memoirs of the Micronesian period of his life raise.

But on thinking it over I believe that you were quite right to refrain, for the fact that you have given us the unvarnished memoirs without using them to grind any particular historical axe make them all the more valuable. Would that anthropologists would also give us the factual data they collect without so much theorizing.

Nevertheless the history of European penetration in Micronesia from say Wilson to the establishment of the German commercial monopoly is a fascinating subject and should be written. You have given us, in Tetens, a strong peg on which



we can hang much else that happened there in the 60s; and your familiarity with the scene makes you the ideal person to write the account: it need not be too long and detailed; say a paper of not more than 20,000 words, maybe less. I could guarantee its publication.

I have come across some striking material on events in Micronesia during the first half of the 19th century in naval reports to the Admiralty and correspondence with the Governors of Hong King and New South Wales. Then there are a number of publications which you probably know, notably by whaling masters, and of course Cheyne's own writings. I have a feeling, havn't you, that Cheyne was not really as bad as Tetens paints him, and that the report of Captain Stevens of H.M.S. 'Perseus' may prove a useful counter-balance?

Not even my best friends could call me an admirer of the British Imperialism of the last century, but at the same time I cannot quite believe that Captain Brown of the 'Sphinx', or Captain Stevens, would have behaved in quite the arbitrary manner they appear to have without better reasons than Tetens allows.

I seem to remember reading through Stevens' reports some time ago, but was then working on another area and didn't pay much attention to them. In any case I am quite sanguine that all these documents can be procured without difficulty; in fact I shall be surprised if they are not in Australia already.

Anyway this is all merely to say how much in your debt Pacific historians must always be for giving them Tetens, and secondly that if you will continue the good work by writing a paper or article on the early Carolines I should be glad to send you every document bearing on the subject that I possess, or can discover and copy.

And quite apart from the Carolines, if there is ever any other material that you require please do not hesitate to write to me. I have noted down Godeffroy; but it is such a vast subject and it seems possible that none of us have anything to offer here that you have not already got.

It was indeed a pleasure and privilege meeting you, if only briefly, and we both wish you all success in your historical research,

Yours sincerely,

  
H.E. Maude.

P.S. Please / am not at a Professor: not even an academic at all.



464 COLERIDGE AVENUE  
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA  
August 21, 1958

Dear Professor Maude:

You were quite right, - to Theodore Weber must go the credit for introducing the shipping of copra instead of the extracted oil. However, according to Kurt Schmack in his book on J. C. Godeffroy & Son, Unshelm had been working on the idea before his death in 1864. Weber perfected the plans which Unshelm had made.

The translation which I enclose may offer you nothing new, but if it holds anything of interest for you, I shall be very glad.

Please give my warmest regards to your wife. I shall never forget her wonderful cat's cradles and the gracious way she entertained us after dinner at my son's house.

With all good wishes to you both and the hope that your researches are proving rewarding,

Cordially yours,

*Florence Mann Spoehr.*

(Mrs. H. A. Spoehr.)



464 COLERIDGE AVENUE  
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA  
September 24, 1958

Dear Mr. Maude:

Thank you so much for your very interesting letter. That you consider my translation of Tetens a contribution to Pacific history is indeed gratifying, and I greatly appreciate what you had to say.

You have, I fear, overrated my knowledge of Micronesian history, but your suggestion that I write a paper covering what I can find out about the period between Wilson and the German commercial monopoly is very tempting. However, at the moment I must concentrate on Godeffroy. What I plan will not be technically extensive, but rather Johann Cesar VI's contribution to natural science, together with something of the history of the house. Someone else will have to do a book on Godeffroy from its commercial aspect.

As to the date of Weber's introduction of the making of copra, the nearest I can find so far is a statement in Richard Hertz, -"Das Hamburger Seehandelshaus J. C. Godeffroy und Sohn, 1760-1879. Paul Hartung Verlag, Hamburg 1922. Page 51. He says that Weber introduced copra between 1867 and 1869. If I ever find anything further, I shall certainly let you know. It would be interesting to discover the name of the ship that took the first load. I don't think Schmack is any more exact. I am in process of rereading him.

Material on the Pacific is very scanty at the Hoover and Stanford Libraries, and I may sometime accept your generous offer of sending me material. I trust your visit to Hawaii proved fruitful and that you had a pleasant journey home. With kindest regards to you and Mrs Maude, and again my thanks for your interest,

*most sincerely yours,  
Frederic M. Schackel.*





T.L. 3/1

THE ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY, WELLINGTON C.I., NEW ZEALAND

September 25, 1958.

Mr. H.E. Maude,  
 The Research School of Pacific Studies,  
 The Australian National University,  
 Box 4, G.P.O.,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.                      AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr. Maude,

It is nice to hear from you again, and to know that the fever of research still burns in your veins. To answer your queries:

The following material is in the Auckland Public Library.

Journals and sketchbooks, 1838-1886 17 vols.  
 Papers, 1848-1886 40 items. Includes documents relating to Webster's possessions in the South Seas and his transactions with Charles St. Julian.  
 Letters from F.E. Maning, 1844-79 53 items.  
 Letters from Spencer von Sturmer, 1875-1909, 295 items.

We have a copy (MS) of Boyd's will inserted in Browning: Log of the Seahorse. I can find no trace of letters or papers of Webster, Young or St. Julian here.

We are the central depository of a union list of MSS. in New Zealand, so we should have a record if the papers of J.L. Young were anywhere.

I am most interested in your comment on the Fiji Archives. I still think it is not too late to do something about salvaging the ones that are deteriorating. As to the High Commission records, I have no hesitation in saying that the Turnbull Library is willing to join in the co-operative plan to microfilm.

Like you, I think the JPS should be prepared to admit historical articles of Pacific interest to its pages in a reasonable proportion. Nearly always such material shows some bearing or effect on the native life, and there is no other satisfactory vehicle, apart from the more popular, such as Walkabout.

I look forward to seeing you again, and will bring you up to date on the Turnbull Library. You will be interested in our renovations I'm sure.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Blyde R H Taylor*

Chief Librarian.





T.L. 3/6

THE ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY, WELLINGTON C.I., NEW ZEALAND  
October 1, 1958.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,  
The Research School of Pacific Studies,  
The Australian National University,  
Box 4, G.P.O.,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.                      AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr. Maude,

It occurred to me after writing to you the other day, that you might be able to help on some questing we are doing now for a student here. He is gathering information on the history of Palmerston Atoll, and actually contemplates a trip there next year. It is under our Department of Island Territories, and a certain amount of data has been drawn from the Department's files. The Mitchell doesn't appear to have much, and we have no more than printed texts.

Do you happen to have noticed whether there are files in the Western Pacific High Commission or the Fiji Archives on Palmerston Island or the Marsters family?

The Commonwealth Relations Office appears to have some relevant records, and I await further detail from them.

In appreciation of any suggestion you can make,

Yours sincerely,

*E. R. H. Taylor*

Chief Librarian.



Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
Canberra, A.C.T., Australia,  
7th October, 1958.

G.A. Moller, Esq.,  
Post Office Box 13,  
HELLERUP, Denmark.

Dear Mr Moller,

I have only just returned from a three months visit to Fiji and Hawaii to find your letter of the 19th August awaiting me here.

I am afraid that the South Pacific Literature Bureau would not be able to help you in your search for authentic data on post-war New Guinea, as it is an organization solely concerned with the production of literature for the islanders, for the most part in simple English for the newly literate in that language.

For official hand-outs on New Guinea (including the Admiralty Islands) you could write to: The Secretary, Department of Territories, Canberra, A.C.T., but you would only get Government reports and such like material.

There is a large output of information on New Guinea appearing all the time, but most of it is valueless for your purposes, and if you read too much of it all at once you can easily get confused. I think that your best plan would be, as regards the history and development of Pidgin English, to read:-

- (1) Hall, Robert A. "Hands off Pidgin English".  
Sydney, Pacific Publishing Co., Ltd., 1955.

Then on current developments in New Guinea I would advise you to read:-

- (2) Robson, R.W. (Comp.). "Handbook of Papua and New Guinea". Same publisher, 2nd ed., 1958.

And after that the latest of the studies of New Guinea problems, which was only published a week or so ago:-

- (3) Wilkes, John (Ed.). "New Guinea and Australia".  
Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1958.

These two works will give you an up-to-date view of a picture that is constantly changing. But the only way to keep up-to-date is to subscribe to the:-

- (4) Pacific Islands Monthly. Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd., Technipress House, 29 Alberta Street, Sydney. Subscription, 30/- p.a., post free to any part of the world.



The best of the older works on N.G. are probably (5) Mair, L.P. "Australia in New Guinea", 1948; (6) Stanner, W.E.H. "The South Seas in Transition", 1953; and (7) Legge, L.D. "Australian Colonial Policy" (a history), 1956. A more popularly written book for the general reader is (8) Simpson, Colin. "Adam with Arrows", 1954; and a good general work which includes all the Pacific Islands is (9) Oliver, Douglas L. "The Pacific Islands", 1952.

I have sent you a few copies of the Rabaul News, one of several Pidgin English periodicals, so that you can practice on some modern linguistic material.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me again if I can be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



98 Arthur Circle,  
Forrest, A.C.T.,  
9th October, 1958.

Dear Angus,

I'm afraid that you are not going to think very much of this branch of the Maude family. Firstly, Honor returns 'Atoll Holiday' without writing a review and now I have perforce to turn down your kind invitation to produce a series of articles on the islands for the 'Herald'.

As a matter of fact I was full of enthusiasm for the idea and worked out a synopsis on a basis of 8 articles, beginning 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 the Dean has now returned from abroad and 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 extra paper might well make the difference between being allowed to stay on in this lovely ivory tower for a further year or two or being thrown out into the dark, cold world of reality.

Under the circumstances what can I do but say sorry, and change rapidly to my academic scribbling. Indeed I have already got half-way through a paper on "The Development of Local Government in the Gilbert Islands" which from the standpoint of its usefulness to the taxpayer who kindly produces my salary is about as far removed from our contemplated series as one can get.

Yet I hope that this is not the death of my articles but only their postponement, for as soon as I am freed from my present restraints I shall assuredly send you a trial draft or



two; and, if they are acceptable, be glad of the money.

I have just been thinking how little the Australian academic realizes his good fortune in that here publishers are accustomed to think in terms of editions of 1,000 to 1,500, whereas I understand that American publishers are loth to handle a manuscript which is unlikely to sell more than 20,000 copies. Hence almost everything they write in this country achieves the dignity of print; whereas in the States little of it would get farther than the multilith machine.

Alarice is about to arrive for the week-end so I must stop,

Yours,

*J.L.M.*



C O P Y

Longmans, Green & Co. Limited,  
605-611 Lonsdale Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

October 9, 1958.

Bruce Roberts, Esq.,  
South Pacific Commission Literature Bureau,  
Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Roberts,

BONITO SERIES

The Story of Nabetari

Mrs. Nancy Parker has undertaken to do the illustrations for this book and is now working in consultation with Mr. Maude.

I sent her a copy of Mr. Maude's letter of 29th May 1958 to you in which he gave many useful references for the illustrations. He mentioned towards the end of the letter that he was sending you two of his own photographs of Ocean Island. He would now like to have them back to use in connection with the Nabetari drawings. Perhaps you would be good enough to return them direct to him if you still have them.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Margaret Sutton



SUVA.

10th October, 1958.

Dear Harry,

To follow your practice! I am writing to <sup>gently</sup> enquire when I may expect the return of Kerkham's history or memoir of Burns Philp, my precious Huizinga and more immediately the Foreign Office Prints, since I do not want to waste precious time taking notes on stuff I have already. My contact has been terminated as from 31 October, Laus Deo! November 1st is my first day of freedom, the Good God did not intend me to be an administrator, of that I am perfectly sure. Well anyway I have learnt my lesson with badly burnt fingers! But at the moment I am intoxicated with the thought of my approaching freedom, and I almost half believe Oscar that my life is not finished at forty, so with many misgivings I have applied to the C.S. Honiara for access to finish my Tonga research and to write a history of the High Commission or rather to complete what I had already begun prior to my disastrous step in taking on this. I have not received a reply, but am thinking I may send a cable, since if access is not granted I shall cut my losses and go to London, my only way back to Australia is via London you know, but heaven knows what the future holds, and after London I think I shall want a little physical excitement and danger, and Asia at the moment holds out the best chance of that. Burma or Thailand, or the aborigines of India or perhaps the Andes, the Pacific is really very tame these days, although I must confess the Solomons and the New Hebrides appeared to me to have possibilities, in fact having cut my teeth in Tonga and here I would like after London something which would really be tough, so that Bill Stanner could not talk about meadow work quite so contentiously, but I have learnt one lesson never again shall I stay out in small societies for quite so long, the mental deterioration is very evident.

Harry, have you by any chance Firth's present address? Where is he? I feel I want to write to him for some nice pungent advice and criticism, now that I can begin to see my way to at long last producing something. I only hope he still thinks I may be worth while. But after the last few years I shall certainly need the few friends I have if any.

Sorry for my last note, after you left, I wish I could have had one moment with you alone but there it is, I would have gone over the edge completely if it had not been for Oscar whose advice of course I did not take, which was to get out <sup>20.2.14</sup> completely, Toynbee's withdrawal and return, but in the end I decided I was damned if I was going to give up quite so easily and throw away the possibility, by examining the local correspondence, of proving the main theme of the Tongan work and one of the essential themes of the W.P.H.C. history so here I am still.



by the way Harry, now you are in the more critical atmosphere of Canberra, and perhaps can appraise the difficulties more keenly than in Suva, do you honestly think there is the remotest chance of any of the various magna opera ever being published? The actual text of the Calendars as far as they go will be completed as far as the typing is concerned before I go. I think I shall leave the editorial apparatus until I reach London partly because I know I am not as critical or acute as I should be, and having read some of Oscar's devastating critical efforts I realize full well what I have to face, the second is I need access now to a large library. By the way how in the creation of cats did you manage to wade through that Tongan material I have tried several times and just can't face it? I really think if ever I put friendship to the test it was when I gave you that to read, how I ever had the face to show it to any one! anyway please accept my very belated apologies. Adi sends her greetings too, I think I shall get her to England after all either by copra boat or by P.A.A.

With kind regards to you and Honor

Dorothy St. Ledger

P.S. If I don't receive a reply from W.L. Hobbs or it is unfavourable I'll fly on the 2nd Nov. to England. The resources are too scant to men round now. The checking of the books of the P.P.S. Refg with every piece in sent.

*Yesterday was the one thing which would not be there tomorrow - & why? I mean I'm not sure I could have done it if I didn't have a performance with academic standards, I decided to work to have on.*

BY AIR MAIL

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

*D. St. Ledger*

*Suva*

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Department of Pacific History,  
12th October, 1958.

Miss Beatrice Davis,  
Angus and Robertson Limited,  
Box 1516, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Miss Davis,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Nancy Phelan's 'Atoll Holiday', which arrived soon after my return from Fiji and Honolulu. It is indeed a lovely book and I hope will sell well.

The reviews which I have seen (or heard) so far are good, and Robson, the Editor of the Pacific Islands Monthly, whose opinion should have a marked effect on sales, writes in a recent letter that he has just read the book through with great interest.

Unfortunately the Sydney Morning Herald, presumably without looking inside the cover, sent it to me to review; but my few ethical principles made me return it with the suggestion that they should pass it to Brett Hilder.

I am a bit sorry that Angus and Robertson thought it not worthwhile sending me the proofs of my introduction to correct: indeed if I had known that this would not be done I should in all probability not have written one. Friends have been asking me how on earth I came to write that George Murdoch's first child was born during World War II when in actual fact he was about 20 years old by then.

On examining what I sent I find that it clearly reads that the child was born 'in the middle of the last war between Abaisng and Tarawa Islands', which took place in 1891. There may be other howlers of this nature but I cannot bear to look.

If your office would send me say 30 copies of any advertising matter relating to the book I can get it into circles, more particularly in America, which your publicity probably does not reach.

We are rather worried about Ida Leeson: she sounded ill



and despondent in her last letter, just when we had hoped that she had weathered the blow of Florence's death. Her friends will always bless your firm for giving her work to do at such a time of crisis. Had you not done so, she would assuredly have been dead by now.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

H.E. Maude.



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Literature Bureau,

BOX 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

15th October, 1958.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter recently received from Miss Margaret Sutton of Longmans Green, Melbourne, asking us to return your photographs of Ocean Island.

As Mr. Roberts is at present away at the Commission Session in Noumea, I am returning your photographs herewith, and thank you very much for the loan of them.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) *J. Hesking*

for Director: Literature Bureau

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,  
Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
Box 4, G.P.O.,  
CANBERRA.    A.C.T.



Department of Pacific History,  
17th October, 1958.

The Director,  
Literature Bureau,  
Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter No.B.36/4  
of the 15th October, enclosing two photographs  
of Ocean Island.

These have been duly received and will  
be handed to Mrs Nancy Parker for use in  
connexion with the illustrations which she is  
preparing for your book on Nabetari in the  
Bonito series.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



Department of Pacific History,  
17th October, 1958.

C.R.H. Taylor, Esq.,  
Chief Librarian,  
Alexander Turnbull Library,  
WELLINGTON C.1,  
New Zealand.

Dear Mr Taylor,

I have been meaning to write and thank you for kindly letting me know about the Webster material in the Auckland Public Library. They have sent me an itemized list of their holdings, from which I have been able to pick out exactly what needs to be microfilmed.

The request in your letter of the 1st October represents a bit of a poser for me. To be absolutely frank my difficulty is, not any lack of knowledge about material concerning the history of Palmerston Island, but that I have myself been engaged in collecting all that I can find for some time now and have reached the stage of writing it up. Actually my next three papers, as approved by the Dean, are as follows:-

- (i) The Development of Local Government in the Gilbert Islands;
- (ii) Sikiana and the Hawaiian Protectorate; and
- (iii) William Marsters and the History of Palmerston Island.

Now I am well and truly put on the spot, and everybody here is highly amused. You see, I have for years been slinging off at the miserly habits of historians who refuse to let others have access to material in their possession; and believe it or not I have never yet refused a request myself for anything I had.

But this particular case seemed a bit different, for here it is not a case of material which I have collected incidentally while engaged in some other work, but of items which I have sought for deliberately in order to write up; and now that I am ready to write it up should I hand it over to someone else?

I have taken the problem to one or two professional historians, who are more familiar than I am with the ethics of



the trade, and they all say that the proper course is for me to write up my stuff without undue delay, and have it published so that other workers can refer to it in their own papers.

I may say that I am not intending to write up the history of Palmerston after say 1890, when Marsters obtained his lease, and indeed most of my real interest lies in the pre-Masters period. So if your enquirer is interested mainly in the more recent history of the island perhaps we could collaborate and write a joint paper: or rather one in two parts, the first by me and the second by him? Alternatively, if I have not got my article written say within a year I will hand him over all my material to do what he likes with.

Does this seem fair to you? You mention that your friend is a student; but I can hardly believe that there can be enough on Palmerston to justify a Ph. D., though there might be for an M.A. Or is he perhaps an anthropologist, in which case the early history will be only incidental to his main theme. I have a student myself these days: one Ron Crocombe, from the N.Z. Dept. of Territories in Wellington, who is working for a Ph.D. on the history of land tenure in the Cook Islands.

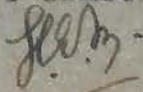
While I am writing I have one question and one favour to ask. The question concerns your Union List of MSS in N.Z. This seems to me a most important project and that some library here should keep a copy of your entries. Do you think that this could be arranged, if I could interest either the National or the Mitchell in the idea; and, if so, about how many cards would you think you have to date?

The favour concerns Tem Binoka, the King of Abemama. I understand that you have a MS on this worthy among the Westbrook Papers. In which case could you possibly have it microfilmed for me?

There may be other MSS material with you on Binoka, for someone, I believe Dick Gilson, told me that he had seen two items at least. If this be so perhaps you could send me copies of everything you have?

I am going ahead steadily with the project for filming the High Commission records, and will let you know progress in due course (it will probably be slow). Harold White, the Commonwealth Librarian, did say the other day that he hoped that he would soon be able to send a microfilm unit to the islands and this would solve most of our difficulties; but it is hard to pin him down.

Yours sincerely,





98 Arthur Circle,  
Forrest, A.C.T.,  
19th October, 1958.

Dear Angus,

Just a wee note to say that I have just heard from a friend in Sydney that if Brett Hilder cannot be located to write the review of Nancy Phelan's Atoll Holiday, or is on your n.p.g. list, then Frank Legg, of the A.B.C. is your man. I believe he does a number of jobs for the Herald.

All goes well in the academic world, and I am off on a most fascinating trail to Sikiana, in the remotest Solomons (time about 1850).

Yours ever,

*J.L.M.*



Department of Pacific History,  
19th October, 1958.

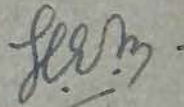
Macdougalls Pty., Ltd.,  
P.O. Box No. 3728,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th  
October enclosing particulars regarding the  
Smith-Corona Electric Portable Typewriter,

I was glad to learn that you have some in  
stock and my wife, who hopes to be visiting  
Sydney in a few days, will call at your  
show-rooms and examine one.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



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Mr. H. E. Maude  
The Research School of Pacific Studies  
The Australian National University  
Box 4, G. P. O.  
Canberra, Australia

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter of 11 September. I am indeed sorry that Carnegie did not support your request in spite of our joint efforts. All of us who have past 50 are considered to be definitely on the downgrade, and this makes it difficult to get money to help in our work.

I am so glad that you and Honor had such a profitable six weeks in Honolulu, and would like to have been there with you. I had a great laugh about the tin of something to make her hair curl.

We are looking into the matter of the Guano Files here in Washington, and will let you know what we can find out about them.

I was mighty sorry to hear that Jack Kerr had withdrawn his request for a senior fellowship to carry out his research under the auspices of ANU. I am sure he is going to find it difficult to get the kind of support that he needs for his interesting project.

My trip to Africa took me to several national parks where I had an opportunity to see elephants, rhinos, lions, hippos, and many different antelopes in a relatively short time, and to learn of the problems in park administration which are somewhat similar to those that are being faced in Southeast Asia where conditions are more familiar to me.

We had a very successful General Assembly of the International Union for Conservation of Nature at Athens, and set up a world committee on national parks.

This note brings my very best wishes to you and Honor. I still have the happiest memories of my stay at your home in Canberra, and hope we shall meet on my way to or from New Guinea next spring.

As ever,



Harold J. Coolidge



advised by letter  
dated 31.10.58 of  
correct address.

J.L.M.

31.10.58.

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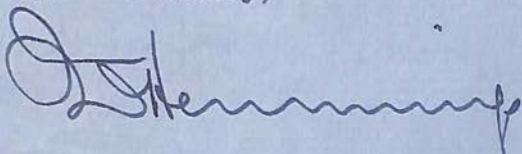
H.E. Maude Esq., M.B.E.,  
Box. 5254, G.P.O.,  
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Account: H.E. & H.C. Maude.

We have to inform you that the above  
account has been credited with the sum of £50:--  
received from the Bank of New Zealand, Sydney.

Yours faithfully,



Manager.



A.N.U., Canberra, A.C.T.,  
31st October, 1958.

Dear Oskar,

This is just a note to thank you for your letter and to say that I duly waited on Robson when he finally returned from New Guinea (he was away when I passed through Sydney en route to Canberra).

Affability reigned supreme and we talked of this and that for hours over lunch - in fact we continued it over dinner the same day.

I gave him your radio talk and he seemed genuinely pleased to have it: no doubt it will appear in PIM next month. He admitted that he had taken a bite at you - just in passing, I gathered, and for no particular reason other than that you were a professor.

So I asked him if, with his considerable knowledge of Fijian affairs, he seriously believed that there was anyone in the local Government of the calibre necessary to undertake a critical survey such as you were engaged on; and if there was, would he not inevitably hold such a key position in the administration of the Colony that there would not be an earthly chance of his being spared for the purpose; and if he were, by some miracle, to be made available how could he rid himself of all the thousand and one enthusiasms, prejudices and emotional overtones that everyone keen on his work must acquire in such a small place; and if he succeeded in doing so, would anyone believe it? The local prophet is certainly not honoured in the island world; if anywhere.

He digested this quite happily and then asked if you were the sort of person one could talk to, and whether you would be willing to listen to the views of others as well as advancing your own. Having suitably reassured him on these matters he said that he would like very much to meet you.

I gathered that he was thinking of meeting the heads of the CSR, Burns Philp and other Australian commercial interests in Sydney to sound out their views on Fijian matters generally; and if possible to agree on a line of policy which PIM could then back. Whether he has done so yet I cannot say but at all events he intends to leave for Fiji on the 4th November and will ring you at FAB soon after his arrival to try and arrange a get-together.

So I wish you luck (and a good dinner at the GPH) with the old boy. I must confess that I am personally fond of him and have found him to differ markedly from the picture others have painted of him. I believe him to be sincere; if rather opinionated on some questions (such as the Indian) and I have never known him to publish anything discussed with him off the record. He is rather susceptible to discreet flattery, and easily mollified by any sign of



willingness to listen to his observations.

He said little of your work in Fiji (he knows little)

but I understood that his main worry was lest something was going to be foisted on the Fijians without their being consulted in the matter.

Alas I have just returned from Sydney to find a letter here from Dorothy in which she asks all sorts of questions and then announces all of a sudden that she is probably leaving for the UK on November 5th. I'll post this off to you and then get straight on to writing to her but in case my letter misses the plane would you please be an angel and explain to her that I have been away but am answering pronto and that if my letter misses her in Fiji no doubt it will be flown on to her London address (which she doesn't give me).

No space for any news of this spot: not that there is any. I have a student; poor wretched innocent, handed over for eventual slaughter - he is working on land use and usage in Polynesia (with particular reference to the Cook Islands).

Yours ever,

J.L.M.



A.N.U., Canberra, 31st October, 1958.

Dear Dorothy,

I have just returned from Sydney, where I was busy at the Mitchell as well as doing a job for Professor Spate, and lo and alas find a letter from you awaiting me here.

Alas, because I have been meaning to write to you (even on the ship I started a letter), but it kept getting put off; and when I got here there was a pile of over 50 to answer - it was not altogether a brainy notion only having the urgent ones sent on to me. And alas also because I see that you mention, in a PS, that you are probably leaving for London this Wednesday as ever is so I can't see how any letter can now reach you in time.

Firstly, I want to say how sorry I am to hear that Diamond has proved such a disappointment to you. It must be very difficult indeed to see changes made with apparently so little finesse and have to come into contact with the one responsible in the course of one's daily work. I have always subscribed to the Colonial Office policy that A must leave before B takes over; it results in difficulties at times, but they are of little consequence when compared to the heartbreak one can suffer at seeing all one has worked to build come tumbling down. It has happened to me more than once; and left an indelible mark on my soul.

Probably Oskar Spate was right and you should have left; but as you havn't I am glad, for your Tongan material and the High Commission history are after all the important things now, and you cannot afford to leave until you have extracted the last drop of information from the archives.

Now to deal with your queries. You ask whether I think "there is the remotest chance of any of the various magna opera ever being published"? Why certainly I do, if you are referring to your work on Tonga and the High Commission. Despite your natural feeling about the Tonga draft (on re-reading it after such a lapse of time), there were some pearls of great price embedded in it; all it needed, in fact, was a certain re-arranging and the relegation of much of the survey and statistical data to an appendix.

As regards the Inventory and Calendars I am more doubtful. There is a very real interest in them here and in the States, but everyone I have talked with or written to on the matter of their publication wants to see them before expressing an opinion. So if you have a spare copy which you can loan me for the purpose send it along; otherwise I shall wait for the eventual A.N.U. set which may take years to reach here (and then the Librarian will probably not allow it out of his building). If possible don't wait until you have prepared your introductory material, for if I can arrange publication the stimulus will soon enable you to complete that.

Your FO Prints, Huizinga and Kirkham I have under my pillow nightly and would have sent them across to you were it not for the fact that you may be leaving by air for London immediately



which makes it seem rather silly to send them to Fiji either to miss you or add to your dead weight. So if you let me have your London address I'll forward them there, with sincere thanks for letting me see them.

I have tried to find out Firth's address here, but no-one knows. Probably the best is to write to his London address and have it forwarded (or else find out yourself when you get there).

Well now, I think I have answered all. I am sure that on your work you cannot do better than rely on Professor Spate, who has a sound judgement which neither fear nor favour can sway and an instinct for separating the good from the phony which few can emulate. And when he says finish Tonga first he's undoubtedly right: I am glad it is going to be critical and controversial; others have written enough of the soft soap.

Meanwhile yours to command, and if you loan me the Calendars and Inventory I shall get to work on seeing how best they can be brought out. The Bancroft Library of the University of California, the Mary Sinclair Library of the University of Hawaii, the Harvard Library, the Turnbull in N.Z., and the National here, all appear interested in the High Commission archives.

Yours ever,

*J.L.M.*



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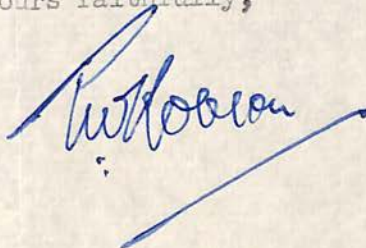
My Dear Mr. Maude,

We had so much to talk about last week that I finally left you without having asked you about the article "New Light On The Bounty Story". If you remember, you were to make some slight alterations before sending us the copy. I am leaving for Fiji tomorrow and will not return until December -- so I should be grateful if you would send the MS on at your convenience to the Editor of Pacific Islands Monthly.

I should very much like also to have a brief survey of the work that now is being done by you and your associates, concerning historical research in the Pacific Islands. I think that this would be a news article of considerable interest to all readers.

With my kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,





Department of Pacific History,  
3rd November, 1958.

Pastor Eric Clark,  
3 Quinn Street,  
O'CONNOR, A.C.T.

Dear Pastor Clark,

My wife and I would like to thank you for your kind invitation to be present at the opening and dedication of the Canberra Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall on the 8th November at 3 p.m., but regret that we shall unfortunately not be able to attend as my wife is at present on a visit to Sydney and I expect to follow her there before that date.

We are particularly sorry to miss this opening in view of our long association with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Pacific Islands; more especially on Pitcairn Island, where my wife used to teach in the Sabbath School, and in the Gilberts, where I was privileged to be able to arrange for the Church to commence activities shortly after the war.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



Dear Harry,

By Gad you should consider yourself honoured to receive a typed letter from me!! I have talked it over with Oscar, the Gods are kind to me, first you then Oscar, together you have put a little fight back into me. I absolve you from D. but ye Gods!! He has already informed me that women should not be allowed to go to universities!! imagine the humiliation of having to take over from a woman! He has already begun to reorganise the Archives according to the latest Commonwealth Archival theory which he and Penny have formulated, and which he has informed me is years ahead of British archival theory! He instructs me in archival theory and method and has already stated outside which of course was repeated back to me that everything I had done was quite useless! He even rings Treasury to confirm what I had told him about writing in the amounts on the certificate on vouchers. I am a woman therefore everything I say must be confirmed by a MAN'.'. Oscar and Minnie think it damn funny so do I, but at times my sense of humour wears thin, especially since he has closed down the Repair section! The inventory and calendars are of course no use in the new regime, but if by any chance you still think that they may be useful they are yours to do what you will with! Last week I almost threw in the sponge and took the next 'plane out but Oscar gave me Camoens to read and some of his own masterpieces, so I think I shall try to hang on to get the calendars and Tonga finished, but it bites deep to see everything one has struggled for wrecked. I was soon informed that I was not an archivist and had no right to sign letters even when I had written them and prepared the enclosures, He was **THE ARCHIVIST**. The funny thing is I think he still wants me to praise everything he does and tell him what an improvement ~~it is~~ it is and I am afraid that while I can remain silent and non-committal and say of course it is his responsibility now and the decision must be his my damned Puritan ancestry prevents me from praising what I consider is mistaken to say the least - wish I had learnt to lie when I was young, I am afraid it is too late now - Well there is nothing I can do, and thank God, I have no responsibility -my verdict is that this job will in the end either make or break him- He may learn by experience he is certainly not going to learn anything from my experience. But Harry you still have a moral responsibility about it, so it is up to you to see the Archives survive whatever happens, and it may just make a man of him. I am afraid too I have little time for the attitude which only considers how everything which crops up from the point of view of how it will affect him personally! but then I was not meant to be



bloody bureaucrat, I am afraid I was only interested in getting an Archives established. Harry, I have never been so often gratuitously insulted in my life, and I have restrained the Irish temper, for which I hope I shall get a few credit marks somewhere. I never suffered patronage easily you know especially from the young! but there is a limit to what I can take in being lectured at! Having exploded I had better get down to tin tacks. By the way he resents anyone coming to see me or ringing me up so for God's sake be tactful, he informed me that he had agreed to my staying I gather on sufferance, Secretariat has a different version but that is another story, I think with it all I have averted a few calamities - if only he did not take himself quite so damn seriously!'. I have told Oscar he must not talk to me it only makes things more difficult, but he says he does not know what to say to him! but he realized the feeling, young D. does not trust me as far as he can see me firstly I am female, secondly quite untrained, hence the necessity to get everything confirmed. He can't believe my only interest might be to save the Archives and tell him everything I know, he is so naive that he comes to me in great surprise to tell me that Secretariat or Treasury or whatever it may be have confirmed what I have told him!! How he thinks the Archives managed to exist until he came I don't know!

Your letter cheered me up, Harry I am quite content if you are still interested, to let you handle the publication side, but I am afraid it may be more difficult than you suppose, especially since you have now the opinion of an expert ARCHIVIST on the uselessness of all my work, so beware! Oscar thinks for the sake of my own reputation I should concentrate on the Tongan material, I am still so foolhardy ~~that I think~~ I could manage both provided I restrict the W.P.H.C. effort to the declaration and establishment of the Protectorates. The thing that worries me is whether I shall be able to afford to get it all typed, I can type a few pages but I don't know how I shall fare with hundreds. By the way if you really are serious about it I shall give you the original version of the Calendars and Inventory, and you can negotiate with W.P.H.C. and the Colonial Office about declassification of the classified documents I don't think there can be any objection and I suspect if the copies are checked at the P. R.O. it will be found most of it is declassified any way. With regard to the Tongan material I should also like to think I had Firth and you behind me, what I shall produce is likely to be pretty controversial, and by now I have little respect for the critics here. Havea was here to inspect the Archives on behalf of the Queen's committee, I was deputed to handle him, but though I did my utmost to brief him on how it should be tackled I am afraid that he has gone back to Tonga with the one idea of getting me down to Tonga, although I explained to him I was out of favour with the Queen because I could not go down in 1956 when she asked H.E. for me for three months. I don't know whether anything will come of it but told Havea I must know before October 16th when I finish up here, and also explained I was not willing to spend one penny of my own money as that was dedicated to writing up my Tongan material. I showed him the Baker papers which made his mouth water as did my



genealogies. One thing I should like to do is to relate those church disputes of the last century to tensions and divisions within the indigenous structure, and from what Havea told me I think my initial hypothesis about them is probably correct, and would explain the present situation. Church politics are politics in Tonga, the churches provide one of the few overt means to express political and economic discontent, hence ~~exercise~~<sup>perform</sup> a very useful function.

By the way X if Jim is interested you can discuss it with him, Oscar tells me the Jim I knew in 1951 is very different from the Jim of to-day, and to-day I can see too that in one sense he was right, and I was damn pig-headed as always, you can tell him that if you like. Moreover I very much wonder now whether the Archives were worth establishing, at the cost of the sacrifice of my own career.- Since you left I have realized to the full what a bloody fool I have been, God's gift to confidence tricksters - but I am too old to change poor Don Quixote!

Ave atque Vale

Timeo Danae ferentes munera :-

*I said get the line correct, do you know the correct version!*

*Doubtly in extremis.*

*I.S. You had better destroy this letter - but it has provided me with a useful calendar. Arthur Butler has promised me to see the actual typing is completed before I leave - of the best of the calendars which cannot be done overseas - as it is essential I should check them with the originals. - although I haven't much faith in my promises here - but I think he will do what he can -*



THE SECRETARIAT  
SUVA, FIJI

7th November, 1958.

*Dear Mr. Maude*

You may remember that when we last met you asked me whether I would mind if Mrs. Baker came to the Archives to do some typing for you and I said that I did not. A few days ago Mrs. Baker mentioned the matter to me and I found that she was under the impression that I knew what work you wanted her to do. So far as I recall you didn't have time to tell me, as your wife and the Colonial Secretary arrived in the middle of our conversation. If you will let me know what you require I'll get in touch with Mrs. Baker and she can start the work as soon as she is ready. By the way, is the typing to be done in original only or do you also require duplicates?

It is raining heavily this morning for the first time in (I think) weeks. The place needs it - even some of the bigger trees in Government House grounds and round Suva have been turning yellow lately and dropping their leaves.

Dorothy's appointment terminated on the 31st of October, but she is staying in Suva for a few months (quite how long I don't know) to finish off a few odd jobs of research for Fiji Government and the Western Pacific High Commission and to work on her history of Tonga.

The two additional Archives buildings will be finished shortly - one in a fortnight's time and the other in about a month. One of them, I think I may have told you, will house our reference library - which is not a bad one, considering it has been raked together from dozens of odd sources private and public all over the Colony - and the Alport Barker Library. The reading room in this building will have accommodation for six to work in relative comfort - eight at a squeeze. The remaining space in this building and the space in the other will be scarcely enough to accommodate the excess of records in the existing building which is now crammed so full that there is no room left to lay out archives for sorting and arrangement.

I had a letter from Dr. Dawbin a week or so ago asking permission to microfilm part of my M.A. thesis. He said he had spoken to you about me. I have not met him but believe he has spent some time in Fiji.

Mr Robson arrived today (at the Archives) to use the Sir Alport Barker Library. He was much pleased to find it included copies of the "Samoa Times" from 1878 which, to judge from his elation later on, seems to have been a mine of the information he wanted.

I must stop now. Please give my own and Ishbel's best regards to your wife.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Fau Diamond*



FIJI MUSEUM

Suva, Fiji, 13th November 1958,

H. E. Maude Esq., C.B.E.,  
Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
Box 11, G.P.O., Canberra, A.C.T.

Dear Maude,

I have just received and read your paper,  
"In Search of a Home", in the June issue of J. P. S.

May I offer my congratulations upon a most interesting and valuable piece of research. The case as you present it seems to me to be unanswerable, although I still cannot imagine why Christian and his crew should have returned to an area so near to the scene of their crime. One would have imagined that they would seek a refuge as far as possible from that scene - which indeed they ultimately did.

On a point of detail, may I note that Vatoa and One-i-Lau are not "atolls" (c.p. p. 126), or "lagoon islands" in the usually accepted sense of those terms. One-i-Lau is probably the remains of a breached crater, now fragmentary, surrounded - as most of the other islands of Southern Lau are - by a barrier reef. Vatoa is mainly of coral limestone, with a hill (probably volcanic) some 200 feet high - which puts it out of the "atoll" class.

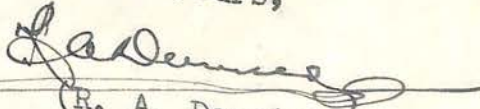
The Tuvanas possess no anchorage, and are little more than sand cays thrown up upon isolated patches of reef, and surrounded by wide fringing reefs. As you rightly state, they have no lagoons.

These comments are, however, mere pedantry. I think that the results of your research are quite exciting, and of the highest importance.

My warm congratulations!

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

  
(R. A. Derrick)



Bishop Hudson  
November 13, 1958

Dear Harry,

I am overwhelmed with delight  
at receiving a copy of "Holl Holiday".  
It came yesterday, and I very near  
shouted when I saw it, and saw  
that you had written the foreword, and  
had indeed inspired the journey to  
the Gilberts!

By this time I have read the foreword  
and looked at all the excellent pictures,  
and read the first page. I am eager  
to read it and shall when my party-of-  
the-other-part, Margaret Newman, gets home  
today, and the little flurry of "parties" sub-  
sides!

Won't you laugh when you get my postcard  
already on its way, asking advice about this book!  
A thousand thanks. I shall be so glad to know  
you Gilberts.  
Aloha to Hono. + your self  
Margaret



98 Arthur Circle,  
Forrest, A.C.T.,  
19th October, 1958.

Dear Margaret,

I feel so terribly ashamed that I haven't written to you and you so wonderful to us. And now there has come such a nice letter from you and you don't sound cross so I am happy again.

Things have, as a matter of fact, been just hectic since I came back. I don't believe now that it was a very brainy notion of mine to say that all letters bar a favoured few were to be kept against my return; because when I got to my desk in the School there was no desk to be seen at all, it was piled so high with mail.

And top of it the Dean told me that I was holding up a book on "Local Government in the Pacific" by not producing a chapter for it which I had been told to write. They actually wrote to me in Honolulu and wanted me to stop everything and do it then and there but of course I took no notice.

But, my conscience being smitten, I sat down and sweated it out for weeks. And now of course I find out that no-one else has done their chapters - especially the Dean himself, who hasn't started - but at least I can go around with an "I am holier than thou" expression.

And really things are not too bad: Alaric has been up for the week-end, the cat Ginger is still alive (if one can call sleeping 23 hours out of 24 being alive), and the geraniums are perking up again under Honor's fostering care - it really is amazing how they know at once who is looking after them, and respond accordingly. And to my surprize I find that electric portable typewriters are now obtainable in Australia, so all one has to find now is the necessary money to buy one with.

Please do not hurry about my copies: I am very grateful indeed if they can be done at all. The ones I need most are:-

- (1) Spencer, Thomas. "Narrative of the events attending the Massacre of part of the crew ..... by the natives of Sydneham's Island".
- (3) Pease, Henry. "An Account of an Adventure of Henry Pease 2nd of Edgartown, Mass. .... on St. Augustine Island".
- (6) Judd, C.A. "Diary written on Baker's Island. 1860".
- (7) Emerson, N.B. "Life on a Guano Island".



- (10) Rearick, Peter A. "Journal of a Cruise on the U.S.S. Iroquois ....."

And if you have not done:-

- (12) The Friend, March 25, 1844, pp.33-4: "Visit to Hender-ville's and Woodall's Islands", by L.A.Balker; and  
(16) Gulick, Addison. "John Thomas Gulick: Evolutionist and Missionary, portrayed through Documents and Discussions". Chicago, 1932. Pp.55-68;

please don't bother about them because I find that I can get these two done in Sydney.

We look back on those halcyon days in Honolulu with the utmost nostalgia: it was such a rush to get everything done in time, but what a lovely rush; and the surprising thing was that it was done, thanks very materially to yourself.

Did I ever tell you that I now have a real live student; writing a thesis on "Polynesian land tenure systems, with special reference to the Cook Islands" for a Ph.D. It seems funny supervising someone for a degree one couldn't get oneself in a hundred years. Anyway I have started well with him by giving him a long list of articles and books on land tenure in the Pacific which I recommended him to read. He was so impressed with my range of knowledge (the anthropological department had been able to find him only one article), and particularly by my familiarity with the American Trust Territory material, that I hadn't the heart to tell him that I had lifted the lot from your invaluable subject catalogue cards!

Time flies and I now hear that Dr Spoehr is due back from Noumea; and I owe him a letter which I must get done in the next day or two. I have had such nice letters from his mother: she really is a gracious lady, and I am trying hard to persuade her to write a short history of early European relations with the Caroline Islands - I can guarantee publication.

I have just been thinking how little the Australian academic realizes his good fortune in that here publishers are accustomed to think in terms of editions of 1,000 to 1,500 copies; whereas I believe that American publishers are a bit loth to handle a manuscript unless it is likely to sell 20,000 or more. Hence almost everything one writes in this country achieves the dignity of print; whereas in the States little of it would get farther than the multilith machine. Maybe we should learn a little humility over here from thoughts such as these.



Actually I believe that the relative ease of publishing affects the type of study undertaken. For I have noticed more than once visiting Americans rejecting a suggested line of research as being unlikely to have a popular appeal, and therefore to be published. The Australian, on the other hand, can pick his subject with greater freedom of choice; for he knows that anything will get in somewhere.

The wall map you got me goes right along my room at home and the colours look very gay; though they bear no resemblance to those shown in the advertisement. And the islands, too, are a perpetual surprise; with their lovely obsolete names given by Magellan or somebody; one, that hits me in the eye whenever I look at the map, has been known not to exist for at least a hundred years. Truly cartographers are the most conservative of allhuman beings.

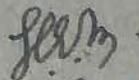
I do hope that all goes well at the Bishop Museum and that you are all soon flooded with funds from every imaginable source. I had always imagined that one had only to ask for money in the States for it to start flowing in a steady stream, and the idea that there could be any scientific institution without more than they could usefully spend came as quite a shock: in fact it was only at the end of my time that I really began to realize that Dr Spoehr's talk about lack of funds and ready cash was not just a line.

How extraordinary that friend Roberto cannot find Mahlmann; he must have acres and acres of books stored; but somehow I feel that if he says its lost its the truth - I rather liked him from the start.

We have written, on Dr Spoehr's advice, to the Gulbenkian Foundation asking them to kindly send £20,000 by return of post so that we can start a "Journal of Pacific History". Now we have only to watch for the mail deliveries from Portugal.

Well, once again many many thanks for finding us such a lovely house (even if the windows did get dirty) and for giving us such a beautiful time. It is, I suppose, the last holiday we shall ever have and whenever we look back on it we shall catch a warm glow of happy and affectionate memories.

Yours ever,





BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM  
HONOLULU 17, HAWAII

March 11, 1958

Dear Harry,

What ups and downs you have had in re coming to Hawaii. I hope it can be "arranged". I hope especially that Honor can come too, and get her trouble attended to.

These steamers! When I went to Tahiti, as the guest of a lady, last spring, the steamer company said no passage back is open. So I would have had to come back by air, about three times as costly. However, a month before sailing, a passage was open! The boat was only three-quarters full! I think they must assign blocks of space to various tour dealers and then have plenty left over at the end! But that is a mere guess. I do hope you are still on the waiting list, and can both get on a boat- not full!

As to places here to stay: the head of Kamehameha School says there might be a cottage open here some time in June, June 15th on. Prices \$62.00 per month or a little more. That would be next door to Bishop Museum.

At Palama Settlement, about half a mile from BM (any one of us could pick you up in the morning, and a bus is not far- a block away) there is an apartment, June 1st to August 30th two bedrooms, large living room, dining room, large kitchen, \$75.00 but there is a telephone charge of \$5.00 more. All furnished of course, with linen, dishes, etc.

At Waikiki, the season is on in the summer. You should see the crowds. Tourism is our third industry now! Prices range from \$50 to \$100, and it is useless to pick out any apartment until you get here.

It so happens that the third member of my living partners is just off on a world tour for a year. May we receive you when you come, and then you can look around? Unless you would like to snap up that Palama apartment, which may be gone later- can't guess. We have at home a small room, and a bed-couch in the living room to spare. We have one of the loveliest large living rooms in Waikiki, no- in the world! Why not make a good boast? But we live on Tantalus, and a car would be a necessity if you stayed with us, I fear. But I shall be honored if you will come to us (my cousin Edith and me) when you arrive. Please Do.

As to Willowdean Handy's book- I am so deeply delighted! I hope all goes well, and as quickly as fortune can allow. More of that later.

*Here is the end of the page! How did that happen?*

*Just Kamehameha  
flew in  
said "Don't be  
Come!"*

*Let me to say. I shall be so interested in you papers. And so interested in you people you will make with people you will enjoy touring. I mean those who aren't on world tours. I wish you favorable among school teachers, and plenty of others, to go on world tours now! My best to Honor. She must come. Margaret*



98 Arthur Circle,  
Forrest, A.C.T.,  
29th March, 1958.

Dear Margaret,

Many thanks indeed for your letter and all your helpful advice and assistance. The ability to get an apartment has quite turned the scale as far as Honor is concerned, and we have been successful in obtaining passages by the 'Oronsay' which is due to arrive at Honolulu on the 22nd July.

Actually we are leaving Sydney on the 10th June and Honor is to have a month in New Zealand while I spend the time working in the Fiji and Western Pacific High Commission archives. Then she gets on the 'Oronsay' at Auckland and picks me up at Suva on the 17th July.

We are most comforted to hear of the housing possibilities you so kindly found out for us. Honor says would it be feasible to book the Palama Settlement apartment from say our arrival to August the 30th? That would be fine, for we are due to leave again by the 'Himalaya' on the 3rd September. But it is possible that the owner may only be interested in letting the place for the full period. The Kamehameha School cottage would be even nicer, if the Headmaster could be nailed down to a definite promise.

Anyway, we are now able to tell you exact dates: July 22 to September 3 - and who is coming: Honor and me. So if you could get us any sort of an apartment for the period at say \$80 a month or under we should really be terribly grateful. Honor gets nightmares in which she has to stay at the Royal Hawaiian at \$100 a day.

Thank you very much also for your enticing invitation to stay with you for a few days. We should love to do this, but could we make it either the beginning or end of our visit, depending on how it fits in best with the renting of the apartment?

We do feel, if it can be done, that it would be far the best to book an apartment well ahead rather than when we get there; as we could so easily find ourselves in the soup and have to pay far more than we can afford.

So we are really coming after all and it will be our last



working holiday I guess, and we are looking forward to it very much and to meeting some of the friends we knew before (when we were young).

May I please ask just two questions:-

- (i) Do you think that the Hawaiian archives would let one use a 'Contoura' or other photo-copying apparatus on their documents; and
- (ii) Have they facilities for getting microfilms and photostats made and, if so, at what approximate charge?

Well I won't worry you no more. I suppose Honolulu is quite changed from the place we knew during and before the war: much more crowded and American and expensive? Do let us know should you succeed in locating a place for us, because all our troubles will then be at an end.

Honor is most excited and sends her warmest greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

*J.L.M.*



25th February, 1958.

Dear Margaret,

I really do feel so ashamed at not having written to you before this - but what a time its been. First I thought I would not be able to come and do my work at the Hawaiian archives; and then the University said yes but would I go to the States and so some delving for others (and incidentally have a look at mission and whaling records for myself).

And then again they couldn't find enough dollars, and finally Honor got a lump and the doctor said it must be cut out forthwith - just in case: so everything was off. And now I have enough dollars for Honolulu, but not the mainland, for myself, but the doctor says Honor should try and go too, because it would do her good; so we are trying to raise out overdraft at the bank to finance her.

Up to an hour ago we were on the waiting list for the 'Orsova', which leaves Sydney on the 29th April and arrives at Honolulu on the 10th May. But they have just rung up to say that the Orient Company in Sydney say that there's no hope. So now they are trying the 'Orcades' on the 27th May (due Honolulu 7th June) and the 'Orsova' on the 10th June (due Honolulu on the 21st June).

If these all fail I shall have to come alone by air, probably early in May, for we cannot afford the air fare (\$784 tourist) nor the Matson ships (£540 upwards), and the University will only pay for me.

So there is the whole score to date. Honor says how much would we have to pay for one of those little beach places at the back of Waikiki - bedroom, sitting room and kitchen, as far as I remember? And can't such little flatlets be rented elsewhere? If we could get somewhere to batch like that we could, I know, live cheaply whatever the stated cost of living, for we hardly ever eat and then mostly a few vegetables.

There is so much thrilling research to be done in Honolulu that I must work out exactly what I want to concentrate on or I'll go chasing around and get nowhere. The main theme is Hawaiian contacts with the Pacific Islands to 1870 or thereabouts, but



especially -

- (i) relations with the Central Pacific;
- (ii) early commercial relations; and
- (iii) the guano industry.

Did Mrs Handy tell you the great write-up that the Oxford University Press reader gave her manuscript. Here is a quote from his report -

"I am very favourably impressed with this manuscript. It has some faults, but they are minor in its overall excellency. Briefly the story is of the life of Pakoko, a high-born 'Ironwood' or warrior of Nuku Hiva and his reactions or those of his people to successive European empire founders who claimed sovereignty over the Marquesas between 1792 and 1845. Concurrently, the culture pattern of the early Marquesans gradually emerges, and what a fascinating one it is. It has the authenticity of the modern field study: all the characters and main events are drawn from historical sources; and it also has an extraordinary vitality. It has, in my opinion, the best possible formula for a novel - truth, skilfully expounded and sensitively interpreted. That Oxford can't publish it is disappointing, but undoubtedly it is a novel, and the impact of the work would be lessened if the material were to be presented in any other form. I hope a publisher can be found for it for, besides being of importance for Pacific specialists, I think the general reader would find it satisfying."

And Frank Eyre, the Australasian Manager, who also read it, added in his covering letter -

"We have a great deal of admiration for this - so much so that I am almost tempted to try to persuade our people at home to do something about it, but I am pretty certain that it would be a waste of time for us all, and cause delay which I am sure that you do not want in getting moving on the publications of the book."

It is a pity that the O.U.P. are not allowed to publish novels, but with their expert opinion behind us I have little doubt but that we'll get it published in the end.

I'm so happy about it all, for it vindicates my judgement when I first read the book. I still think its a great work, but the difficulty, as Frank says, is "to persuade someone to give it the careful reading that it both deserves and needs if it is to make its full impression".



We are advised to try Allen and Unwins as a first shot, or Stanford, as being an American University Press specializing in the Pacific. But somehow I don't feel Stanford would be a good bet; they would probably refer it to Keesing, and its not really his cup of tea at all.

Thank you very much for the note re Taraoatchoa. I'm sure that Kenneth Emory and you are right and I have made it Taraoachoa in the article; which is to come out shortly. I've just finished a study of the Tahitian Salt Pork Trade 1800-1830, and am now polishing up an article on the Spanish Discoveries in the Central Pacific. Its all tremendous fun, after spending my life doing mostly what others wanted, to now work on what I want to myself.

I shall remember your sage and comforting advice re lecturing - no doubt I can procrastinate with the best in the world. Alternatively, I could read them about the Salt Pork Trade; and empty the room rapidly.

Again, my apologies for not having written and told you developing plans before this: but on the other hand they would have been amended at least three times by now.

All the best from us both,

Yours ever,

*Harry Maude*



BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM  
HONOLULU 17, HAWAII

November 15, 1957

Dear Harry,

First of all, your cash arrived within the letter of October 31st- no robbery. Eleven dollars added to what I figure was left makes a total of \$20.55.

I sent off a postal as to the name of the Tubuai chief. I trust you got Kenneth's guess.

As to Pitcairn, I think you must have four or five times as many references as in this catalog! Jealous I am. But isn't that splendid to garner so much. At a rough count perhaps we have over a hundred, after all.

Of course I am tremendously pleased that you were enchanted with Willowdean Handy's work. And was she happy! It will be wonderful for you to meet each other. You can probably "see" her, a devoted, intense person, a high-level person. It is so many years since I read it that I have forgotten the "slow" start. To catch readers, that would surely have to be changed, lightened, as you say.

You are coming! As said before, that is wonderful news. I wonder when. You would have told me if it were certain. But do tell me about when. Then if I hear anything of a house or apartment to be sub-let I can pass on the information. The Keesings are going to be here for a week at the end of December. I did not succeed in doing anything for them, but someone else did. They can stay in a house without rent, Harold St. John going away now- for New Guinea, etc.

As to lecturing- bump it off! "There is no reason in the world for doing it if you don't want to. All sorts of ways of dodging; "will do if possible at the end of my stay"...Poor Kenneth, as well as all the rest of us have hundreds of little things that bump into or eat away the precious time already planned for something definite.

I have just read most of Bengt Danielsson's "Forgotten Islands of the South Seas" (George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London) published in Swedish a few years ago, now out in English translation. Danielsson gives clearly, vividly, the terrible havoc still going on in most of the Marquesas.

Everyone is flying through to the CONGRESS. Alex Spoehr goes from here- must! Brenda Bishop there already, of course.

Send us news, and my best to Honor.

Margaret



Department of Pacific History,  
Australian National University,  
Canberra, A.C.T., Australia,  
31st October, 1957.

Dear Margaret Titcomb,

It seems ages since I wrote to you, and I have to thank you for many things; and particularly for sending me the copy of the page in Seale's Journal relating to Fort George, which fitted in admirably, and the note on Shipley's 'Sketches in the Pacific'.

Shipley's work I have here, not in my own library alas but on loan. He is important for the early Pitcairn legislation and, as you say, his drawings are good.

I have compiled a nice little working bibliography on Pitcairn with some 300 entries; one wouldn't think the island had been so much written about.

Mrs Handy sent along her 'Ironwood' and I was frankly enchanted with it: I started it (in bed with 'flu) one morning after breakfast and finished it by night; and I kept thinking of it for days and nights afterwards. Of course I know my opinion is worthless, being a hopeless island monomaniac; but others all seem to like it too, though they describe it as 'difficult reading' and 'hard to get into'.

I am determined to get it published but am rather afraid lest the average commercial publisher may consider it too solid. And yet I know it would sell: I suppose I must read well over 50 books on the islands each year and this is one of the best I've yet struck.

The important thing is to find the right publisher - so to start things off the ms. is being read by a friend who is himself a commercial publisher of considerable experience - Manager for the Oxford University Press in Australia and New Zealand - who will advise. He has published 6 manuscripts sent by me or through me in the last few years and has a peculiar interest in island literature - but of course he does not handle novels through the O.U.P.

Anyway I've written and told Mrs Handy the story to date. I guess she's got plenty of patience; one needs it in the publishing game - and pertinacity.

Someone decided to clean out the safe at the South Pacific Commission and they found \$11 in an envelope with my name on it; so they kindly sent it to me. I can only say that I suppose it's mine, though I've no idea how I came to get it. But I am



enclosing it to add to the nest egg you so kindly keep for me. It will bring me two, maybe three, books - quite a windfall.

The University has voted me some money to spend two months in Hawaii checking on the Pacific historical material in the Archives and elsewhere - with particular relation to my own work.

The only reason I hesitate to come is because friends tell me that I should be expected to give a lecture or two (goodness knows on what or to whom). Somehow Americans seem to think everyone can address an audience. I know every American can - but quite a few English cannot, and I'm one of them, as you probably know, being shy to the nth degree and quite tongue-tied in public.

And there's another thing - not being an international civil servant any more I would be reasonably impecunious (by U.S. standards, at any rate). Is it possible to live cheaply and quietly anywhere in Honolulu? Some say rent a flatette (or whatever you call them) and look after oneself - but can they be got?

Just one thing more and I'll stop. Could you please ask Emory one other name: TAROATCHOA - given by Morrison as a chief on Tubuai? It sounds quite un-Polynesian to me, but what might it be conceivably meant to represent, at a guess? I know you're busy and I'm exceptionally importunate but if Emory does hazard an opinion would you please write it on a post-card? There's no hurry at all.

Yours,

*SLM*



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# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Remarks:

Dear Harry,

I'll just send off this- quick-o - and write later,  
it being Friday afternoon, and much having gone before, more  
to come! You know those days!

I'm so glad the blessed fort appeared on one page of  
Seale's journal. He was not strong in spelling, was he!  
But thank goodness it occurred to him to write a journal.

This is the only pages in the Tubuai section that  
mentions the mutineers- or the fort.

Good luck,

Signature..... *Marjaret* ..... Date..... 9/6/57 .....



Department of Pacific History,  
17th November, 1958.

Ian Diamond Esq.,  
The Secretariat,  
SUVA, Fiji.

Dear Mr Diamond,

Thanks so much for your welcome letter of the 7th, with its news of the archives: especially about the new building, which sorely tempts me to return and finish my work before rapidly approaching senility becomes too obvious.

A sure sign that it is on the way is that I cannot remember Dawbin mentioning the microfilming of your thesis (or part of it); but I'm quite certain that if he said he did, he did: it is just that my memory no longer functions except for events which happened 30 years or more ago. Must be why I took up history.

The Mrs Baker lapse is not, however, due to any loss of memory but just that I have not succeeded in getting down to doing anything about it since my return. When I reached <sup>after</sup> Canberra I was greeted with a request for a paper on The Evolution of Local Government in the Gilbert Islands and had to put everything else aside in order to finish it. Now it is done and I hope will be published in a symposium the Department is bringing out on Local Government in the Pacific. 15,000 words of sheer poetry.

What I wanted Mrs Baker to do was to copy out the report of the cruise of Mr J.R. Le Hunte, Special Judicial Commissioner, in H.M.S. "Espiegle", dated Sydney 10.10.83, including the enclosures. If there are too many enclosures to type them the ones I specifically want are those relating to the case of John Rees charged with the murder of Barrows on Kapingamarangi (Greenwich Island) in the Carolines.

I should be most grateful if you could pass this request on to Mrs Baker, as it will save me from having to write a letter to her myself (and I don't know her address). Just one copy is all I require.



I'm glad that Robson found some of the material that he wanted: it would be about Queen Emma, the daughter of Consul Coe of Samoa who was one of the Pacific's most intriguing characters.

Which reminds me that I believe you have more than one set of the Fiji Times in the Alport Barker Library.? Would you be willing (if Macdonald, the C.S., agreed) to sell (or exchange with other Pacific books) one set to the Mitchell Library? I would not ask such a thing on behalf of any other library in the world, but the Mitchell is the centre of Pacific research and it is infernally awkward that it only has the Fiji Times up to 1872 and after 1936. I really believe that this gap from 1873 to 1935 is probably the most important missing item in the whole of the Mitchell collection. I have always been an advocate of the museum or library that has the most material on any subject getting the first chance of filling any gaps left.

Yes, your reference library is good, considering; and for old Gazettes and official publications I should think unique - at least I have never seen complete sets elsewhere. At the moment I have someone searching in Sydney for a King's Regulation of 1912 of the G. & E.I.P. and so far without any success.

The Alport Barker Library, on the other hand, is a bit of a disappointment, both as regards selection and condition. But I believe that if you use your many duplicates shrewdly by making out a list of them and exchanging for missing items you can build it into a really fine library. I for one have hundreds of duplicates not in the Baker collection which I would gladly exchange (on say the basis of Francis Edwards catalogue prices).

A few, but not many, of his duplicates may be scarce (most of them pamphlets) and these could be offered to one of the three libraries with Pacific Island collections. But apart from these he has a mass of quite ordinary stuff (sometimes 5 or 6 duplicates of each volume).

You simply don't realize how lucky you two are to be away from Canberra. Here it is the middle of November and I'm frozen to death: fires in every room during the day as well as the night. And of course the University turns its heating off on the 1st November, whether its hot or cold. How's housing, by the way?

With best wishes to you both,

*Please excuse my typing: its not what it  
used to be,*

*Yours sincerely,  
J.W.M.*



Department of Pacific History,  
19th November, 1958.

Mr F.R.J. Davies,  
Islands Education Office,  
Department of Education,  
WELLINGTON, New Zealand.

Dear Mr Davies,

I am most contrite at not having written to you before this to thank you for so kindly sending me a copy of Nature Study. The trouble was that when I got back from Honolulu I had to rush away again, and am only now beginning to catch up again on my correspondence.

However, I have a feeling that you are one of the few who can understand what it means to have one's correspondence piling up while on tour; for I imagine that you must very often be in much the same position yourself.

There can be no doubt but that Nature Study is an excellent effort; clearly written and well produced. In short a credit to your organization; which has already chalked up some notable credits.

Good handbooks for the teachers in the tropical Pacific are so needed at the present time; and in no field more than nature study, for here the subject matter lies all round the student in his everyday life. And he must pay some intelligent attention to it if he is to manipulate his environment to produce what is needed.

In Honolulu they were full of praise for the book and I attended a meeting at which it was proposed to try and purchase enough copies to distribute to selected teachers locally. The Americans are very generous in their praise when they see something better than they have produced themselves: would that all Pacific territories were the same. Too often one finds the fixed idea that only material locally produced by the territorial Education Department could be of any use. Fiji was one of the worst offenders two or three years ago.

Again many thanks for the book: I take it a copy has been



Department of Pacific History,  
19th November, 1958.

R.A. Derrick, Esq., O.B.E.,  
The Fiji Museum,  
SUVA, Fiji.

Dear Derrick,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter about the Pitcairn paper "In Search of a Home". I must confess now to being a bit apprehensive as to what your reaction might be to the story; for though it convinced me when I was working on it I am perhaps rather prone to self-hypnosis.

I always feel that you have a special interest in the 'Bounty' and her affairs; probably on account of being the guardian of the rudder. So your appreciation means a good deal more than other peoples.

I cannot think how I came to be so careless over Vatoa and Ono-i-Lau. I knew very well that they both possessed one or more hills, having your invaluable geography at my elbow as I wrote. It just goes to show that however many times one checks there will still be mistakes.

My material on the second phase of Pitcairn's history - from the landing to the death of John Adams - is now more or less assembled, and I am amazed at the number of separate accounts: many of them in manuscript and never before used. Even more amazing is the nonsense some writers have made of the period: one wonders sometimes whether they read anything except the two or three standard works before rushing into print.

But at the moment I am working on the truly amazing story of Benjamin Boyd, Charles St Julian, John Webster and the Hawaiian Protectorate over Sikiana Island. It all reads like a fairy tale.

With best wishes and hoping to see you again: there seems to be some chance of my getting to Suva next year to finish my work,

Yours very sincerely,

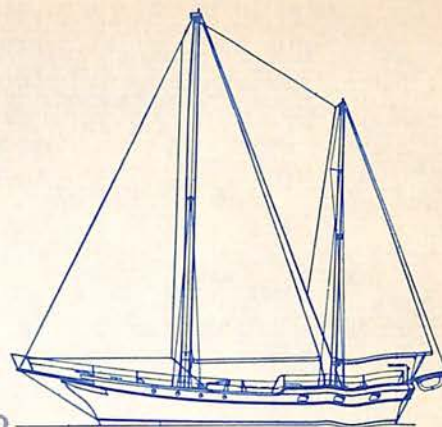


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KETCH YANKEE

*m.f.a.  
I.M.J.  
19.11.58*

Dear Friends,

A few days ago I returned from England, Germany and Holland where I had been inspecting shipyards. Result: the Ketch Yankee is now being built at the Westhaven Yard in Zaandam, near Amsterdam, and should be finished July 1, 1959. Our basic plan for the next few years is to cruise the rivers, canals and seas of Europe.

The whole idea started twenty-six years ago before Exy and I were married when we made plans to cruise the rivers and canals of Europe and even picked out a boat. A slight detour of seven voyages around the world delayed us till now, when we really seem to be on the way again.

Sailing around the world in a big ship like the Yankee as we did for twenty-five years, was a marvelous way of life. When it came to a change we would be hard to satisfy. The one plan we felt was a step forward now was the one that had always attracted us. For this new kind of sailing we would build a special ship of our own. Much smaller than the two previous Yankees, she would be easy for the two of us to handle and in her we could explore an entirely different part of the world from the tropical islands. The more we learn about the cruising possibilities of Europe's thousands of miles of rivers and canals, the more fascinating they sound. Moreover, at one end of Europe is the Baltic, at the other the Mediterranean; and beyond that the Adriatic, the Aegean, the Nile... Such cruising presents the lure of a new unknown.

For years these ideas have been stirring in our minds. We have read about Europe's inland waterways and talked to the few, but enthusiastic, people we could find who had cruised them. Exy's French and German will be put to use and she is now learning Dutch, Italian next. Irving has given years of thought to the qualifications of a new Yankee for these waters. We enjoyed one first-hand experience in this line the year we lived in New Orleans at the end of the war. The 6,000 miles of waterways in Louisiana alone introduced us to the special pleasures of narrow waterway and river cruising. At that time we had the use of the 46-foot ketch "Trail Star," sturdily built to run aground without damage, so we didn't even carry a dinghy.

To give the utmost variety to our new method of cruising, we are building not only a craft of shallow draft and with folding masts, but one which is especially designed to run aground and at the same time is well able to cross the Atlantic under sail alone. To finance this unusual craft and to have the fun of companionship, we are taking paying guests. Therefore we have planned the Yankee especially for this purpose. At the same time we shall be taking pictures for lectures and writing articles. To broaden the scope of the whole enterprise, we shall also carry a couple of Europe's finest motor scooters, the Lambrettas. These scooters will take four of us to explore mountain castles, to visit distant village festivals, or just to collect some vegetables in the next town.



The Ketch Yankee can best be described as a cross between an ultramodern ditch-crawling yacht and a seagoing galleon of old times, complete with great cabin aft and five windows across the stern. Though we think the Yankee would not take first prize in a beauty contest, we guarantee she will not be a wallflower for lack of good looks. Her vital statistics are: 50'7" overall, 42'6" on the waterline, 15'4" beam, with a draft of 4' with centerboards raised and 7'6" with boards down. Her masthead ketch rig will include an unusual sail called a mule, of which we are expecting great things. We had the lines of the ship drawn by Sparkman and Stephens, who are the world leaders on shallow draft centerboard craft. Literally hundreds of friends have helped us with the design and equipment of this Yankee, built for a specific purpose, or I should say purposes. She is to be a flush deck craft with a huge midships cockpit. This cockpit can be closed in and even heated when awning and transparent curtains are rigged.

Forward of the cockpit are guest quarters where we shall normally accommodate a couple of about our age. There are, however, accommodations for as many as six people, but we feel that plenty of storage space is desirable, and less crowding an advantage. Aft, entirely separate from the guests' quarters, will be the great cabin, 19 feet long. It will include not only our double bunk, way aft in front of the five stern windows, but also a dining table, a large semicircular settee, and a galley in the forward port corner. The fresh water tanks will be unusually large to allow for showers forward and aft. In fact there will be fresh water ballast to pump out in case the ketch runs aground hard enough to get thoroughly stuck. Knowing that the Yankee can run aground harmlessly means that anyone can help sail the ship without worrying about making mistakes. Also the General Motors Diesel engine control will be so unbelievably simple that one can learn to operate it with only ten seconds' instruction. In fact the ship and the inland cruising are ideal for the many people who don't choose to bounce around in the open sea and yet love the feeling of being afloat.

The bottom and topsides are built of a new type of steel called Corten, stiffer and stronger and more resistant to corrosion than ordinary steels. In addition the bottom is 50 percent thicker than usual, an advantage that will give her many of the characteristics of an ice breaker. The propeller is specially protected against damage and the rudder is extra strong. There is automatic electric steering with a remote control device in case you want to steer from the mast or bowsprit. All the innovations on the new Yankee are really too numerous to mention here. Exy and I shall be the only permanent crew, although for certain special places we shall take a pilot on board. Guests can help with the operation and sailing if they choose.

We are looking forward to eight or ten years of cruising from early April to the end of October in various parts of Europe. The rest of the time will be spent on the usual lecture tours in the U.S.A. I am looking forward to seeing many of you this coming winter while lecturing, and when I'm not on the platform, I'll probably be talking on my favorite topic, the new Ketch Yankee.

Sincerely,

*Irving M. Johnson*



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Mr. H. E. Maude,  
Department of Pacific History  
Australian National University,  
Box 4, G.P.O.  
CANBERRA                      A.C.T.

Dear Sir:

We were pleased to have your letter of 19th October telling us that Mrs. Maude would be in Sydney and would be good enough to call at our Showroom with a view to inspecting and appreciating the SMITH-CORONA Electric portable typewriter.

As no doubt you know, we have sold all previous shipments out very quickly, and the next one arrives on the 15th of this month. Orders in hand will exhaust it but we are holding a couple of machines from one of our Branches and would like you to appreciate them while they are still available.

Could you let us know if there is any possibility of you or Mrs. Maude looking at a machine so that we can allot one for you if you so desire?

You might be interested to know that quite a number of members of the Faculties of the Australian Universities have placed their orders for the Smith-Corona Electric model. Two members of the Law School of the Sydney University are enthusiastic regarding the performance of the machine.

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5 December 1958

Dear Mr Maude  
Your letter to me of November 3 arrived here a few hours after I had left for Fiji and places eastward. A copy was sent on after me and I take this opportunity of expressing to you my grateful thanks for your interest and practical help. I got back here via Auckland yesterday.

I gathered up a certain amount of Coe data in Samoa but my best discovery was in the Barker Library in Suva where there is a bound volume of the old Samoa Times which had a brief life in Apia in the Seventies. There I picked up some crucial dates and names.

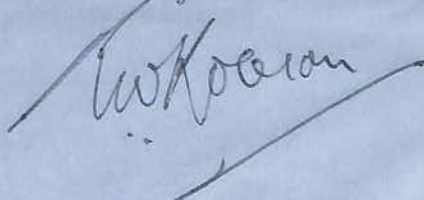
I made in Suva an unforgiveable oversight - I forgot to check with Usher in regard to the bound volumes of the Fiji Times still in possession of the Co. there - when I bought from Barker he made retention <sup>of them</sup> of certain files a condition of the sale. But if, as you say, there are duplicate files of Fiji Times there, I shall be all in favour of the duplicate set being placed without loss of time in the Mitchell Library - and the sooner the better. I always am against duplicate sets of newspaper files being kept in the same building - or even the same town - as the original sets.

Mrs Tudor on Thursday next <sup>Dec 4</sup> catches the 7 30 am plane out of Sydney for Canberra, to spend the day in Territories Department gathering material for the new edition of P I Year Book - returning by plane that evening. I have decided to go with her, and spend the day (if I may) in the Library you have referred to. Will you please tell Mr Gilson of my plan - and let me know at once if my visit would be inconvenient. On your letter, I am sure it would be very profitable for me.

If I visit Canberra as suggested, I will discuss with you further the suggestion of putting that Fiji Times file (if available) in the Mitchell.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely





Department of Pacific History,  
7th December, 1958.

Mr H.E. Hovendene,  
Manager, Macdougalls Pty., Ltd.,  
P.O. Box No.3728, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr Hovendene,

After my visit to your Showroom and discussion with you on Thursday I returned to Canberra to find your letter of the 3rd December awaiting me.

My wife agrees with me that we should purchase the Smith-Corona electric portable typewriter which you have provisionally reserved for me from your next shipment, due on the 15th December. If possible we would like the colour and type to be as follows.

Colour - we would prefer the sand-coloured model, as recommended by you: failing that, a green.

Type - our first choice would be your "Secretariat No.75" type, and our second the "Elite No.66". Would you, therefore, please change the particulars endorsed on the "Machine Order Form" accordingly.

There are a couple of points concerning this machine which I forgot to mention on Thursday.

- (i) Typing of Cards. In connexion with my historical research I do a lot of typing of references on 5" by 3" cards. Most portable typewriters nowadays can take these cards without difficulty but a few, such as my Royal, have to have special plastic card holders attached to the carriage. Would you please let me know whether one can type cards on the Smith-Corona portable or, if not,
- (ii) Square Brackets ~~obtain a resource~~ ~~from American~~ ~~and fit~~ ~~writing~~ ~~notar~~ ~~to~~ ~~separate~~ ~~words~~ ~~beginning~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~author~~ within quotations. Could these please be fixed on the keyboard in place of the "2" and "4", which I have never had occasion to use in my life?

*whether you can obtain (locally or from America) and fit a card holder to enable this to be done*



Ja -

(ii) Square Brackets: These are much used in historical writing, e.g. to separate words inserted by the author.



I enclose a cheque for £137.10.0, as quoted by you in your letter of the 15th October, and will settle later for the cost of any alterations necessary to comply with my requests at (i) and (ii) above, as well as for the freight of the machine to Canberra. Presumably it will be best, in order to avoid injury to the typewriter, to send it by air freight?

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



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Department of Pacific History,  
The Australian National University,  
Box 4. G.P.O.  
C A N B E R R A. A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to have your letter of 12th October and to give you details of the world's first ELECTRIC Portable Typewriter.

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H.E. Hovendene. *per C.G.*  
Manager.

Encl.

This letter is typed on the Smith-Corona Electric Portable, Pica Type.



Department of Pacific History,  
12th October, 1958.

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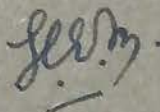
Dear Sirs,

On a recent visit to the United States I tried to purchase a Smith-Corona Electric Portable Typewriter, but unfortunately the local agents in Honolulu were unable to get me a machine wired for the Australian voltage and cycles in time, though they were available at the makers on the mainland.

Under the circumstances the agents advised me to get in touch with you on arrival here, as they were sure that you would have this popular model in stock.

Would you please therefore send me all particulars as to price, etc., and also whether you have local agents in Canberra who stock the machine.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



98 Arthur Circle,  
Forrest, A.C.T.,  
9th December, 1958.

Dear Mr Robson,

I was glad to hear that you are able to come up to Canberra on Thursday, though I'm afraid that you have chosen a very dead time of the year.

The University term has ended, or at least is on its last legs, and most people seem to have fled the place (I don't really blame them), including the Dean of the Research School of Pacific Studies (Prof. Jim Davidson) who wanted particularly to meet you.

And the Library will be closed for the annual stock-taking. So there is very little I can show you - except Exhibit No.1, Dick Gilson, who has promised to be on deck throughout the afternoon (he works all night and sleeps until midday) and to produce all he can re Coe.

I gather that you will be travelling either by A.N.A. Flight 39 or T.A.A. Flight 429 and will be at the airport to meet you at 8.30 and take Mrs Tudor any place she likes and yourself to the University where you can see the sights, browse through my own library, and meet one or two of the people working on the islands who are still in



Canberra.

Then I hope you can have lunch with Dick and me (and Mrs Tudor too if she can) at probably the Canberra, and we can go on to Gilson's hide-out to discuss Coe. This is of course all supposing that you have no other particular engagements.

Anyway, I shall keep my day free and and we can fix up what you would like to do when I see you at the airport. What a pity Sir Keith Hancock left today, as he would have liked to have met you.

Yours sincerely,

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

H.E. Maude.



Department of Pacific History,  
3rd Novemner, 1958.

R.W. Robson, Esq.,  
Technipress House,  
29 Alberta Street,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr Robson,

This is to report that I spoke to Dick Gilson on the subject of Coe and Steinberger and it seemed to me that he had more than sufficient data on them, and others connected with them, to justify your coming up here to see him.

What is perhaps more important, unlike many historians he would be glad to show you (and let you have copies of) anything at all, and as he really does know the Steinberger period like the back of his hand a discussion with him might prove quite as rewarding as the documentation. I should like to be an interested listener in the background, if I may?

If you would care to send Dick a line to fix dates and times his address is R.P. Gilson, Department of Pacific History, Australian National University, Box 4 G.P.O., Canberra, A.C.T. or, if you prefer to phone, his number is U6422, Extension 301. He knows little about Queen Emma herself, as the lady did not really come into her own until she left the place.

*and  
Ryzden*

I asked Dick about Coe records in Apia and he says that there are a few lands records concerning his transactions still there, and he could send you the full references if you like, so that you can locate them with ease. Now I come to think of it we have the complete records of the American Consulate in Apia on microfilm in the National Library (and I fancy in the Mitchell too, but I'm not sure); and these should prove quite a gold mine. Then there is plenty of background reading on the political set up during the period, notably by Ellison, Brookes and Masterman, and I should be delighted to lend you these and any others you would like to take back with you when you come up.

I have promised Ida Leeson and others that when I next wrote to you I would ask if you could consider seriously the possibility of selling or presenting the spare set of the Fiji Times (which I



believe you purchased with the paper) to the Mitchell Library: I say in all soberness that this would do more to advance the cause of Pacific Islands studies in Australia than anything that I can think of.

Fiji has either two or three sets in their Archives (from the Barker Library) so do not need another but, though it seems unbelievable, the Mitchell has the Fiji Times only up to 1872 and after 1936; and this gap from 1873 to 1935 is possibly the most important missing item in the whole Mitchell collection. Believe me, if you could see your way to filling it you would be a real benefactor to Australia and the Pacific.

Well, I must not waste your time any more, but hope that you have a worthwhile time in Fiji and will look forward to seeing you up here before too long; please stay more than a few hours,

Yours sincerely,



H.B. Maude.



Department of Pacific History,  
21st October, 1958.

R.W. Robson, Esq.,  
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SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr Robson,

Thank you for your letter. I will duly change the Bounty piece to my name and let you have it in a few days. There is no hurry as it has not appeared yet in the Journal of the Polynesian Society. Also I'll try and concoct something about my work in Hawaii and Fiji.

Now I come to look at it again the Times article won't be of any use to you; but it was to me for it brought in £20 for 1,600 words, and letters from all over England and the continent. And engagement from the Sydney Morning Herald to write a whole series of articles on the Pacific Islands and their particular importance to Australia.

Alas, I have no time to do this latter work, though much to say, but I shall try and find a day to do a piece on the Solomons and why Australia should take them over (if they don't want others to do so), to coincide with Prince Phillip's visit there.

I find that one has to do a good deal of softening up first with people before they will consider the idea of a Federation of Pacific territories: it is all too novel at first, and novel ideas are apt to make people feel uncomfortable. But if one keeps on plugging away in the press, a para or two at a time, it will gradually come to be thought of as obvious.

Did I tell you that my cousin Angus has taken on the Herald. He came up and spent the day with us a week or so ago and I insisted on him examining the PIM: he seemed really impressed with the standard of production.

I hope to come down to Sydney in a day or two and will take the liberty of calling you up just in case you are free for half-an-hour sometime. Among other things, I should like to



Speak about Spate's work in Fiji, which is really most important for the future of the country.

Yours sincerely,

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

H.E. Maude.



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Dear Mr. Maude,

I returned home from New Guinea only a couple of days ago and I have found here your letter of September 7 written from the Himalaya.

Value and authority would be added to the article about the Bounty if you are shown as the writer -- and we would prefer it that way, if it is agreeable to you.

You said that you would let me have a copy of this material when you passed through Sydney about September 16. I presume you made an enquiry here and learned that I was in New Guinea. I should, of course, like now to see the material.

Would it be possible to receive from you a paragraph about the work you have lately been doing in Hawaii and Fiji, for the next PIM?

I have not yet been able to get a copy of the "London Times", carrying your article -- I should get it within a day or two, however. I shall read it with much interest.

I am sorry I missed you here in September -- there is much to talk about connected with the general idea of a new status for the South Pacific Islands. The developments in relation to Dutch New Guinea in the past couple of days seem to suggest that the idea of a Federation of Melanesia, under Australian direction or control, will be placed squarely before the Australian Government and people at an early date.

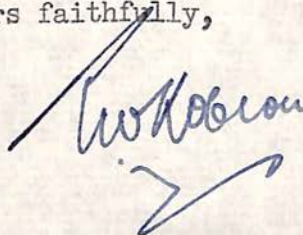


I probably shall write you again as soon as I have seen that "Times" article.

I have just seen the new book by Nancy Phelan describing her wanderings with Helen Shiels in the Gilberts -- a valuable and entertaining volume, I thought. I last saw Helen in Suva over a year ago -- someone told me lately that she now is in Europe with her father.

With my kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Kobson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



13 Dec. 1958

Dear Harry, thank you for yours of the 9th. I didn't expect you to return that last day, so wasn't unduly disappointed. I left the folder you had brought from Canberra to be given you in case you turned up late - now I'll bring it with me. I arranged for the photo-stats you asked for, also for some from the newspapers I marked while you were here, which were too long for me to copy by hand. They are to be sent to you. I'll bring all the shorter ones I have copied, and they can be fitted into their places.

As your reform of the first page was forgotten by page 2, I needn't add that I don't want to stop devilling for you - I'd before to the devil indeed if I stopped - it was only that by the end of the



day I was too tired for walking the streets looking for bamboos that weren't there.

I went straight on to clear up the newspaper items I had marked while you were here, as I couldn't have the volumes kept out indefinitely.

Today (Saturday) I've been working on the references you gave me in your letter. To take what I've done in order: -

1. Braine - La Nouvelle-Calédonie

I've copied out the references.

His date is wrong - he joined 1846..  
The Velocity's first trip was in 1847,  
the Velocity and Potencia also 1847.

2. Mangeret - Mgr. Bataillon.

Nothing about the Return trouble at all, but does give a picture of Auguste Marceau, who was a friend of Bataillon! As you have learnt from Brooke's (7) Marceau was the deeply religious commander of a French missionary ship. He partook



of the sacrament daily when possible, and was unhappy when there wasn't a priest on board to administer it. He had religious officers too.

3. Letter to Boyd from Kirsopp,  
printed in Nautical Magazine,  
Dec. 1847.

This is the letter I showed you in the S.M. Herald, which must have been its first appearance. When the Herald asked Boyd for some statement about the islanders, he said he couldn't do better than send them this, which K. had sent from Twofold Bay. Written on 14 April, it was in the Herald of the 22nd. I'm having it photostatted for you.

4. Erskine - I haven't looked at yet.

5. Dunbabin - Slavers of the South Seas.

This is generally vague and occasionally wrong. For instance, "one was drowned in Sydney Harbour"; this would be the man



on whom the inquest was held,  
and who, according to witnesses  
entitled to know, in no way  
resembled a Pacific Islander.  
Kinsopp's plan to take only a few  
from each tribe - have I found  
anything to bear this out. Boyd's  
instructions to him were just so -  
he was to cast his net wide, to  
get an experimental shipment,  
so they'd get some idea of the  
numbers available, their quality, etc.

Episodes on the road to Melbourne,  
etc. - don't you remember that most  
of the references I found in the  
newspapers were to such episodes?

Dumbabin's suggestion that Boyd  
got his idea from the sandalwood  
traders may have some bearing;  
but Boyd had already for  
several years had part islander  
crews on his whalers, and it  
seems others had followed suit -  
that may have been all he  
needed by way of idea. One  
of the photostats refers to this.



## C. Villiers - The Coral Sea

Yes, there was an understanding from Kirkcopp that the men would be returned to their homes after they had served a term.

The terms of service are set out in full in one of the items I've had photostatted. Villiers's particular sheep story I have not seen yet, but probably will in one of the newspapers.

That's as far as I've got.

Jonice got a later pass. That Dumbabin says the N. S. Govt. government sent the islanders back home in the end - Fitzroy in a despatch of Dec. 1847 said Boyd was returning them gradually, and only about 60 remained - ~~you will find that in one of the photostats~~. Possibly a few lingered on here and may have been repatriated by the government. Dumbabin has,



by the way, what seems a wrong  
story of a Capt. Strachan bringing  
Kanakas to Boyd Town in Feb. 1849.  
On p. 149 he gives the ship's name  
as the schooner Cyber.

No such ship arrived in Sydney  
in Feb. 1849 or at Boyd Town if C.M.S.  
shipping entries are correct.

A brig Cyber, Capt. Crew,  
arrived from Launceston at end  
of January, and at end of Feb.  
was in Sydney refitting for a  
sandalwood cruise. The  
Cyber does not appear in the  
port records, Jan / Apr. 1849.

It seems most unlikely in  
view of the amendment of the  
Master and Servants Act in  
1847 that he would be bringing  
islanders for anyone in 1849  
and certainly not for Boyd.

No more till I come, unless some-  
thing spectacular happens. Remember  
you are to ring me when you are  
ready. Affectionately, and with regards  
to Mrs. Maude. I do.



By the way, there's an intriguing reference, ~~at least~~ in one of the ~~photostats~~, but perhaps ~~I didn't have it~~ ~~copies~~ passages I copied to the Royalist and Mr. Brooke's (sic). This is from a long statement in the Port Phillip Gazette on the Wanderer's arrival there in June 1842, and it compares the scope of the Royalist's cruise "some few years since" with the Wanderer's. It seems rather likely that the comparison came from Boyd or one of his friends, rather than from the Port Phillip journalist. If so, it may mean Boyd was consciously emulating Brooke and looking forward to his own future kingdom or principality.

A further reference to his



stay at Tritan d'Aunha  
(where he stood godfather  
to Glass's youngest child,  
and referred to this island,  
and perhaps Pitcairn, as  
the only realization of those  
visionary ideas of Owen,  
which have gained, of late  
years, such a celebrity of  
discussion throughout Europe),  
may also show the working  
of his mind.



14th December, 1958.

Dear Angus,

I am sorry that I seem to have let you down about the review of Nancy Phelan's "Atoll Holiday". I had no idea that Brett Hilder had never done a review before; that he apparently hadn't any notion how to do one; that he could completely misinterpret what the book aimed to achieve; and that he would seize the opportunity to air some personal grouches against the local Government and the Gilbertese people.

But no matter, since your Literary Page staff seem to have wisely refrained from lowering their standards by publishing the sorry effort.

However, I am not writing merely to apologize for my shortcomings but because I have been importuned by Mr G.A.B. Docker, the newly appointed University Public Relations Officer, to act as a go-between.

Docker, who arrived a month or two ago from Oxford, is for some reason which he has not divulged most anxious to meet you for a short talk, if possible before Christmas. He says that if you could manage this and would nominate a time he can come down by plane at an hour's notice.

Should you be willing to see Docker



perhaps you could get your Secretary to drop him a note direct at the University? I do not know why he could not have written himself and would have declined to worry you on his behalf but for the reflection that the University pays me far too much as it is and the least I can do in return is to write an occasional letter.

I hope that you will be getting away to see a bit of the country over Christmas. I am writing about Benjamin Boyd at present, so plan to visit the site of his Boydtown on Twofold Bay.

Yours,

*Sl. M.*



98 Arthur Circle,  
Forrest, A.C.T.,  
14th December, 1958.

Dearest Mother,

Honor and I have only seen each other for about a couple of days in over a month, for she has been working at Wahroonga getting the house there in good order for selling; and then when she came back I went to Sydney to work in the Mitchell Library. The trouble is that one or the other must perforce be up here on account of the cat and the geraniums.

Thanks to her the Wahroonga house really looks marvellous, and the garden too: a great deal better than when we bought it. Everything cleaned and polished and every room re-done from floor to ceiling; the whole show is like a new pin. I felt quite sorry that she was selling it, but then she hates Sydney, or for that matter all big cities.

Unfortunately the house is the wrong side of the railway line so it is hard to get people to look at it at all. The average person in Sydney (and I suppose it is the same in England) would far rather live in a derelict shack with a good address than a really nice house in a working class district. But I have little doubt that it will sell in the end, and in the meantime we are in no hurry, having a lovely University house to live in.

I may be retiring at the end of 1949 or may be staying on at the University. In either case we intend to live in Canberra and to carry on the writing of history as at present. So we are looking for a small house to settle down in and I am trying to build up the capital equipment I shall need for the research side of my work. The two chief items are an electric typewriter and a portable microfilm reader: the first I am to have for Christmas and the second I hope to get from France next year. At the moment I am using a University one and could not do without it, as so many of the documents and manuscript records I use have to be photographed on microfilm and sent to me from all parts of the world.

Alaric finished his last examination on Friday, but we have not heard yet how he did. Next year will be his fourth and last: in this country one has to do 3 years for an ordinary degree, 4 years for an honours degree, and 5 or 6 for an M.A., and Alaric will spend his 4th taking honours in Geography. Then if he gets good enough honours (first class or a good second) he will probably come up here to take his doctorate under Professor Spate and later a position in the academic world. If he doesn't do so well, he thinks of entering the civil service like the rest of his family.

It is amazing how Alaric has grown up in the last three years. When he first went to the University he was a shy and retiring lad who spent all his spare time at home, usually reading books. Now he has a car, a "steady" girl



friend, and we hardly ever see him. I sometimes think that Honor could wish that he was not so self reliant and independent, but I guess its all for the best really. He talks of coming home on Christmas Eve and staying for a month or so.

If you can borrow from your library a book called "Atoll Holiday", published a couple of months ago by Angus and Robertson (author's name Nancy Phelan), please do so and read the long introduction I wrote for it, for I am rather proud of the effort. The book is selling very well, and the publishers say that it is due largely to the introduction.

My reconstruction of the Bounty's travels from the date of the Mutiny to the arrival at Pitcairn Island has been published in the latest number of the Journal of the Polynesian Society (June). They are also bringing it out in their Reprint Series and I shall send copies as soon as they arrive here. Honor did the maps and they have come out quite nicely. Her own book on the String Figures of the Gilbert Islands ~~has~~ was supposed to be out for Christmas, but we have seen no signs of it as yet.

Its well into summer now but I've still got a sweater on and we have been arguing about going back to electric blankets. But we hear that you are having a very severe winter in England as well.

*Love from so little  
Mary.*

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Central Archives, Fiji & W.P.H.C.  
Private Bag, G.P.O.  
Suva

15th. December, 1958.

Dear Mr Maude

Thanks for your letter and for the Christmas greetings which I received this morning. We're getting into the Christmas mood at last - the nightmare of buying presents and mailing them being over, and Ishbel greets me every afternoon with new wonders in the shape of snow-covered (plaster of paris) trees, coloured globes and whatnot. The flat is beginning to look like Aladdin's cave.

I have brought out the report you want copied and as you say it's pretty bulky - about one and a quarter inches. Mrs Baker is coming over to look at it as soon as she can, to make some estimate of the time it may take to copy. If the whole proves too much for her she will copy as much as she can including the report itself and the other material relating to the case of John Rees. The report includes a schedule or log showing the "ports" of call, days' sailings, dates etc and a chart showing the course followed by the "Espiegle". Do you want these also? If so, the only practicable means of copying the chart would be by photostat. Lands have the only photostat apparatus and charge, 12/- a sheet!!

You asked how I would feel about exchanging or selling the duplicates of the Fiji Times. The terms of the trust and arrangements for the ultimate custodianship and use of the library have not yet been decided, so I'm not at present in a position to dispose of any part of it. When the powers that be make up their minds about the future of the library and if it remains in my custody and at my disposal - as seems probable - I'll do what I can to oblige the Mitchell. The library is not yet catalogued (we hope to start this early in the New Year). When the material is classified and arranged I'll be able to say precisely what may be disposed of. If the library is eventually handed over to me and I am given a free hand I intend to offer the duplicates (or some of them) for sale or exchange and will certainly give the Mitchell first option on the "Times" duplicates, if I think it expedient to let them go. A lot depends on the terms of the trust, though. If these require that the library be kept intact, for instance, I shall have no alternative but to keep the lot - duplicates and all.

Our new buildings are completed and the steel shelving is going up apace. With any luck we should be able to start moving records into the first building in about a fortnight.

You'll be pleased to hear that the old buildings weathered the recent hurricane as though it were no more than a thunderstorm. It's true some water forced its way through cracks and crevices on the weather side but it was not serious and no damage was done. Luckily it wasn't much of a hurricane as hurricanes go and although the "eye" of it passed right over Suva there was no serious damage beyond a few fallen trees and broken power lines. The F.B.C.'s radio mast fell down of course so while the hurricane was in Rewa we didn't really hear much about it.



I must stop now. Please give my best regards to your wife. Ish and I join in wishing you both a very happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Sam Diamond

P.S. As soon as Mr Baker gives her verdict I'll let you know.

P.P.S. Would you be good enough to mention to Ethel Dues that her application for access is now before the C/S and that I shall reply to her letter as soon as I receive his decision.



14 Alison Crescent,  
DUNEDIN N.W.1.  
New Zealand.

29 December 1958.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Jim Davidson has told me that you had a very profitable time in Hawaii so far as your researches there went, and he has suggested that I might enquire whether you found anything there that might be useful to me. My field of research has been "New Zealand Aspirations in the Pacific in the 19th century" and I have been more interested in the N.Z. end of the story than in the island reactions, but I have to take the latter into account. I wonder if you would mind indicating how far your discoveries bore on my subject.

I might mention that the most likely periods would be about mid-century and about the end. In May 1850 Sir George Grey sent copies of the Ordinances of N.Z. to the King of Hawaii. R.C. Wyllie, the Minister of Foreign Relations, wrote back thanking Grey who proceeded to tell the Sec. of State for the Colonies that this showed how fully aware the Hawaiians were that "Islands circumstanced at those in the Pacific are cannot make any satisfactory and lasting advances without the support of such a great and enlightened Nation as Great Britain, - and that they consequently view the extension of our power without jealousy or alarm". In Sept. 1850 John Watson Bain had been appointed Hawaiian Consul to Auckland, N.Z. and it seemed that closer relations between Hawaii and N.Z. were likely. Did you locate anything interesting on this period of tentative approaches? Towards the end of the century, Seddon wanted to see Britain annex the group and to challenge the position of the United States there before it was too late. I do not know if he had any contacts in Hawaii. I rather think he was simply a grand annexationist type of imperialist. But I should be interested in hearing of any reactions in Hawaii itself.

I thoroughly enjoyed my brief visit to Canberra in early September of this year but fear it will be some years before I get back again. When I do return, I hope it will be possible to meet you and discuss some of your work.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Angus Ross.