

PITCAIRN ISLAND

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Baker Papers vol 1 also has an interesting memorandum by Keith which is a précis of the information known to date on the history and P. 12. Keith states that the letter set of his collection is derived from Sir T. Stanes, who is a personal friend of his, and would be glad to provide any more information if desired.

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(9) 1808 ✓ Extract from the log book of Captain Folger, Sept. 29, 1808, relating discovery of Alex. Smith and his account of the experiences of the Bounty mutineers.

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see opposite

A 77

[another ms. copy of this narrative, slightly abridged, with some differences in the text, is bound in the same volume, ff. 5-15. This second copy gives the date of Puffin's visit as 1811. A third ms. copy of this narrative, also abridged and similar to the second copy is in the possession of Sir William Dixon. Photographs of Sir William Dixon's ms. are placed at A 60] register in Film file.



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(11) 1814 photostat copies of letters from R. Dixon to J. W. Coker,  
Nov. 28  
Dec 1 ✓? Nov. 28, Dec 1, 1814, relative to Capt. T. Staines' remarks  
on the inhabitants of Pitcairn Island.

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Did I get both articles in Melastom Gazette?

What of the 2 letters in A 1851 should be copied?

See cards under John Adams and Joshua Hill.

① Both concern  
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to Tahiti.

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Tahitian people to  
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" " May 14, 1859, p. 34/5: Pitcairn's and Norfolk Islands, including letter from John Buffett, sen.

" " July 1867, p. 50/51: Pitcairners on Norfolk Island, by John Buffett.

" " May 1, 1868, p. 37/8: The Pitcairners past and present. Includes letter from G. H. Nobbs, June 1867, remarks on Norfolk Island, etc.

" " April 1871, p. 28: Pitcairn's and Norfolk Islands.

" " Nov. 1872, p. 90: Pitcairn's Island.



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Pitcairn Island material in Norfolk Island Archives

Prime Minister's Department Acc. CP 316. Series 5. External Affairs  
(General Series):

07/1179. Norfolk Is. Petition from certain inhabitants

[date coverage: 31 October 1856 - 7 July 1903]

08/10929. Pitcairn Islanders at Norfolk Is.

[date coverage: 28 October 1857 - 16 December 1908]

Territories Department Acc. CP 599.

Series 1. Copies of correspondence received by Chief Magistrate of Norfolk Is. and Pitcairn I. (1837 - 1897.)

[This is a copy of part of No. CP 697 which is in such poor condition as to be unusable.]

This volume contains copies of correspondence mainly from Governor of N.S.W., but also from private individuals at Norfolk Island, from the Missions, and from visiting Naval personnel.

CP 599. Series 4. Copies of documents containing information about Norfolk Island. [compiled c.1922]

- Item 1. List of Original Pitcairners alive on Norfolk Is. (24 are listed, while 2 are crossed out, and their deaths, in 1922, noted.)  
c.1922
- Item 7. F.M. Bladen: Settlement of the 'Bounty' Mutineers on Norfolk Island (carbon copy)
- Item 8. Genealogy of Pitcairn Island. (given in generations, with lists of births, marriages and deaths, not all of which are dated.)  
n.d.
- Item 9. List of Pitcairners still living at Norfolk Is. with their dates of birth. (Otherwise this is the same as item 1, with the two who were noted there, as having died in 1922, omitted).  
n.d.
- Item 10. Norfolk Island. List of Commandants and Administrators, 1788-1924.  
(subsequent officials added in ink).
- Item 11. Norfolk Island. List of Presidents of the Council of Elders and of the Executive Council.  
n.d.

CP 697. Series 1. Inward Letters of the Chief Magistrate (1837-1903).

[Three volumes of this series are practically destroyed; however a copy was made in 1897 (CP 599 series 1)]



CP 697. Series 2. Chief Magistrate's Court. Minutes and Proceedings. 1856-1936. 5 vols.

Vol.1. Journals and Minutes: 17 October 1857 - 17 November 1864, 10 July 1868 - 29 December 1871; 1874-75; 21 February 1896 - 30 October 1896.

Receipts and Expenditures, 1872-1886 (mainly for liquor issued for medical purposes).

Old Lumber Account, 1875.

The records in this volume include a diary of island activities and events, records of public meetings, ecclesiastical matters, and a copy of a history of Norfolk Island, 1852-56. There are originals of statements made in 1898 before the Chief Magistrate by various original Pitcairners. These concern the claims of the Pitcairners to the ownership of Norfolk Island. There is a typed report of statements by Norfolk Island inhabitants to a visiting Parliamentary Delegation from N.S.W. (This is undated, but could be 1903-04.)

The 4 later volumes contain no material concerning the Pitcairn Islanders.

CP 697. Series 42. Inward Letters (Special Bundles) of the Deputy Administrator, Government of Norfolk Island (1896-1948).

Special Bundle 1. Correspondence concerning land grants, surveys, etc., 1856-1904.

- Item 1. Particulars of grants and leases issued for Norfolk Island, 2.2.1792 to 3.12.1860. Original list made in 1898, as recorded in Registrar General's Department, Sydney.
- Item 2. List of Grants and Transfers recorded in the books of the Registrar of Lands, Norfolk Island. 1859-1903. This includes original land grants, 1859-1895, original land leases, 1903, applications for grants, 1901, copies of wills. Some of these documents were used to brief members of the Royal Commission 1896 and later officials.
- Item 3. Copy of correspondence between Governor Denison of N.S.W. and U.K. authorities concerning settlement of Pitcairners on Norfolk Island, and distribution of land. 1856.
- Item 4. 2 copies of Royal Commission Report on Norfolk Island, 1896. (The tables in this report are based on many of the originals in this special bundle).



CP 697. Series 42. Inward Letters. Special Bundle 2.

- Item 1. Correspondence concerning Norfolk Islanders' claims to Crown land and houses, government buildings, eviction of Islanders; summary of land grant policy since 1856. (This item is official correspondence between Norfolk Island, N.S.W. and London, 1897-1910. It includes both originals and copies of petitions from Islanders, letters from Rev. S. Nobbs - Rawdon to Colonial Office etc.)
- Item 2. British Parliamentary Paper: Correspondence on the Subject of the Removal of the Inhabitants of Pitcairn's Island to Norfolk Island. 1857.
- Item 3. Printed map of Norfolk Island, showing grants and subdivisions. Drawn by M.V. Murphy. 8.2.1904.
- Item 4. Schedule of houses leased to and occupied by Pitcairners or their descendants to grandchildren, 1905. (This includes correspondence on the matter, claims to houses, and descriptions of houses.)

CP 697. Series 64. Copies of Wills, Norfolk Island, 1864-1895.

The following wills comprise the series: George Adams n.d., Edward Buffett 1887, Charles Christian 1885, Henry Christian 1886, Jacob Christian 1877, (2), Mary Christian 1864, John Edwards 1894, John Evans 1892, Joseph Hebblethwaite 1881, Polly McCoy 1891, Francis Nobbs 1907, George Humm Nobbs 1884, Arthur Quintal 1872, Dinah Quintal 1864, Joseph Quintal 1887, Matthew Quintal 1864, Nathaniel Quintal 1895, Thomas Rossiter 1888, William Rossiter 1888.

Most of these documents are marked 'copy'.

CP 697. Series 103.

Personal Papers of David Peacock, Storekeeper at Norfolk Island. 1852-1905.

Most of the papers relate to the Store, and comprise orders and correspondence about debts.

There are a few family and private letters and papers.

CP 697. Series 105. [Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths of Pitcairn Islanders, 1792-1882.]

- Item 1. List of present inhabitants of Pitcairn's Island, According to Seniority, 14 May 1853. (A list compiled in 1853 to which subsequent births, to 28 November 1882, have been added.)



- Item 2. Marriages, including married couples existing 15 May 1853.  
(Subsequent marriages, to 1 June 1882 have been added).
- Item 3. Deaths from the first settlement of Pitcairn's Island, 1790 to  
2 October 1882. (This includes a short history of Pitcairn  
Island to 1853).
- Item 4. Description of the generations of Pitcairners. (cf. CP 599  
Series 4, item 8.)



Periodical Literature (American) on Pitcairn Island from

1.7.37. - 10.4.45.

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by R.A. Dillon. Radio News. Vol. 25, pp. 6-7 +  
May, 1941.
- (2) "Pitcairn Island as it is Today", by G.M. Judge. Missionary  
Review of the World. Vol. 62. Pp.491-2. November, 1939.
- (3) "Pitcairn's Plight". Time. Vol.34. P.28. November 20th, 1939.
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Pp.18-19. January 1st, 1940.
- (5) "Strange Story of Pitcairn Island", by H.A. Forbes. Missionary  
Review of the World. Vol. 62. Pp.487-91. November, 1939
- (6) "Westward Bound in the Yankee", by I. Johnson and E. Johnson.  
National Geographic Magazine. Vol. 81. Pp.26-44.  
January, 1942.
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See Dictionary of National Biography, vol.II, pp.305-7.
- (3) Beechey, Frederick William (1769-1856).  
See Dictionary of National Biography, vol.IV, pp.121-2.
- (4) For the Regime of Joshua Hill see Shipley, C. "Sketches of the Pacific" (1851), p.5.



Material for History.

Pitcairn Island.

(1) In Mitchell Library:-

3 boxes of Pitcairn/Norfolk Correspondence  
marked -

"NOBBS PAPERS"

ask Mr. Walters (who is in charge) for them.

(2) The Bulletin de la Société des Etudes Océaniques  
for December, 1946, has 3 letters on Pitcairn  
history.

9.6.49



Diary at Pitcairn Island, Jy 12, 1851 - Fe 11, 1853,

Original no. 44b B667

[Formerly erroneously cit. as being John Buletto's diary at Norfolk Island, but see entries for Oct 1, 1852 and Nov 20, 1851].

Pitcairn's Island Clerical Register of births, marriages, deaths, commencing 15 May 1853 (- Dec 25, 1881); [with]

(List of original settlers, List of present inhabitants according to their seniority, May 13, 1853, Deaths from Jan 1790). photo prints.

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[Original sent for photography by Archbishop Neill, Jy 1954. Film at FM3 Two strips of notes in

Capt. McConnochie's hand are filed with 196 correspondence 337/1954]

Register, May 15 - Nov. 7, 1853; table of the population collected by Reuben Hobbs to Nov. 4, 1853 [and comment thereon]; table collected to Apr. 10, 1856: original nos.

84b (revised after p. 152 of Walter Bredie's

Pitcairn Island 3rd ed London, 1851) B1342



PITCAIRN ISLAND, contd.

SUPP. MSS. Cat.

[The reading of the entries in the Register differs from that of the Register pub. in Murray's Pitcairn 5<sup>th</sup> ed, 1855, and from the P. I. Register Book (SPEC).]

The vol. is inscribed by Gibbs to R. Bernard 4 Feb. 1853 and bears Grayson M. Nutters' book plate, autograph and note on edition. ]

Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands by J. J. Spruance: proofs of his Norfolk Island pub. 1885, MS draft of part of it relating to Pitcairn, and proofs of chapters contributed by him to Richards' Official History of NSW, 1883. 2 vols. A3034<sup>-1</sup> A3034<sup>-2</sup>

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23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1931. From a letter of Capt Sackland  
Reg. 9th Regt. Geny. Soc of Lond. Press. v. 1, p. 1,  
1855-6, 1856-7. 910.6  
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Pitcairn Island. Natural History, 1938,  
pp. 742-5.

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to be fictional  
(4) [General description of Pitcairn Island] by a  
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Nothing in Tahiti  
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pp. 15-24. 989  
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(7) Peifer. Descendants of Beatty's crew 1834  
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(8) Pitcairn's Island, the Bounty crew.

United Service Journal, 1829, pt. 11, p. 589-93

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See Nothing

(9) Pitcairn Island: extracts 1831-1881.

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in my library

(10) Recent accounts of the Pitcairn Islanders: Extract

from a private journal of Capt. Waldegrave, a  
despatch of Captain Sandilands, letters from

Capt. Fremantle and J. Hall. Roy. Geog.

Soc. of Lond. Jour. vol. 3, 1833, pt.

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1832, pt. 118-9).

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Despatches from Gov. of N.S.W. Enclosures, etc.

P.R.O. Office, 1830-31

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Pt 963-975

[Enclosures to Dalry's despatch to 45 of May 25, 1831]



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Banks Papers (Bulwer Collection), vol 1, Journals of Pitcairn's Island,  
1808-1815

Catalogue of items:

Ff. 1-2

- (1) "Extract from the Log Book of Capt. Folger of the American ship  
Tefuz of Boston, certified by Lt. Fitzmaurice of the Royal Navy  
& transmitted to the Admiralty by Rear Admiral Sir Sydney Smith  
on the 14 March 1809"

[This is really a letter from Lt. Van Fitzmaurice dated  
Valparaiso, 10.10.1808, concerning "Capt Folger relates... and  
ending"... Governor of San Fernando". The information in it  
is stated to have been "Extracted from the Log book 29. Sep.  
1808" ] 2 ff.

Ff. 2-4

- (2) "Copy of a letter from Mr. Folger, forwarded to Mr. Coker by  
Rear Admiral Rodham in a letter dated off New London 5 Jan  
1815 with the Azimuth Compass to which it refers". [The  
letter is dated Nantucket, 13 1813 and commences "The remarkable  
circumstance..." and ends "... will be carefully attended to"]  
3 ff.

F 4

- (3) "Extract of a letter from Vice Admiral Dixon to Mr. Coker dated  
Rio Janeiro 28.11.1814". [Commences "is a private letter..." and  
ends "... chose in their conduct" ] 1 ff.



Ff. 5-15

(4) Pifer's account of the visit to Pitcairn (apparently signed in English), commencing "On the 17 Sept 1811. at about half past 2 o'clock . . . and ending . . . my humble opinion such an act would be very unwise" 31 pp.

Ff. 17-51

(5) "Capt Pifer's Narrative of the State & Manners of H.M. Ship Bounty settled on Pitcairn's Island in the South Seas; in Sept 1814", commencing as in (4) and ending "infinite advantages to future navigators" and further of island.

[This is a copy of a letter to John Barrow Esq. and is in places a different account to (4)]. 37 pp.

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Ff. 57-59

(7) "Copy of a letter from Vice Admiral Dixon to Mr. Lusher dated Rio Janeiro 1 Dec 1814", including letter from Capt Sir Thomas Staines to Vice Admiral Dixon dated "Gibraltar, Volcanario, 18. 10. 14."

[Dixon's letter commences "Capt Sir Thomas Staines . . ." and ends "further directions thereon"; Staines' letter commences "I beg the honor to inform you . . ." and ends "within a short distance in a ship" 3 pp.]

Ff. 61-66

(8) "Brief memorandum relative to H.M. ship Bounty & the manners of her crew, previous to the visit of Sir Thomas Staines & Capt Pifer to Pitcairn's Island", signed "Keith, Plymouth Dock, 11 July 1815"



Annexes "His Majesty's armed vessel the Bounty" and also  
interesting subject that you may require".

[Keith states that he is a friend of Sir Thomas Staines and  
apparently obtained his information from him]. - 6 ff.

Ff. 52-55 (6) Copy of letter from Peper to John Darnow dated 'Tague,  
Petersmouth, 27<sup>th</sup> July 1815', concerning "a reply to your  
letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant..." and ending "...written  
in my nautical Remarks".

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Material in the F.O.58 series.

From Dick Gilson, who was searching for other material there.

FO58/64 - Consul Miller - 1849: contains letters from Pitcairn, August 1849, to Miller from John Buffett, Simon Young (Magistrate), Nobbs, and the 'young ladies', thanking him for assistance (in getting passage home from Honolulu in 'Pandora') and giving him news of the island.

FO58/65 - Other Consuls - 1849: contains (under despatches from Miller, Tahiti) correspondence on the proposed resettlement of the Pitcairn Islanders. In searching for a place Consul G. Miller has written to missionaries in the ~~Society of Islands~~ Society Islands as well as to Rarotonga. He refers to the correspondence of 1847 between Nobbs and Consul-General Wm. Miller.

~~FO58/66 // contains material on the Leeward~~

FO58/66: material on the proposed removal of the Pitcairn Islanders to the Leeward Islands.

FO58/66 - Lt. G. Wood of HMS 'Pandora' to Sec. of Adm., 3 Aug., 1849: giving particulars of his visit to Pitcairn Island.

FO58/66 - Wood to Sec. to Adm., 24 June, 1849, with enclosure describing Pitcairn in detail, giving population, shipping, etc.

FO58/68: more on the Pitcairn Islanders, and the proposed removal of some or them.

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ILLUSTRATIONS

- (1) See - Pitcairn Island manuscript. Ms, in French, in the form of a dialogue between a mother and her children, describing what became of the 'Bounty' mutineers, headed 'l'île de Pitcairn, traduit de l'Anglaise', neatly written on 39 pages, sm. 8vo, leather, c.1830, with an interesting and FINISHED WASH SKETCH OF THE ISLAND, showing two ships at anchor, size  $12\frac{1}{4}$  by  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

MS in Mitchell Library

(I have a photostat)

- (2) From Shipley, C. "Sketches in the Pacific". 1851.

(a) School House and Chapel: Pitcairn's Island.

(b) Christian's house: Pitcairn's Is.

(c) Bounty Bay: Pitcairn's Island.

These were drawn during the visit of HMS 'Calypso' (March, 1848).

- (3) The view of Pitcairn 'bearing NNW distance 3 leagues' at the bottom right of the plate facing p.561 of Hawkesworth's Voyages, vol.I.

One could call it 'Pitcairn as the Mutineers first saw it', from Capt.

Cartaret's 'Chart and Views of Pitcairn's Island'.

Also Cartaret's 'Chart of Pitcairn' on the same plate.

- (4) Dashwood, G.P. Drawing Book No.1, p.19.

View in Pitcairn's Island, Jan., 1833.

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A good coloured illustration for book.



PITCAIRN ISLAND

Murray, Hugh. "Adventures of British Seamen..." Edinburgh, 1827.

(Constable's Miscellany, Vol.IV)

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The account of Pitcairn on pp.305-322 is taken from stock sources, which are so little understood that the author mistakes Tubuai for Pitcairn. Says that Tubuai was re-christened Pitcairn and wonders what became of the natives who fought Christian at the first attempt at settlement.

"The natives have entirely disappeared from the island; but by what means, or at what particular era, we nowhere find precisely recorded. It seems very probable, that after the disastrous issue of their contest with the mutineers, they may have given up their native island as untenable, and migrated to other settlements."

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Strauss, Wallace Patrick. "Early American Interest and Activity in Polynesia, 1783-1842". Columbia University, Ph.D. thesis, Modern History, 1958.

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[273] Porter's book [i.e. on the Marquesas, etc.] was favorably received in America, but one of the most popular English magazines censured him for his intercession in native affairs [Footnote: The Quarterly Review, London XIII (July, 1815), 352-384]. The [274] furor raised by this slight to an American hero was enough to cause the publishing of a second edition a few years later which included a Preface devoted to refuting this attack [Footnote: Porter, 2nd ed, 1822]. The English article had also contained the first account of the fate of the survivors of the Bounty mutiny together with their subsequent adventures. But this information did not reach the American reader in book form until two years later when it was incorporated into the memoirs of Amasa Delano, a veteran New England sea captain, [Footnote: Delano, pp.111-151. The Federal Gazette (Boston), November 18, 1809 quoted in "Research in Records of American Activities." Vol.II made a brief mention of the finding of the Bounty survivors by a sealer in 1808]. The significance of Delano's memoirs was not in perpetuating the noble savage myth through the episode of the Bounty, but rather in focussing contemporary attention on the Hawaiian Islands. ....

Delano's account was supplemented by the addition of several English magazine articles on the subject. They had reviewed ~~the~~ a book of a visit by an English naval vessel to Pitcairn Island, home of the only living survivor of the mutiny. Although the book was not published in the United States, the subject matter was deemed interesting enough to be printed by two contemporary American magazines [Footnote: Athenaeum Spirit of the English Magazine, II (March 2, 1818), 419-422; The American Monthly Magazine and Critical Review, II (November, 1817), 23. For a highly favorable review of Delano's book see ibid., IV (February, 1819), 255-268]. The accounts, favorable [275] to the Bounty mutineer survivor and his descendants, described them as follows: "Their manners were very gentle, their principles pure, their sentiments benevolent and their whole conversation and deportment marked with the most interesting simplicity" [Footnote: ibid., II (November, 1817), 23]. Thus the problem of the fate of the mutineers posed nearly three decades before by William Bligh was solved, and a highly romantic finish was provided by an obscure novelist who wrote a fictionalized account of the episode in 1819, with the last survivor, Alexander Smith, as the ~~hero~~ hero [Footnote: Charles L. Sargeant, The Life of Alexander Smith, one of the mutineers of H.M.S. Bounty ..... (Boston, 1819). Compare his account of Smith's adoption of the name of John Adams on p.228 with Delano, p.114].

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in Public Record Office

- (1) Letter written by Folger, Master of the "Tokay" of Boston, from Nantucket, March 1813, informing the Admiralty that in February 1808, he had discovered that Pitcairn Island was inhabited.
  - (2) Letter written by Sir Thomas Staines, Commander of H.M.S. "Bute" from Valparaiso in October, 1814, to Admiral Dixon (Commander in Chief, Southern Pacific Ocean), reporting his visit to Pitcairn.
  - (3) Letter from Admiral Morley Dixon to the Admiralty in 1814, dated from H.M.S. "Cherub" (Rio de Janeiro) reporting Sir Thomas Staines' discovery at (2).
  - (4) Report of Capt Elliott's visit to Pitcairn in H.M.S. "Fly" during 1838.
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(1)	1814	"Bute" & "Tago"	Stonish & Pate	Ad 51/2184 ad 51/2873
(2)	1825	"Glossom"	Beechey	
(3)	1833	"Challenge"	Fremontle	
(4)	1837	"Actaeon"	Lord Edward Russell	
(5)	1838	"Inogene"		
(6)	1838	"Fly"	Elliott	Ad 51/3176
(7)	1852 & 1853		Admiral Hensley	
(8)	1862	"Changde"	Wood	
(9)	1892	"Champion"	Rooke	

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- (1) The ... sent by Lt. N. F. Stannard detailing the visit of  
Capt. Folger, of the American "Tokoy". It was received at the Admiralty  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1809.
- (2) The account of the visit of Captains Staines and Peper during 1814 in  
H.M.S. "Bulwer" and "Tagua".
- (3) Letter of Capt. ... regarding visit in 1825. He formed a John Adams  
report that the islanders should be taken away to the British Government.
- (4) Letter of Capt. ... regarding visit in 1833 on board H.M.S. "Challenge".
- (5) Letter Lord Edward Russell in 1837 on H.M.S. "Octagon".
- (6) Letter H.M.S. "Inogen" in 1838.
- (7) Letter Captain Elliott in 1838 on H.M.S. "Fly".
- (8) Letter Admiral Fairfax Bessely in 1852 & 1853.
- (9) Letter Capt. ... in 1862 on H.M.S. "Chrysolite".
- (10) Letter Capt. ... in 1872 on H.M.S. "Champion".



Public Records Office

Records concerning the Pacific Islands are as follows:-

(1) Records of the Colonial Office - (For details see p. 2)

Pacific, Western

(a) Original Correspondence (C.O. 225)

1878-1909. 89 vols

(b) Register of Correspondence (C.O. 492)

1878-1884. 1 vol

(c) Do Index (C.O. 493)

1879-1886. 1 vol

(2) Records of the Foreign Office - (For details see p. 2)

Pacific Islands (F.O. 58)

1822-1905. 345 vols



Pacific, western. (C.O. 225)

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Marsson Myth

see Wilson, Voyage of the Duff (1799),

p. 13 ff: Mr Gresteed and Dr Howes  
give a vocabulary of Tahiti received from  
the Bounty mutineers.

P 45: Gresteed's account of the South  
Sea Islanders read in the 'Duff'

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PITCAIRN ISLAND

For instructions from Grenville to  
Green Phillip in March, 1790,  
to send the Gorgon to the NW coast  
of America and in the way look  
to touch at the Society and Friendly  
Islands in order to apprehend the  
mutineers of the Beauty and bring them  
to Port Jackson en route to England  
for trial —

see Dunsford, T. "Some early  
intimated relations of Australia" RAHS  
Trans & Proc, 1932, p. 320.

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- ✓ (1) Rev. Charles Pitman in L.M.S. correspondence, S. Seas, Box 12, 10.8.39: Ko Tiare (George) and Nati (Nancy) eaten by Rarotongans.
- ✓ (2) All material concerning visits to Rarotonga Island prior to that of John Williams in the unpublished journal of R. Bourne and T. Williams (1823) in the L.M.S. series.

*These appear to be letters originating in England and sent to L.M.S.*

Correspondence re sending missionary to Pitcairn Island

*headquarters, but do not appear to be here.*

- ✓ (3) 1817: Recommending mission to Pitcairn (Box 3, Folder 5, A).
- ✓ (4) 21.6.17: From W. Woodman, recommending mission to Pitcairn.
- ✓ (5) 29.7.17: From J. Pratt, recommending mission to Pitcairn.
- ✓ (6) 20.12.17: From P. Pipon, report on Pitcairn.
- ✓ (7) 23.10.18: From J. Wood, declining to go to Pitcairn.
- ✓ (8) 18.1.19: From J. Adams, acknowledging books from L.M.S.
- ✓ (9) 11.7.18: From J. James, stating that Chalmers declines Pitcairn proposal.

*see in box 4  
S.S. letters  
10/10/33*

*not in Aust letters*

Correspondence re Migration of Pitcairn Islanders to Tahiti

The transport left Sydney 13.10.30.

Pitcairn Islanders ~~returned~~ arrived in Tahiti during March, 1831.

Islanders left Tahiti in two batches, one a month later and the other in September.

- ✓ (10) To search all Tahiti correspondence (to and from) between say the beginning of 1827 and the end of 1831 for anything on this migration. I suggest the beginning of 1827 because it was in that year that Canning, of the Foreign Office, suggested to Pomare III that he should receive the islanders.
- (11) Then search the Tahiti material in the F.O.58 series: Foreign Office, General Correspondence, Pacific Islands, for all items relating to Pitcairn Island between the same dates, including Canning's letter (which may give you references to the previous and succeeding correspondence).

*see with L. G. Hawson re Tahiti*

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*vol 10 1827-1830 search in Mr. Consul Thomas, Augustine Alley, and search 1825-1830 Sandwich Is, Consul & Chalmers and Hawson*



PITCAIRN ISLAND

SOURCE MATERIAL

Excerpt from letter from Ian Diamond, Archivist, Fiji and W.P.H.C. Archives, dated 22.11.64.

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We have just received a transfer of records from Pitcairn Island: mostly Minute Books of the Island Council and Court Evidence Books from 1903-c.a. 1948. Other items include Cause Books, Shipping Lists, a Register of Births from 1877-1913 and a volume entitled the "Pitcairn Island Civil Recorder". (I think this must be Shapiro's "Book of Records of Pitcairn Island" although I have not checked that yet). It contains:-

1. a list of births, 1792-1949.
2. a list of marriages, 1864-1947.
3. a list of deaths, 1864-1947.
  
4. a register of tree and stock brands.
5. a copy of Capt. Rookes laws, regulations and administrative arrangements, 1892.
6. Simmons' revisions of the above, 1904.
7. a list of Magistrates and "Rulers" of the Island, 1864-1963.
8. Prison Rules, 1909.
  
9. a list of H.M. ships visiting the Island, 1860-1937.
10. a register of deeds (mostly wills), 1911-1950 (one witnessed by H.E. Maude).
11. regulations of the Internal Committee (undated).

There are also a few books of account and a Store Stock Register.

Access to the Evidence Books and Minute Books may have to be restricted. Some of the details in them are pretty lurid (also terribly funny!). It will be necessary to make sure that the Islanders are not hurt.

I got Reid Cowell to arrange this transfer with the Council on his last visit. He has told me that this removal leaves nothing of interest on the Island apart from records in current use.

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PALMER'S INDEX to THE TIMES:

?? 1864, Oct-Dec., Bounty, The - Bounty Jumper's Revenge 1n, 12c.

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1874, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island(ers) - 10j, 12a

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1876, April-June, Pitcairn Island - 20a, 12a

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1877, April-June, Pitcairn Island - 12a, 10b

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1878, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island - 7d, 12b; 12d, 12a; 14d, 10f; 17d, 3f;  
Report about 4d, 9f.

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1879, Pitcairn Islanders (Jan-March) Aid to - 13f, 6e; 15f, 10e; Pitcairn Island  
(Oct-Dec) - visit to, 19n, 5e; notes on 22n6d, 25n, 8c.

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1880, April-June, Pitcairn Island(ers) - note on 10j, 6e.

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1881, April-June, Pitcairia<sup>?</sup> Island, 28a, 11d.

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? 1882, Jan-March, visit of H.M. Thetis to Pitcairn Island, 27f, 6d.

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1883, April-June, Pitcairn Island - Islanders note on 4a, 6f; a Lady's Account of,  
19d, 4a.

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1884, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, 21j, 10b; Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, 6n, 10c.

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1889, April-June, Pitcairn Island, centenary anniversary of the Mutiny of the Bounty, 29a, 6a; account of 14m, 10a.

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? 1890, July-Sept., Capt. Smith's visit to Pitcairn Island, 14a, 9b.

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? 1898, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Islander sentenced to death, 8n, 4e.

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1899, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, visit to, 4m, 11f.

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1901, July-Sept., Pitcairn Island(ers), 28a, 5a; Oct-Dec, letter on, 12d, 12f.

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1902, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, 15d, 10f.

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? 1905, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island(ers) 22f, 10b; April-June, Islanders the plight of thé, 9j, 6a.

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? 1909, Pitcairn Island, Flora H.M.S., visit announced, April 7, 14d.

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? 1911, Pitcairn Island, natives speak with barque Wendur, Feb 20, 12c.

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1912, Bounty, The (under Navy) - mutiny of 1789 (leading article "The Mutiny of the Bounty"), April 27, 11d.

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OFFICIAL INDEX TO THE TIMES:

? 1917, April-June, Pitcairn Island, Letter from chief inhabitant quoted April 10, 4b.  
(Christian, Gerard R.B., on Pitcairn Island - conditions).

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? 1920, July-Sept., Pitcairn Island, population statistics, Sept. 25, 9f.

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? 1921, July-Sept., Pitcairn Island, particulars, July 19, 9g(1.e.);

Accident, boating: natives killed, July 19, 9g(1.e.);

Rodwell, Sir Cecil - official visit, July 19, 9g(1.e.).

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? 1922, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, conditions, Sir C. Rodwell (report),  
Dr. H.W. Mann (report), Jan 12, 9a.

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? 1923, April-June, Pitcairn Island, corrugated iron sheeting, supply landed by  
Remuera, May 3, 10c.

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? 1927, July-Sept., postal agency established by N.Z. Govt., Aug. 9, 9g.

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? 1928, July-Sept., wireless transmitter presented, Sept. 4, 10d.

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1936, April-June, Christian, Fletcher - correspondence, May 18, 10c;  
Christian family: correspondence May 11, 8d; correspondence May 8, 12d;  
13, 12e; 18, 10c; 22, 10b; 27, 12e.

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1937, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, Fairclough, Mr. R.B. (1.), Mar. 23, 10g.

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1938, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, official study: report, Oct 7, 16e.

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? 1941, July-Sept., article Aug. 19, 3d(4<sup>th</sup>), (Mr. Fred Christian, biographical)

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1943, Jan-March, Bounty, The, Mutiny of the - Moffat papers, see Rhodesia, southern.  
(Rhodesia, southern - Moffat papers, further acquisition, Mar 8, 3c and  
3e, 4<sup>th</sup>).

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1949, Jan-March, Bounty, The, Bounty Bible return see Pitcairn Island:  
Pitcairn Island, Bible belonging to Bounty to be returned by U.S., Jan. 18,  
3b (and 3<sup>rd</sup>); in London Mar 31, 2b.

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1950, April-June, Bounty, The, Bounty Bible, returned to Pitcairn Island  
(See Pitcairn Island).  
April-June, Bounty Bible returned; report on islanders, April 22, 5c,  
(and 5d, 5<sup>th</sup>).

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1951, Jan-March, Christian, F., suggested preservation of birthplace,  
Jan 23, 2c.

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1957, Sept-Oct, Pitcairn Island, castaway on Henderson Island identified as  
U.S. national, Sept. 13, 9c(2<sup>nd</sup>).  
Nov-Dec, Bounty, The, remains found, see Bligh, W.  
(Bligh, William - remains of Bounty found, Dec 2, 8e (and 10f, 5<sup>th</sup>);  
photos 11, 18).

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1958, May-June, Bounty, The (See under Navy)  
Navy: Bounty (Mutiny, 1789) - minutes of court martial sold, June 17, 7d.  
1960, Pitcairn Is, May-June, light article, May 16, 14f; correspondence 23, 13d.



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1910, Pitcairn Island, Mails for (additional information to be obtained).

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1927, July-Sept, Pitcairn Island, postal agency established by N.Z. Govt.,  
Aug 9, 9g.

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1928, July-Sept, Pitcairn Island, wireless transmitter presented Sept 4, 10d.

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1930, April-June, Pitcairn Island, stamps (additional information to be obtained).

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1938, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, wireless apparatus, Mar 9, 13d;  
April-June, Pitcairn Island, shipping calls resumed, July 27, 13c.

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1940, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, see under War 1939- gift of walking sticks for  
wounded soldiers, Dec 24, 3f; 27, 3e (4<sup>3e</sup>).

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1941, April-June, Pitcairn Islanders, men volunteer for war service,  
June 3, 3f (4<sup>3e</sup>); July-Sept, war effort (Pitcairn Island), Aug 19, 3d (4<sup>3e</sup>).

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1947, Jan-March, Christian, Mr. F., meets Duchess of Gloucester, Feb. 22, 3e;  
Pitcairn Island, visit of Duchess of Gloucester, Feb 22, 3e.

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1948, Pitcairn Island, Oct-Dec, children's gift to Corinthic, Nov 19, 2a.

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## THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM

FROM S. Moore

REFERENCE .....

TO H.E. MaudeDATE 10-11-1964

Norfolk Island Archives.

Herewith my notes on some of the Norfolk I. archival material, and also list of the material which I think is most valuable.

If you wish ~~me~~ me to list contents of individual series I will be happy to do so, but I thought that as you would probably want to look at them yourself, it would be sufficient for me to give you just the entries from the main index of material.

(I looked at Territories Dept CP 599 first, just to see how much material there was on Hobbs, and as you can see, did find quite a few small pieces of information).



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NORFOLK ISLAND ARCHIVES

This list covers all the material which I think would be of use for an enquiry into Nobbs and the Pitcairn Islanders.

Prime Minister's Dept. Acc CP316. Series 5. External Affairs (General Series):  
07/1179. Norfolk I. Petition from certain Inhabitants. covers 31.10.1856 -  
7.7.1903.

08/10929. Pitcairn Islanders - Norfolk Is. covers 28.10.1857-16.12.1908.

Territories Dept. CP 599. Series 1. Copies of Correspondence received by Chief Magistrates of Norfolk I & Pitcairn I, 1837-1897. Originals of these papers are too badly damaged to be Used (- Mr Gibney). See my notes on this material

Series 4. Copies of documents containing information about Norfolk I. (made c 1922).

Item 1. List of original Pitcairn Islanders.

2. Memo on Norfolk I. funds. 1921.
3. Notes on Court files. 1922.
5. Schedule of publications, laws etc.
7. F.M. Bladen 'Settlement of Bounty Mutineers on Norfolk I.'
8. Genealogy of Pitcairn I.
9. List of Pitcairners still at Norfolk I. (1922).
11. British Parliamentary Papers on transfer of Norfolk I. to N.S.W. (1856)
10. List of Presidents of Council of Elders & Executive Council.

Norfolk Is. Records. Acc CP 697. Series 1. Inwards Letters of Chief Magistrate, 1837-1897. (These are the papers copied in Territories CP 599 see above)

Series 2. Chief Magistrates Court Minutes of Proceedings 1856-1936 . . . . . 5 vol.

- Vol 1. Journals & Minutes, 17.10.1857 -26.12.1871; 1874 -9.12.1885; 1896.  
Receipts and Expenses (various).  
Diary of Island activities and events, records of Public meetings,  
..ecclesiastical matters, and a history 1852-56.
- Vol 3. Case of Mildred Nobbs c 1919.



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Norfolk Island Records CP697 cont.

Series 6. Chief Magistrate Inwards Letters, 1879-1913. Bundle 1 June 1879-Dec 1899 (I Paper).

(It is possible that later bundles could contain references to past events).

Series 36. Copies of Laws, Orders and Departmental Instructions re Norfolk Island 1856-1913. 1 vol.

Series 37. Governor of Norfolk I. Letter Book - copies of Outwards Letters 1882-1902. 1 vol.

38. Extracts from N.S.W. Parliamentary Debates of Questions and Answers re Norfolk Is. 1886-1902. 2 vol.

39. Record of Grants of Land held on Norfolk. (1895)

41. Deputy Administrator, Govt. Norfolk I. Inwards Letters ( Put by letters) 1897-1913.

42. Deputy Administrator, Govt of Norfolk I. Inwards Letters ( Special Bundles) 1896-1948.

Special Bundle 1. 1856-1904. Correspondence re Land Grants, surveys, copies of land grants.

Special Bundle 2. 1857-1910. Correspondence re Norfolk Islanders - claims to Crown lands and houses at Norfolk.

British Parliamentary paper re original transfer of Pitcairners. Schedule of houses occupied by Pitcairners of descendants.

Series 43. Deputy Administrator, Govt of Norfolk I, Sydney: Register of Inwards letters 1897-1914. 7 vol

44. Index to these letters.

64. Copies of Wills, 1864-1895.

103. Personal Papers of David Peacock, storekeeper. c1852-1905. I bundle.

104. Pitcairn's Island Clerical Register, 1853 - 1881. Register of births, marriages and deaths, 15.5.1853 being the date on which the first Chaplain appointed to this Colony assumed his ministerial duties - G.H.Nobbs. Note on file - returned to Norfolk I, Feb 1964.



Terrestrial Dept. CP599 Ser 1. :- Norfolk Island. Copies of  
Pitcairn & Norfolk Island Despatches 1837-1897. Originals  
packed in book in Administrators Office at Norfolk I.

[The originals are ~~also~~ <sup>now</sup> in Archives Office,  
Canberra, but are so damaged as to be unusable.]

### Refs to Hobbs :

p5-6. Letter (n.d.) from W.H. Holman, temporary  
Chaplain 1852-53, during absence of Hobbs in England,  
to the Inhabitants of Pitcairn I.

p9-12. Address, 17-5-1853 by Admiral Moresby  
to Inhabitants of Pitcairn's I. Speaks of Hobbs'  
activities in England.

c/p28. Letter Governor Renison to Chief Magistrate (1859?)  
refers to Hobbs' occupying half of Government House.

p38-42. Letter Governor Young to G.H. Hobbs 27-10-1864  
concerning dispute over property on the island and  
the islanders' attempts to ~~make~~ sell timber from  
unoccupied dwellings. (Other letters to Chief Magistrate).

p106. Record of Election of Magistrates <sup>26-12-1877</sup> ~~2-2-1878~~,  
forwarded to Gov Robinson by Mr Isaac Robinson, see  
letter 2-2-78. Refers to Hobbs' deafness.



p142-4 Letter Bishop Selwyn of Melanesian Mission  
to Chief Magistrate, 1/1/1881. referring to general  
question of spiritual care of the population, and  
to Hobbs' expressed wish to retire

p161. Letter: Governor's Private Sec. Urwin to Chief  
Magistrate, F. Hobbs, 16-12-1884.  
expresses regret at death of Rev. Hobbs.

p166. Letter: Private Sec. to Chief Magistrate, 2/4/1886  
appointment of new chaplain: Rev. I. Petham Thomson.



Commonwealth Archives

Territories Dept.

C.P. 599 Set 1:

Norfolk I. Copies of Pitcairn & Norfolk Island  
Despatches. 1837-1897. Originals are packed  
in book in Administrator's Office at Norfolk I.

Under Hobbs, Rev G.H. (in index): [there are others]

Return from England to Pitcairn I. p12

Letter to, from Sir John Young 38.

p56 Letter (nd.) to Inhabitants of Pitcairn's I. from  
W. H. Holman, temporary Chaplain 1852-53  
during absence of Mr (Rev) G.H. Hobbs, in England

Address

~~p 9-12.~~ ~~Letter~~ 17/5/53 to Inhabitants of Pitcairn I.

By Adm. Haresby - on their future plans,  
re formalising laws etc. Refers to reception of  
Hobbs in England: "Mr Hobbs, your Pastor will tell you  
how he was received and the circumstances of your  
Island life enquired into by our Gracious & beloved  
Queen & her Royal Consort the Prince Albert; he will  
tell you that many great & good persons have interested  
themselves in your welfare, and why? because where  
sowers had been sown and their increase only  
anticipated, a good harvest has been gathered.

It is delightful to witness your Pastor's  
return and very gratifying to have your estimation of  
Mr Holman's ministry. We have all been made  
happy in administering to your wants."



W. Denison (N.S.W. Gov) Directions as to accommodation  
of Mr & Mrs Rossiter upon arrival at Norfolk I.  
(Schoolmaster) - to occupy Govt house -  
and "have half the garden to the North of  
Government House the other half of which is occupied  
now by the Revd G. Hobbs as Chaplain"  
(1859?)

Letter Sir John Young (Gov. / N.S.W.) to G.H. Hobbs  
- similar to one written to Chief Magistrate, same  
date (p31) & also instructions to Rossiter 27-10-64  
refer to letter of Chief Magistrate, 2/5/64 &  
attached memorial (sgd Hobbs et al) re sale of  
lumber which, it is felt, should not be left to Rossiter.  
- but to Chief Magistrate - there is no ground for  
this - see Denison's instructions to Rossiter, 1859.  
& Young's of 1862. - these demarcated  
private & public property & the latter was put under  
charge of Rossiter -

Present suggestion <sup>by Magistrate</sup> is that labourer be paid  
high wages on public works - money to be found  
by allowing Chief Magistrate to sell lumber  
from public buildings & private houses.

But in 1862 Young stated: community to keep  
roads etc in repair at own cost. Fines, & Royalty  
on timber to cover costs as much as possible.

Sale of lumber would cause spoliation of all  
unoccupied dwellings - they are public property



cannot be alienated without Governor's consent. (sic)

p39

"I am afraid there is much misconception afloat and that the people are misled by their overseers to diligent labours and by interested parties who seek to make a profit out of their improvidence"

Had not the sheep been entrusted to hussites they would have disappeared - " & with them all hopes of providing means for making repairs to the Church, Government House etc, furnishing medicines, supplying a salary for some needed public officer, a retiring allowance for yourself or any other contingency."

People should be induced to work on their land & thus be "comfortable and independant (sic)"

p40.

"I wish you would ascertain how many acres outside of the settlement have been cleared or fenced, & ask the people with reference to them whether they think they are pursuing such a course as will realize (sic) the expectations of their friends in England or justify the exertions & liberality which have been expended - placing them amidst the abundant resources of the Island"

p42

Sir J. Young to Chief Magistrate 23/8/1866  
re settlement to be made by Bishop Patteson - he will pay "good round sum for the land. Proceed. will be carefully invested & the accruing interest spent for the benefit of the Islanders - upon the salaries of Mr. Noble,



the Chief Magistrate, cost of medicines, flags - "

p65 Gov NSW - Belmore to Chief Mag. 29-3-1871  
re appointment of M.O. - Dr Watling of Auckland.  
- was invited by Bp Pattison & Revd Hobbs.

p84. Gov NSW - Sir Robinson to Chief Mag. 18/5/74  
ackn. letter of 30/3 which told of burning  
destruction of Church - & Old Commissioner's store  
to be used in its place

p106. Election of Magistrates, 2/2/78. Report of Proceedings  
Re. Ross's returning office.

One of "the returning officer, (who is quite deaf)  
was made to understand what Quintal said and  
remarked that it made no difference, he should put  
it to the vote - when Quintal again got up & said  
that he declined to be proposed [for magistrate]  
The returning officer taking no notice called for  
a show of hand "

Quintal <sup>objected</sup> again during these proceedings,  
returning officer taking no notice. Finally  
George Evans was elected (returning officer "well  
I suppose we shall have to elect another councillor").

"Memo. A returning officer who is not entirely deaf  
would be an advantage "



107. Letter (ad.) Mr Isaac Robinson to Gov. Robinson  
stating that last election of magistrates,  
on 26/12 was irregular & rather farcical.  
- I append report (as above?). It was the  
same last year. "I have not the slightest  
objection to Mr Notts but if we are to elect a  
magistrate let us elect one ship shape."

P126 Letter to Gov Stephen to H. Metcalfe 31/5/29  
appointing as N.I. <sup>Surgeon</sup> med. officer at £120pa  
plus (I don't guarantee) £50 for Mellanby  
Mission

P142. Letter <sup>Bishop</sup> Rev Selwyn DD. to Chief Mag. 11/1/1881  
re proposed community meeting & spiritual  
oversight of people.

p 143. 1. Best to "pass resolution putting yourselves under  
my care as Bishop & asking me to arrange with the  
N 2 Church of which we are members  
for your incorporation with it.

"2. "Your Pastor, the Rev<sup>d</sup> G. H. Notts is Government  
Chaplain, recognised as such by you here and the  
appointment of his successor rests with the Governor.

Last year I had an interview with His Excellency in  
which he told me that Mr Notts had expressed his  
wish to retire, and that he was prepared to  
allow him a retiring pension of £50 a year  
out of the Island Funds. I believe Mr Notts is



quite willing to resign on these terms whenever it is thought to be necessary.

The Governor also told me that he would be quite ready to appoint any one whom the people and I could agree upon.

The question therefore of finding a new man is perfectly open.

p144 . . . . . ".....Thought of Mr Nobbs resigns it is )  
the greatest importance that you should have a clergyman of your own - yet you can well afford to wait until you can get a suitable one.

I have written all along on the assumption that Mr Nobbs wishes when it is possible to resign. We have worked together in such harmony so long that I wish to meet his wishes in the matter and to help you to do what is best for yourselves and for him".

p161 P.S. to Gov  
Letter 660 Unwin - Unwin to Chief Mag (F. Nobbs)  
16/12/84.

ackn. letters of 27/9, 2/10 + 4/11

"I am desired to express to you His Excellency's sympathy & regret at hearing of the loss of your father, Mr Nobbs, and will confer with Bishop Selwyn in regard to the appointment of a Chaplain, taking the necessary steps in regard to filling up the vacancy"



p166

Private Sec to Gov to Chief Magistrate. 21/4/1886.

Revd (I) Pelham Thorne appointed Chaplain of  
Norfolk I. (provisionally).



THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

TELEPHONE: SELLY OAK 1301



DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

BIRMINGHAM, 15.

Sept 10

Entered in Bibliography  
File

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thanks so much for the reference; I'm glad it's only one line long, because that is the size of the blank I've left for it in the page-proof!

I think the rumour of my coming to Australia may still come true; that certainly would be fun.

Here is a Pitcairn reference for you which you may not have got: - Three(?) letters from Pitcairn to Capt. Charles

HOPE published by A. Macdonald, Durham University  
(New series)  
Journal ii, 140-8.

Angus Macdonald is in the English Dept, ~~Kings~~ ~~College~~  
University, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The letters were sold  
(c. 1940?) to a Newcastle bookseller, who, it is  
thought, sold them to the Mitchell Library.

Best wishes,

Yours,

alan SCROSS



Cruise of the Pandora's Tender

Check at Mitchell:-

Autograph letter, signed, from Sir Charles Oakley, Governor of Madras, dated 19th January 1792, to Viscount Melville, enclosing an account, just received, entitled: "Narrative of the Loss of H.M. Frigate Pandora" (with account of the Mutiny of the Bounty) sent to him from Batavia by Captain Edward Edwards.

The Mitchell Library authorities are of the opinion that this narrative is not by Captain Edwards, but by one of his officers.

Above from Mackaness, Life of Bligh, p.544, item 55.

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» Quand je fus assis, il me pria, d'une voix un peu altérée, de lui envoyer du bord quelques médicamens, dont il avait le plus grand besoin. Il me dit qu'il était arrivé malade dans l'île; qu'étant sorti, il y avait huit jours, il était tombé dans un précipice de plus de cent cinquante pieds de profondeur; qu'il s'était cassé, sur plusieurs points, la jambe et le bras droit; qu'il avait souffert au delà de tout ce qu'on peut imaginer; qu'il était mieux, pourtant; et qu'il pensait que quelques médicamens, et surtout du laudanum, le soulageraient.

» C'était là, sans doute, une des plus pénibles situations où pût jamais se trouver un homme.... Une jambe et un bras cassés, dans une île où, tout en recevant les soins les plus empressés, il se voyait néanmoins privé des secours de l'art, sans lesquels il y avait pour lui peu d'espoir de guérison. Je pris note des médicamens qu'il désirait avoir, et j'envoyai de suite à bord l'ordre de les préparer et de les expédier sans délai. Je m'éloignai de ce malheureux, en compatissant vivement à ses maux, et promis de venir le voir souvent.

» Il y a quelque chose de mystérieux dans ces deux étrangers, et je crains bien que leur visite ne soit fatale aux bons habitans de Pitcairn.

» Ils y étaient arrivés à la fin d'octobre dernier, dans une embarcation couverte, mais de dix-huit à vingt tonneaux seulement. Ils étaient absolument seuls, et disaient avoir quitté le Pérou tout exprès



pour s'établir à Pitcairn, si l'on voulait les y recevoir. Cet énoncé parut extraordinaire aux habitans, qui, quelque bien disposés qu'ils soient, en général, en faveur des étrangers, balancèrent long-temps à recevoir ces derniers; cependant l'un d'eux était si malade, qu'il y aurait eu de l'inhumanité à le repousser. En l'admettant, ne fût-ce que provisoirement, il fallait admettre aussi l'autre, qui, seul, ne pouvait reprendre la mer; et qu'il eût, d'ailleurs, été bien dur d'éloigner de son ami malade. Ces braves gens, ne sachant que faire, voulaient pourtant savoir si ce bâtiment appartenait à ces hôtes singuliers, et s'ils n'avaient pas quitté le Pérou nantis du bien d'autrui. Pours'en assurer, ils demandèrent d'abord au malade, qui était à terre, à qui appartenait le bâtiment. Celui-ci leur répondit qu'il en était seul propriétaire. Ils adressèrent la même question à son camarade resté à bord, et qui leur dit que la propriété leur en était commune; cela parut bien louche aux habitans. Ils déclarèrent, en conséquence, au malade, que sa réponse ne s'accordant pas avec celle de son ami, et qu'ayant vu, d'ailleurs, à bord tous les instrumens nécessaires à la pêche du chien de mer, ils avaient tout lieu de soupçonner que le bâtiment n'appartenait ni à l'un ni à l'autre. « En conséquence, ajoutèrent-ils, » nous ne pouvons vous recevoir que pour quelques » jours, et encore parce que l'un de vous est malade; » mais vous aurez tous deux à quitter l'île, aussitôt » que le malade sera mieux. » Le malade se plaignit de



cette décision ; car il avait, dit-il , effectivement promis la moitié de son bâtiment à son camarade , à condition que ce dernier l'accompagnerait à leur île ; et quant aux instrumens de pêche , il convint qu'ils avaient quitté Lima pour aller à la pêche des chiens de mer , dans le but de se faire quelque argent , pour se pourvoir de vêtemens et autres effets , avant de se rendre à Pitcairn ; mais que leurs six hommes d'équipage s'étant sauvés à Pisco avec leur canot , ils s'étaient décidés à venir directement , espérant qu'on les recevrait avec le peu qu'ils avaient. Les bons habitans de Pitcairn se laissèrent prendre à ces paroles ; et de plus , l'état du malade empirant de jour en jour , il n'y avait plus moyen de songer à le faire partir. Quant à l'autre , il fit mille grimaces ; et les pria instamment de le recevoir , disant qu'il n'avait pu supporter plus long-temps la vue des vices et de l'irréligion des sociétés civilisées. Il n'en fallait pas tant pour en imposer à des gens aussi bons , aussi vrais que les habitans de Pitcairn ; aussi le bâtiment des étrangers fut-il mis à terre. Le malade reçut les plus tendres soins , et nous trouvâmes son camarade tenant une école de jeunes garçons et de jeunes filles , et donnant l'exemple d'une dévotion et d'une piété sans pareilles.

» Il y avait , comme je l'ai dit , trois mois que ces étrangers étaient dans l'île. La maladie du capitaine ( car c'est la qualité qu'il prenait ) avait fait de tels progrès , que , de puis un mois , il fallait le veiller nuit et jour.



Ses souffrances étaient atroces, et l'on avait découvert qu'il cherchait à se donner la mort; aussi redoublait-on auprès de lui de soins et de surveillance, en écartant tout ce qui pouvait favoriser l'exécution de ses funestes desseins.

» Huit jours avant notre arrivée il avait paru mieux; et, s'étant plaint d'être mal couché, il avait obtenu qu'on dressât son lit près d'une fenêtre, à l'une des extrémités de la maison. La nuit il se plaignit que la lumière l'incommodait, et la fit mettre à l'extrémité opposée. Ses gardiens, qui le croyaient plus calme, s'étaient mis aussi du côté opposé pour lire la Bible près de la lumière, et le perdirent un instant de vue; mais, lorsqu'ils revinrent auprès du lit, le lit était vide; la fenêtre était ouverte et le capitaine avait disparu. Effrayés, ils répandent aussitôt l'alarme; en un instant tout le village est en émoi. Les habitans, hommes et femmes, petits et grands, vont tous à la recherche du malheureux capitaine, qu'ils croyaient bien ne pas retrouver en vie.

» On l'avait cherché toute la nuit sans le rencontrer. Dans la matinée deux hommes, accompagnés d'un chien qui semblait les conduire, crurent, en approchant d'un précipice, entendre au fond des gémissemens. L'un d'eux grimpa sur un arbre croissant au-dessus du précipice, et vit le malheureux capitaine étendu sur le roc, à près de deux cents pieds au-dessous. Ils coururent à l'instant avertir les autres habitans, et l'on parvint, non sans beaucoup de



peine, à retirer de là cet infortuné vivant encore, mais tout le corps brisé et dans un état déplorable. On le reporta sur un brancard à son ancien logement, et l'on redoubla de soins auprès de lui. Cet homme, qui paraît doué d'une force et d'un courage plus qu'humains, ne proféra pas une plainte pendant ce pénible transport, et me parla, quand je l'allai voir, d'une voix relativement assez ferme, quoiqu'il dût horriblement souffrir. Il est de l'Amérique du nord; son nom est Bunker, et son compagnon est un Anglais, nommé Nobbs; mais quelle raison leur a fait quitter le Pérou et entreprendre un si long voyage dans une si frêle embarcation? Pourquoi l'un d'eux veut-il maintenant attenter à ses jours? On l'ignore. L'Anglais Nobbs se tait là dessus, et semble même négliger son ami malade. Ce dernier n'a pas abandonné le projet de se donner la mort. Il y a deux ou trois jours il a demandé un couteau à un enfant qui jouait auprès de lui; et, la nuit dernière, se dressant tout à coup sur son séant, il répondit à ses gardiens effrayés, qui lui demandaient ce qu'il voulait : « Je veux mourir! »

» Je retournai à la maison où j'avais été d'abord si bien accueilli; le diner m'y attendait. Il se composait d'un petit cochon rôti dans un four de pierres chaudes, d'œufs, d'ignames, de pommes-de-terre douces : la boisson était du lait de jeunes noix de coco ou de l'eau. Quelques hommes se mirent à table avec moi; mais je m'étonnai de ne voir s'y mettre



où plusieurs périrent, et d'où tout doit faire craindre que les autres ne retournèrent point avec les mœurs et les principes qu'ils y avaient apportés.

Tels sont, en partie, les détails que je recueillis, il y a plus de six ans, sur l'état de cette île et de ses habitans; bien loin d'imaginer, alors, que les vœux que je formais pour la continuation de leur bonheur seraient trompés si tôt, et mes craintes sur leur avenir si promptement justifiées. Quels changemens, en effet! Que de maux ils ont soufferts depuis cette époque! Et combien ils ont eu besoin, pour lutter contre l'adversité, de ce noble courage, dont je les avais jugés si capables! Voici ce qui leur est ultérieurement survenu de plus remarquable.

A l'arrivée de Bunker et de Nobbs à Pitcairn, le premier, très-dangereusement malade, avait été transporté, comme on l'a vu, dans l'une des habitations. Tous les habitans avaient rivalisé de soins auprès de lui; mais le maître de la maison, nommé Quintal, s'était surtout fait remarquer, entre tous, par son dévouement et par son zèle; aussi, à la mort de Bunker, arrivée après plusieurs mois d'atroces souffrances, sur lesquelles on a trouvé des détails spéciaux dans la partie géographique, on apprit, apparemment par Nobbs (car rien ne prouve qu'il y eût un testament), que le malheureux défunt avait disposé de son avoir de manière à en laisser, à titre de legs, une partie à la généralité des habitans, et l'autre à Quintal en particulier. Parmi les dons faits à



Quintal, se trouvait la moitié de l'embarcation dans laquelle les aventuriers étaient venus, et qu'on allait détruire; l'autre moitié était réclamée par Nobbs, le survivant des deux. Cette donation, d'autant plus précieuse, que toutes les maisons de l'île sont en bois, que les planches y sont rares, qu'on ne peut s'en procurer sans beaucoup de travail, et qu'il ne croît dans l'île qu'un très-petit nombre d'arbres dont on puisse tirer parti, avait, en conséquence, excité l'envie de la plus grande partie des habitans; et ceux-ci prétendaient substituer aux droits de Nobbs le nommé Buffet, depuis cinq ans leur maître d'école et leur ministre. Nobbs, après l'avoir d'abord secondé, cherchait à le supplanter aux mêmes titres. Ces deux individus, qu'il aurait fallu chasser ensemble, si l'un déjà n'eût pas été marié et père de famille, avaient donc chacun leur parti, de force à peu près égale. Quintal et quelques-uns de ses parens, pour ne pas perdre le legs de quelques très-bons vêtemens et de la moitié de l'embarcation, tenaient pour Nobbs; et, prenant sa défense avec un peu trop de chaleur, prétendaient qu'on devait en croire sa parole. D'autres, par pure jalousie ou par scrupule, mais, en tout cas, plus circonspects, prétendaient qu'on ne devait toucher à rien, ni employer Nobbs, soit comme instituteur, soit comme missionnaire, avant d'avoir de plus amples informations sur son compte. Il en résulta une scission entre les membres



de la colonie; et , dès lors, il y eut deux services divins dans l'île.

Au commencement d'avril 1829, Adams mourut, entouré de tous ses enfans. Pendant les derniers jours de la maladie qui le conduisit au tombeau, dans les courts intervalles où la violence de la douleur lui permettait de se reconnaître, il avait témoigné le désir de voir les habitans se choisir un chef, ce qui, néanmoins, ne se fit pas d'une manière officielle; mais, après sa mort, Ed. Young, surnommé Tati, tout en refusant toute espèce de titre, prit, de fait, le gouvernement de la petite colonie. Tout ce qui était d'intérêt général lui était confié. C'était un homme de sens et de conduite, aussi ferme que droit, qui maintenait les étrangers, et parvint, en peu de temps, à aplanir toutes les difficultés qui s'étaient élevées sur le legs de Bunker. Il réussit même à réconcilier, au moins en apparence, Nobbs et Buffet, si long-temps ennemis et dont les inimitiés prolongées pouvaient, de nouveau, compromettre la tranquillité générale (1).

Dans cet état de choses et sous la direction de ce nouveau guide, tout allait à peu près comme autrefois, et promettait encore aux colons anglo-taïtiens une longue suite de jours heureux, quand, en mars 1831, un événement inattendu vint les surprendre

(1) Voir ce que j'ai dit de ces divers personnages dans la partie géographique.



It is much to his credit that in 1792 he gave evidence at the Bar of the House of Commons, exposing the horrors of the "Middle Passage" in the Slave trade. I have failed to meet with a copy of the Report on this Inquiry. The fact, however, is recorded in the *Edinburgh Review*, Vol. V., No. ix. (1804) p. 225, in an article ascribed to Wilberforce; which notes that he "made much the same statement" as others, who had spoken also of slaves procured for the purpose in wars fomented by the traders between negro kings. I find, moreover, in a pamphlet kindly given me (with others) by William Frederick Lawrence, "*The British Squadron on the Coast of Africa*," by the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, an American Missionary in the Gaboon River, 2nd ed. 1851, a collection of extracts from this Report as abridged by Thomas Babington and others, and guaranteed by two members of Parliament (all names given pp. 2, 3); and among these appears the following, p. 7, as to the Middle Passage:

Sir George Young, Captain in the Royal Navy, has made four voyages to Africa, in 1767, 1768, 1771, 1772; has been several times on board slave ships; they were all in a state of cleanliness, as clean as their situations, with the number of men confined on board, would admit of. He attempted to go down the fore hatchway of one of them, but was deterred by the stench, which was intolerable, though there were then only 300 on board, and waited for 200 more. The men slaves were all chained, which he considered as a necessary precaution, as there were not quite 20 seamen on board at the time.

The letters found for me by Baddeley in the "Captains Books" record repeated applications to be employed "in a more active situation than that of commander of a yacht" (14 Oct. 1787), and again 17 May 1790, 7 April 1791; and the last, dated from the *Katherine Yacht*, 24 August 1794, says "In the course of the present war I have repeatedly offered my services to serve in any ship and in any part of the world," and renews his application, which is minuted "To be put on the list of candidates." His promotion to the Flag followed, in the October after. He was now aged 62 years. The *Naval Chronicle Biography* mentions, after the jaunt in the *William and Mary*, his command of the *Katherine*; and adds that "for a short time, during the Russian Armament," that is in 1791, "he commanded the *Zealous 74*." Schomberg, Vol. IV. p. 437, mentions the armament, but the *Zealous* is not among the ships named, and it is evident he never hoisted his flag. Of his subsequent promotions by seniority we have at *Formosa* the commissions of 1794 as Rear Admiral of the Blue, 1795 Do. of the Red, 1801 Vice Admiral of the Red, 1804 Admiral of the Blue, with St. Vincents' autograph, and 1808 Admiral of the White, with Lord Palmerston's autograph as Civil Lord. I have not been able to make anything of the allusion in N.C. to Nelson.

In 1793, under date 27 Sept., we have another glimpse of Sir George's personality. On one of the stray leaves of this year's



Ships required—Guardship—Exploring Ship—Route for the China Ships—Cheap Transportation—Implements. These last are in the Original *preceded* by what was apparently at first thought written as a conclusion, as follows :

The PROPOSAL here submitted offers a System more useful, more extensive and important in its consequences than perhaps any hitherto attempted ; for abstracted from all commercial and Political Motives it most certainly tends to promote the Christian Religion among thousands of our Fellow-creatures who at present are totally destitute of all rational worship ; and should it have the good fortune to obtain his Majesty's protection, it will add glory to his reign for ever.

A late author has lately told us that if we want to monopolise Trade we must leave it *free*. This Doctrine, at first sight, may appear paradoxical, but Experience daily shews us that it is a Truth. Wherever Trade and Navigation are encouraged, they will prosper ; wherever they meet with obstructions they will remove. If we would Court the Commerce of the World we must encourage it more than any Nation in the World ; and if we entertain a wish to support and increase our Maritime Power we must extend our settlements in order to make a way for that increase.

The man whose mind is open to these ideas, is equally capable to the execution of them, without being stopped by difficulties, which narrow and ignorant people frequently throw in the way of every laudable pursuit.

A very interesting correspondence we have, between one Thomas Rowcroft and Admiral Sir Thomas Boulden Thompson, sent to Sir Samuel by Rowcroft after seeing in the paper the death of the Admiral, dwells on the Admiral's desire to see the loss of the American Colonies replaced, and shews his distaste for the Convict business, by which Pitt and Sydney somewhat clouded the beginnings of what has now grown into the Australian Commonwealth. He writes :

The late Admiral Sir George Yonge was I believe in the year 1786 (then Capt. R.N.) the Gentleman who first proposed and long pressed closely on Mr. Pitt and the administration of that time an attention to New Holland, Botany Bay or its neighbourhood in particular for the purpose of applying these to the cultivation of the New Zealand Flax Plant which was suited equally and in one stalk to produce the finest Cambric and a 20 inch Cable.

There was at the time some jealousy of Russia, and some uneasiness about the supply of Hemp.

Sir G. Y. had samples of this beautiful plant, and of Cordage made from it and canvass which had been worn and tried in the foot or clew of a cutter's mainsail ; they were very encouraging, and if my recollection serves it was then said or thought or proved that a ten inch cable of this material would be equal in all respects of power to an 18 inch cable of Russian Hemp ; and the finer fibres of the same stems might be applied to canvass and to Cambric or fine Linen.

He proceeds to relate how Sir G. consulted a relative of his, and that he was himself proposed as first colonist ; when Pitt



“ turned all he had heard and considered on this spot to the redemption of a pledge he had made in Parliament for the relieving of the over-crowded jails of convicts sentenced to transportation, for which America no longer gave opportunity ” ; whereupon, as he understood, Sir G. “ abandoned his plans and views. ” He adds, that he subsequently found among his relative’s effects the specimens Sir G. had furnished of “ this interesting plant, ” and had sent them to the Board of Agriculture.

The King’s Speech of 23 Jan. 1787 mentioned the sending out of the expedition to Australia with convicts, but contained nothing about colonizing it. The year after Sir George and Call joined in a Petition for a grant of Norfolk Island for a trading settlement “ in order to promote the cultivation of the New Zealand Flax Plant, and the growth of timber, ” with the view of being able to supply cordage and masts for the navy at Indian ports. Unluckily the Island had been already taken over by Lieut. King, under order from Phillip, the governor of the Botany Bay settlement, to serve as a penal settlement for relapsed convicts ; and though natives of New Zealand were imported by King to prepare the flax plant, which had been found in the Island by Captain Cook, nothing was made of the work. The failure of my uncle Henry Young to farm his property in Otago N.Z. at a profit was largely due to the land being overrun with this *Phormium Tenax*. I am told that the plant of it which I saw long ago, in the beautiful garden of Sir Edward Fry at Failand, has had to be eradicated from its overrunning propensities. But this does not prove that it is incapable of being utilized, though the discovery of jute, and the use of wire for rigging, have caused it to be left as yet a weed.

Bligh, the Governor in 1806 of New South Wales, was the agent in an abandonment of Norfolk Island, too late for the Admiral to renew his application. A subsequent attempt to colonize it by transferring the Pitcairn Islanders was also unsuccessful.

A.D. 1788 was the year of the Mutiny of the Bounty, where a midshipman, the one who adhered to Christian, was named Edward Young. It shocked me much to read, at p. 112 of a book called *Pitcairn*, by a clergyman named Murray, published 1860 (see p. 404) under the direction of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, that “ Young was a nephew of Sir George Young Bart. ” that is to say, of my father’s or mine ! A notion that he belonged to the family was I believe started about that time in a book by Lady Belcher. It was never part of our family tradition. If any one, it might, so far merely as the date went, have been an Edward son of George, second son of the Rev. James, Rector of Affpuddle and Charmouth, who was a younger son of our George No. 1, of Bere Regis. See the pedigree *Appendix III*. Bligh’s description is spiteful, naturally ; but all he can find to say against the midshipman is that he was an able and stout seaman, had bad teeth, and “ always proved a worthless wretch. ” In view of a possibility



that hereafter some evidence of the connexion may turn up, I thought good to turn over the accounts we have of the mutiny; and have become convinced that he was no such bad fellow after all. It is evident (see Barrow's book, re-edited for Routledge's World Library by the Rev. H. R. Haweis, 1886) that (p. 112) he had no part in the mutiny; "was probably one of those confined below." Also that according to evidence given at the Court Martial on the captured mutineers (see Barrow, First Ed., No. XXV of Murray's Family Library, pp. 219, 220) after Bligh had begged, from the boat, that no more might be allowed to embark in it, he might consider himself excused if he remained on board. After seeing the private diary of his last years, Capt. Beechey concludes (p. 304) that he was "a man of education," and (p. 306) "of a serious turn of mind." The care to secrete and save him taken by the Otaheitan women, with whom old Adams said he was "a great favourite," when Christian and four of the nine Englishmen were killed in revenge for gross ill-treatment by their men, shews that his conduct unlike theirs had been good; and from Adams's account of the moral and religious reformation which followed the death of the last two ruffians, it is clear that it was Young who had the Bible and Prayer Book, and made good use of it. This is all, including his son's name "George," consistent with the position of the Edward named in the pedigree sent me by Cooke of Semer.

In 1791 Sir George's name appears as a promoter and one of the first proprietors of the Sierra Leone Company, chartered by Act of Parliament 31 Geo. III. c. 55. This body was formed by a coalition between philanthropists then opposing the Slave Trade, among whom Henry Thornton was chief (see Trevelyan's *Life of Macaulay*, ch. i. pp. 8, 17) and naval men with knowledge of the W. Coast of Africa. They did not long pull together; and it was the sailors who had to withdraw. But matters did not benefit by their withdrawal; and the Settlement had soon to be taken over by Government. The good intention was to provide a home for liberated slaves, and pay for it by commerce. But the terrible climate and local fevers have been the cause that it has never proved a jewel in the Crown of our Colonial Empire. I have been told that the Admiral contemplated a White Town on the heights; but the necessities of trade compelled the Europeans to live at the sea coast. The Sierra Leone penny in our medal drawer is probably of extreme rarity. I see in Atlases there is a Cape Formosa on the coast of that region, named so I suppose by him.

There was not, I should suppose, any other Englishman, to whose lot it fell to have thus taken an active part, not only in the conquest of the last possessions of the rival dominion of the French in India, Canada, and the North American Islands, but also in the peaceable occupation of our first permanent settlement both in Africa and in Australasia.

Edward Young  
Medalsman

"Young of Formosa."

I Family History

II Memoir of Admiral Sir George Young

by

Sir George Young, 3rd Bt.

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# Pitcairn's governor to visit again

From BRIAN MOONEY,  
in London

**S**OME time in mid-October — nobody can be more precise — a chartered French yacht will drop anchor off a tiny island in the middle of the Pacific, Pitcairn. On board will be the British governor.

Martin Fidler, the Foreign Office diplomat in charge of the London side of the administration of Pitcairn, said, "It is our only colony which the governor has to reach by yacht." With fewer than 60 inhabitants to care for on the 4.5 square kilometres, Britain is not overburdened by Pitcairn, a colony founded by English mutineers in 1790.

Governor Terence O'Leary, whose main job is High Commissioner in New Zealand, will take up to a month to make the 11,000km round trip by air and sea via French Polynesia to his remote outpost and back to Wellington. He will spend four days on the island, which he last visited in 1985.

The mutineers of the *Bounty*, fugitives from English justice and from what they said was the cruelty of their captain, William Bligh, set up a home in Pitcairn with a community of Tahitian men and women precisely because it was off the beaten track. The island and three uninhabited neighbours lie roughly mid-way between New Zealand and Panama.

Its very remoteness today threatens its existence, according to Glynn Christian, New Zealand-born great-great-great-grandson of the mutiny leader, Fletcher Christian. "Without more contact with the outside world, the islanders feel they can only last another three or maybe five years unless something is done," he said.

The population has steadily fallen from a high of 233 in 1937. Some 150 Pitcairners live away from home. The islanders eke out a subsistence living and earn money from government jobs and the sale of carvings and stamps. They have a resident New Zealand teacher and are kept in touch with the outside world by a supply ship which visits them every three to four months.

This is a far cry from the 100 or so vessels that called every year last century. But with no room for an airstrip, Pitcairners are entirely at the mercy of passing ships. This is sometimes precarious. There is no natural port and when the swell and surf are too strong, it is impossible to land.

Mr Christian is helping to launch a project to provide a regular cargo and passenger service. He is backing a seafaring entrepreneur, Chris Marrow, who is organising a syndicate to run a vessel to link Raratonga, in the Cook Islands, with Tahiti and Pitcairn.

He said Britain had only belatedly woken up to the needs of Pitcairn, thanks largely to the 1982 Falklands war with Argentina which after years of neglect once again focused attention on the country's distant and forgotten colonies. Since the war, Pitcairners had been supplied with a radio-telephone to contact New Zealand. The Government had built a new jetty and was now supplying a modern long boat to enable islanders to get out to passing ships.

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The Daily Telegraph [Sydney]. 12.12.1888.

The Reward of a Bounty Mutineer

The mutiny on board H.M.S. Bounty in 1789, the remarkable career of the survivors on the Pitcairn Islands and the subsequent exodus of these people to Norfolk Island are matters of history, but facts which have recently come to light revive interest in the event (see the New Zealand Herald).

John Adams, while serving on a man-of-war under his real name, Alexander Smith, saved the life of a midshipman on board by bravely jumping after him when he fell overboard. The young man on returning home related his narrow escape, and his relatives, desirous of acknowledging the brave conduct of Smith, who could not then be found, placed £100 to his credit in the bank, the interest to accumulate until the reward was claimed. Many Smiths have claimed that reward, but were unable to establish their claims or identify themselves with the man-of-war on the incident. John Adams, the Bounty mutineer, an Alexander Smith, as he actually was, has left three grandsons in Norfolk Island. John, the eldest grandson, who is now 60 years of age, being informed of the circumstances, proceeded recently to Sydney to establish the claim of the family. It is said that he thoroughly succeeded in identifying his grandfather with the plucky seaman who rescued this officer from a watery grave, and after placing the affair in the hands of a respectable firm of solicitors in Sydney, has now returned to Norfolk Island. Will it be believed that the investment of £100, some time prior to 1789, has now



accumulated by interest and compound interest to the vast sum of £96,000? And yet this is the sum said to be now available

for subdivision amongst the descendants of John Adams, the leader in the Bounty mutiny. The facts as connected with the mutiny of the Bounty are so much matters of history that it is hardly necessary to refer to them. When Pitcairn Island was visited by the British frigate, Briton and Tagore, in 1814, there was a population of 48, but only two of the original mutineers were survivors, and of these Alexander Smith, who had assumed the name of John Adams, was one. He was at the head of the colony, and was looked up to with the greatest reverence, and not undeservedly, as his character had undergone a thorough change, and he had not only led a moral and religious life, but succeeded in imbuing his little community with similar habits. He died in 1829 at the age of 63.

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Peterson Island

Private

Much-Hadham,  
Herts.

June 17. / 98.

Dear Sir

I have mislaid your private address & so write to  
the care of literature.

Perhaps the enclosed form may be of some little interest  
to you. [The enclosing chapters of the book alluded to  
will reach me in a few weeks.

With this I enclose a cutting from the "critic" dealing  
with a lately published book by Jeffery and myself. If  
you think the matter is worth alluding to in your "notes"  
I should feel pleased if you would say something on the  
subject. In the first place we have not followed the  
printed records with docility. And I know the descendants  
of the Bounty mutineers and the native story of Christian and  
his life better than any man living. This sounds very  
egotistical but it is true. And instead of Christian being,  
as the "critic" says, a "full-blooded villain", he was  
the very reverse. I have been told over and over again by  
old natives that Christian was the very reverse of a sensual  
man; that he was intimate with only one Tahitian woman, whom



be afterwards taken away with him to Petersen; that this woman was seduced by his comrade Edward Young; that the other Tolstian men and women would have killed Young, but that Christian, honor-stricken at the bloodshed which had already taken place actually protected the man who had seduced his wife; and the story of his life in the cave as narrated by Jeffery and myself is true - not embroidered fiction.

Furthermore the story of Christian's death by a gunshot accidentally received from "John Adams" (Alexander Smith) while the latter was endeavoring to prevent Christian from putting to sea in the Bounty's boat is, I believe strictly true. <sup>Anyway!</sup> I prefer to believe the native account of the Bounty story to the vague authors who have written on the subject, but who only obtained their data from the Court Martial or some of the witnesses or from "John Adams" as fully considered statements to naval officers. Perhaps you can make an

interesting part of this

Faithfully yours.

Louis Becke



Return to Paterson

Started back on 28.11.58 - Fullerton.

Bill for £ 303.7.0 made out to Capt. William Wilson dated  
28.11.58

Wilson's articles of agreement signed off by himself dated 29.11.58.

Second Bill for £ 230.0.0 made out to Capt. Wm. Wilson dated 2.12.58.

Legon joined Laura at Sydney 7.10.58.



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Letter of John Adams, 1822.

Presented by Mrs. Francis Cotton

13. Oct. 1923.

To the Inhabitants of Calcutta

Gentlemen

I have (received the ?) presents which you had the goodness to send by the Ship Hercules. I, and the rest of the Inhabitants feel extremely grateful for your kindness.

I remain

Gentlemen

Pit cairns Island )  
1st May 1822 )

Your Most Obedient Servant

John Adams.

To the Inhabitants  
of Calcutta.

A letter from John Adams - the mutineer  
of the Bounty recd. by my dear Husband,  
John Grant, he being then Editor of the  
India Gazette Calcutta & Surgeon of the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> East India Co.

*Hon<sup>ble</sup>*