

Personal

22nd July, 1952.

Dear Eyre,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 30th June, and for your kindness in passing on Dr Bowden's references to the Gilbert Islands.

I shall certainly look up the Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society for June, 1869. Phillip's Voyage to Botany Bay, and Brigham's Index to the Islands of the Pacific Ocean I already have and I wrote to Professor Parkinson a couple of days ago.

Unless Earnshaw has discovered something very recently he won't be able to help.

When Ida Leeson was seeking information on the name Kingsmill in the Mitchell Library she showed him Bishop's ms. "Memoranda on ship 'Nautilus'", and a note in that volume led him to make enquiries about possible further mss. He was successful in locating the ones now being photostated for the Mitchell.

As there is no reference to Krusenstern in the list given by Dr Bowden, it may be that he does not know of Krusenstern's comments on the Gilberts, though this is unlikely. They appear in his "Recueil de memoires hydrographiques pour servir d'analyse et d'explication à l'atlas de l'Océan Pacifique". (S. Petersburg, 1827, tom. 2). Referring to the original chart of the "Nautilus" voyage of 1799 he states emphatically that the name Kingsmill does not appear on it.

There is also a reference to Dalrymple's chart, presumably the published one, in Findlay's Directory, 1851.

I have a photostat of the printed chart: "Chart of Islands in the Pacific Ocean seen in the Nautilus Capt. Charles Bishop 1799. Laid down by George Bass and Roger Simpson. Published by A. Dalrymple, March 1802".

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If yours is also taken from a print I shan't worry
you for a copy; but if from the original may I have it please?

Yours sincerely,

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

H.E. Maude