

Bernice P. Bishop Museum.
Honolulu, Hawaii

June 16, 1931.

Donald G. Kennedy, Esq.,
Vaitupu, Ellice Islands,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of May 7th, just received, I have requested our librarian to send you a copy of Fowler's Fishes of Oceania. I do not know just how much good this work will do you, it being more of a catalog than ^a systematic work, but we are very glad to make it available.

This Museum will shortly be represented in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands by Mr. Malcolm MacGregor, recently appointed a Yale-Bishop Museum Fellow, who is planning to conduct some ethnological studies in those islands.

We would appreciate very much any cooperation or assistance which you might furnish this ethnologist.

If you are actively interested in the fishes of your islands, we would be very happy to offer you any assistance we can in this study. Mr. Fowler stands ready to identify any specimens which may be sent in. Perhaps some cooperative arrangement could be made between us for the collecting and naming of specimens. We would be glad to enter into any plan which did not entail the spending of much money. We furnish you with containers and preserving fluid, and pay all transportation charges. In return for your collecting the specimens we would furnish you with determinations and agree to turn over a reasonable number of duplicate specimens to any scientific institution or organization which you might designate. I hardly think you want a set of specimens returned to your islands. We would also be glad to cooperate with anyone interested in the collecting of insects and landshells. I have done considerable collecting in Samoa, Nassau, Palapala, the Phoenix and Tokelau groups, and Fiji. The Pacific Entomological Survey, in which this Museum is participating, has been making extensive collections in the Marquesas Islands and Society Is.

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Hoping that the volume on fishes reaches you safely,
and that you and MacGregor are able to ^{get} together on Vaitapu,

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Yours very sincerely,

H. H. Bryan, Jr.

Curator of Collections.