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SYDNEY, N.S.W.

12 Feb. 1951.

Mr. H. E. Maude,
Flat 5, 12 Wallaroy Road,
DOUBLE BAY.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I enclose receipt for your Life Membership subscription to this Society, for which I thank you. When I last saw you you looked particularly healthy, good for another thirty years at least, so I think the bargain is a mutual one.

I think I mentioned to you that we have a number of card entries about literature on string figures here should your wife care to consult them at any time. My collection from Arnhem Land is being drawn up for publication but the latter will not be for a year or two.

Thanking you,

J. D. Carthy.

Honorary Treasurer.

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Catholic Mission,
Apia, W.SAMOA.

19th February, 1951.

Dear Mr Maude,

Today I will be posting a packet containing the copies of the PIM which I have been able to find -- eight in all; 1934, March; 1936, July; 1937, July; 1938, June, November, December; 1939, January; 1940, June. There is a slight possibility of getting one or two more, but I don't think much of the chances. The first big hope was a disappointment; there used to be piles of old PIMs in our house at Safotu, Savaii, but evidently while a Samoan priest was in charge there in the few months between the death of Fr Raymond Meyer and the arrival of Fr Ross, all sorts of old papers were looked upon as so much old paper, and were either burned or went down the mine! I had two copies, and got the other six from Fr Heslin at Safotulafai. There may be a few available at Central Office, but I have my doubts.

Our High Commissioner is at present in New York dealing with the Trusteeship Council; he attended to the presentation of the annual report of the Administration. Hope some good comes of it. Just at present, the UNO occasions a bit of rather naughty language here at Central Office; every mail brings in a sack of stuff from them -- minutes of meetings, questionnaires, bulletins, reports, etc, which have to be gone through; there are enquiries for ~~statistics~~ statistics concerning the Tokelau Islands, etc, etc. Quite enough to keep one man busy sorting things out and trying to look up the details asked-for.

The new Governor of Tutuila, one Phelps Phelps, arrives here by plane this week from the USA via Fiji, and will go on to Tutuila probably that night. Very little is known about him round here. The report is that he is a New York lawyer. The Interior Dept. will be in complete charge as from 1st July, if all goes according to plan. It is still doubtful whether or not the USN will go out entirely; the plan was that there would not be a single navy man left, but at present there is still some doubt about it. Possibly a small group may be left. The last of the Navy Governors, Captain Darden, goes off later this month; I'm afraid that his memories of the Catholic Mission will not be exactly friendly, as we had a bit of trouble with him just recently. It concerned his sudden re-appointment of Tufele as district Governor of Manu'a; Tufele had been dismissed a couple of years ago as a result of some trouble we had over the placing of a catechist there. It is quite a long story, but the final thing which led to an official enquiry and the dismissal of Tufele was an attempt by one fellow to toss Fr McKay out of the row-boat into the sea when he was going ashore there. When Tufele was suddenly re-appointed, Fr McKay could see a lot of trouble ahead, and so put in a protest to Washington. Much to our surprise, Gov Darden was ordered to reverse his decision; from all Fr McKay had heard, we expected no such thing; the usual procedure would be to take notice of any protest which appeared to be justified, disapprove of the action of the person concerned, but do so confidentially.

The whole business was rather unfortunate as we have got along very well with the Navy as a rule. While on the subject, I might as well note the difficulty under which many of the Navy folk in Tutuila carried on their work; they were down only for short terms -- eighteen months for most, two years for a few of the top-rankers, and so did not have a great deal of time to get to understand the Samoans; furthermore, even though there were very capable people in Pago, and even in the Administration, yet they were civilians, and so in the same class as copra bugs! Their advice was not sought. But on the other hand, any smooth-tongued Samoan matai could pull their legs any time at all, provided he knew English and had been up to Honolulu or the States. And that is what happened this time with Gov. Darden. The poor man still can not believe just how he was being used by the men he thought he was using! But enough of this gossip. Every good wish from

Yours sincerely

A. J. Bourke

P.S. One more copy, Nov. 1936. from Central Office, the High Commissioner, Mr. Jack Wright, let me have it when I told him it would be going to you.

AJB

Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

14th March, 1951.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir Brian,

I have at last been able to get up to Canberra where, thanks largely to excellent arrangements made by Trevor Pyman, I was able to meet all the people I wanted to see.

Among other things, I kept my ears open on the subject of the Secretary-Generalship and its filling, and give you the results in case they are of interest.

In the first place I should say that I made a special point of seeing Williams, the United Kingdom High Commissioner, and mentioned that I was interested in hearing Canberra views on the question of the new Secretary-General and, as the only Englishman on the staff of the Commission, I was naturally particularly interested in hearing whether you were likely to be considered.

Williams, however, seemed to know nothing whatever about the matter (and indeed practically nothing about the Commission). I don't think he was being discreet, for the External Affairs people complained that now Kimber is gone there is no one, either senior or junior, on the High Commission staff who takes any interest in Commission affairs.

But from various conversations with my own contacts I gathered that the present position is as follows. Australia has been searching well and thoroughly for a suitable candidate. As a result several have been found, but in every case either they have turned down the suggestion themselves or the Department concerned has refused to consider their release.

So they have reached a dead end and, unless something unforeseen turns up in the meantime, it is likely that Australia will be telegraphing their Minister in London within ten days to a fortnight, instructing him to inform Commonwealth Relations that they have not succeeded in finding a better candidate than yourself and would, as a consequence, be prepared to support you if a candidate.

Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G.,
Government House,
Suva, Fiji.

I believe Keesing was informed accordingly when in Canberra last week and that he gave them to understand he anticipated that the United States would support this.

As regards New Zealand, it would appear that the Department, and also McKay as Senior Commissioner, are very much in favour of your appointment but that certain difficulties are being experienced in convincing ministerial circles. The position as at the end of last week was therefore fluid. I should add that Australia intends to consult New Zealand before cabling London.

I may say that before I learnt any of the above information, I was asked two questions, firstly as to what the United Kingdom view of your appointment would be likely to be and the other whether you had any experience of the type of work that would be required.

As to the first, I replied that while I had no inside knowledge it would seem reasonable to assume, from past United Kingdom policy towards the Commission, that although they would be unlikely to put forward yourself or anyone in opposition to the wishes of Australia they would be most willing to accede to any request which the Commonwealth might care to make on the matter.

On the second, I enlarged on your early work as Secretary of the East African High Commission, where the problems, and the techniques necessary to overcome them, were in many cases similar. I added that, while the Commissioners as a bunch were no doubt difficult to handle, I could not conceive that they required more tact than a pride of Colonial Governors.

Anyway, here is the picture to date, drawn to the best of my ability; and I know you will treat it as confidential. I do not think my informers would mind my telling you in confidence (after all no one is being harmed) but if you felt it desirable to keep Sir Charles Jeffries au fait with the situation perhaps you would disguise everything so that nothing could be traced to sources in Canberra (these were, however, fairly reliable).

I do hope all goes well with Lady Freeston and yourself and that you had an enjoyable trip to Tonga.

With kindest regards from Honor and myself,

*Yours very sincerely,
H. H. Harde*

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Mar. 27, 1951



H. E. Maude
The South Pacific Commission
Box 5254, G. P. O.
Sydney, Australia

Dear Mr. Maude:

We have your letter of Mar. 19th regarding SOUTH SEA STORIES.
Please be advised that we never published a book by this title.
We regret we cannot be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

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GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY,
OCEAN ISLAND.

28th May 1951

My dear Maude,

Many thanks for your last letter, and my regrets at not answering it earlier. But life has been reasonably busy here. You will remember I stated my intention of getting out some sort of Police notes in Gilbertese and Ellice for the boys, with a view to eventually having a printed Police Manual in their own languages which would give them all the basic knowledge they needed to make them good local constables, in the best sense of the word. I enclose herewith the interim result; interim because the new Police Superintendent, Mr Moore has turned up from the Solomons, knowing of course nothing of the language and being full of slightly military ideas on drill and turn-out which, though very good indeed, tends to turn attention away from theoretical instruction. However, I am still at Ocean Island, and the said Moore is not an obstructionist, and thus for the time being the contents of these notes are being put over to the troops, with apparently quite good results. I hope the resultant yeast works. As I hope to be here long after most of my present colleagues have gone I am very content to wait. For one thing I am far from happy about the reliability of the translation. It is not too bad, but I should like such a manual to be a model of lucid and exact English, and equally of Gilbertese (and Ellice). At the moment my own English could be improved here and there, and the Gilbertese, though avoiding the obscurities of some styles, is still far below the standard at which I aim. However, I shall be most grateful if you will "knock" it when your many duties permit, and let me have it back; its my only copy, and probably the most complete copy in existence. On the cover, by the way, is a potted version got^{out} in cooperation with Cowell for the Island Police. I am happy to say it is quite excellent, and better than the main course; but this is no grief to me. The main course is intended to do just that - e.g., act as a basic 'starter' on which various specially adapted and complete programmes can be based, the whole still retaining a unity and continuous building of doctrine and training which would not be there if the basic course had not been worked out.

We have had another circular based, apparently, on something from the Sec of State that "nativisation" is to be pressed forward starting now and achieving definite^{results} in three years; I was very bucked, and put up for an AAO here plus a locally domicilled Sub-Inspector - (I had Kautu and Sgt Karibanang in mind). However I have been shot down; the present programme is for a second expatriate Police Inspector instead, in addition to the man Moore. And no promotion for the natives of course. No doubt this lunacy will be refused in London, but it is an extraordinary state of affairs that such proposals should be considered and put forward, particularly in direct opposition to the report of the DO on the spot.

I hear that the Secy of State has also received the latest New Capital at Bonriki scheme; £450,000; I also hear he may turn it down and sanction only the school and hospital, thank God.

Alan Hughes has been here with me since his arrival. I encouraged a reasonable stay here while he got in practice and had the opportunity of contacting representatives from most islands, and his recording equipment was also delayed. In addition Tarawa are short of accommodation (that must strike a chord with you...) and he will go over on the next ship, probably in early or mid June. His stay has been, I believe, the right thing. He now speaks the language well enough to deal fluently with everyday affairs, and he has got a pretty wide series of songs and stories from different islands, so he can enter village life far better equipped than Katherine Luomala. I think he will achieve far more than she did. It has been a great education working with him, and my own stumbling efforts at the language have been greatly assisted and I am thus more than repaid for any slight help I have been able to give him. He sends his very best wishes, and will write you the next opportunity. At present he also is tied up with much mail to get off for the "Triona" ~~16/1~~

You may have probably heard that the moorings here have been pulled up again by a couple of errant Bank line ships, and an errant westerly, and the Triona is relaying them, and will finish them shortly.

We hope for the Catalas fairly soon. With my interest in fishing, and the commencement of the local tuna and 'te raka' season here I look forward to a bright interval.

Alexander has had an offer from Mauritius at a salary slightly

M.E. Maude, Esq,
O.I.S.

Greater than he would receive here after 22 years service, and so he has accepted it very promptly, and will be leaving soon, probably via Ocean Island and Australia.

Bridges is back, his usual rather crotchety self, but very pleasant in all his dealings with us. He and his house guests come up for dinner tomorrow with the policeman Moore.

We have had good rains and the island looks green. About one fifth of the coconut trees have really died and show no signs of recovery; the remainder are picking up in one degree or another. A few will give toddy quite soon, others not so soon; the unimana think over a year for some of them.

By the way, I have bought myself a guitar which I try to play Hawaiian style. Old Kamoirire, the constable, said your lady wife used to be a great expert, and he played some Hawaiian melodies he had learnt from her. Do you think you wife would be kind enough to let me have one or two old sheets if they are about. I would copy and return them. Or perhaps she could put me in touch with a source of supply, or even be kind enough to get me something and I will of course promptly refund? I shall be most grateful.

We have a delightful Manra girl to run our house, one Nei Terenga, who first joined us in the Phoenix in 1948. She is a great credit to the settlements. Her Gilbertese is noticeably purer, her dancing very definitely of a higher standard; and her string figures a thing to marvel at. She says she learnt them from your wife, with the other Manra children.

All the best wishes from my wife and family, who are keeping very *well*,

Yours sincerely,

Paul Leston

P.S.

Alan Hughes asks me, before closing, to enquire if anything more is known of the Samoan side of his project, vis a vis the ~~Australian~~ New Zealand Government etc. He will write you at length on the first ship out of Tarawa, but would be very grateful for anything you can let him know *meantime*.

13th June, 1951.

Dear Dr Luomala,

I have been meaning to write to you for ages to thank you very much indeed for so kindly sending me the manuscript copy of your "Plants of the Gilbert Islands". Unfortunately, its arrival coincided with an extensive period of travelling and all my letters got into arrears.

Both Honor and I were most interested in this first fruit of your field work on Tabiteuea. We read it through, but without taking notes, and then passed it on to a friend, Major F.G.D. Holland, O.B.E., G.M., who made a number of notes (I don't agree with all of them) which I enclose.

The reason I let Major Holland have the ms. was because he has always borne the reputation of being the keenest and most successful gardener that we have ever had in the Government service: when headmaster of the King George V school at Bairiki his garden used to be a sight worth seeing, with flowers and vegetables in astonishing variety. He was a particular expert on "babai" cultivation, and maintained that there was no secret method.

Unfortunately, as soon as Major Holland had finished with the ms. I had to go over to Noumea, where I showed it to Dr MacMillan. After a discussion we both agreed that it was of such importance to the work of the Catalas that it should be sent to them without delay (you kindly consented to this being done in your letter). So away it went and I was never able to go through it in detail, as I had intended.

However, you have the satisfaction of knowing that your paper is where it will do the most good: and I shall have an opportunity of commenting when the Catalas return it.

Many thanks also for letting me have a copy of your progress report to the Viking Fund.

Dr Katherine Luomala,
Associate Professor,
Department of Anthropology,
University of Hawaii,
HONOLULU 14, T.H.

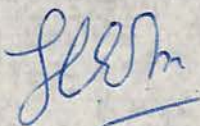
This is valuable since it enables me to keep an eye out for the various items, when published. We were delighted to get your article in "Pacific Discovery" the other day and I have added it to my collection of Gilbertiana and to the growing bibliography.

You certainly must be a busy person with all your teaching work, your addresses to societies, the editorship of the "Journal of American Folklore" and "News from the Pacific" and your very formidable writing programme. Your "Plants of the Gilbert Islands" incorporated one of the most thorough pieces of documentary research I have seen (you seem to have missed nothing) so if the ethnography is to be on the same exhaustive scale we are in for a real treat.

I am just off to Noumea to attend the third meeting of the Research Council, then next month to the Cook Islands. I wonder if you are going on the Onotoa expedition: a most pleasant spot and a good deal easier to tackle than Tabiteuea.

Again many thanks for your kindness in letting me have an advanced copy of your ms., and with best wishes from us both,

Sincerely yours,



H.E. MAUDE

Plants of the Gilbert Islands.

- Page 4. Maraki should be written Marakei, and Nukunau, Nikunau.
- Page 5. "The Ellice Islands like Nauru are Polynesian ...". "Like Nauru" should be deleted. The Nauruans belong to the Micronesian family.
- Page 5. "... current impressions ... that the northern atolls are culturally and physically blended to some extent with their Marshallese neighbours". The evidence of this fusion is negligible, at least among the natives as distinct from the part Europeans.
- Page 6. "While the southern atolls show the effect of Polynesian contact, with Samoa often mentioned in native traditions". The presence of Samoan pastors in the south sometimes gave this impression, but Samoa holds an all-important place in Gilbertese traditions, not more in the southern atolls than in the others.
- Page 6. "The mean temperature for all months is between 83 to 86 ". These figures are correct enough. Temperatures taken at Bairiki, Tarawa, for nearly 20 years gave an absolute maximum of 90 and an absolute minimum of 74 .
- Page 6. "With easterly trade winds blowing from April or May to October and November, except in Butaritari which has them throughout the year". The easterly trade winds often blow throughout the year, throughout the Gilbert Islands. The westerly season, with its strong winds and heavy rainfall, when it comes, November to April, hits Butaritari as well as the other islands.
- Page 11. "Dana, the Expedition geologist, although aware of the shortage of water on the atolls, wrote carelessly that the Gilberts are 'generally provided with sufficient for bathing, and each native takes his morning bath in fresh water'". If Dana did write "carelessly", then he stumbled on the truth. The daily bath in fresh well water has been and still is the custom. It is unlikely that later generations differed in this respect from that of Dana's time.
- Page 11. "The Tabiteueans depend for liquids on their drinking nuts (Moimolo) and fresh coconut toddy (Karewe) ...". This could not be true generally. Moimolo are reserved for infants and certain visitors. All the matured nuts possible are required for food and for purposes of income. The chief drinking supply is water from wells, though this is limited in accessibility during drought periods.

- Page 11. "Babai" (Cyrtosperma) is planted in deep, rectangular pits dug down to the ground water". It is inferred or has been that this water is extremely brackish. But Babai will not grow in water more than slightly brackish, and as a consequence the number of fertile pits decreases during a drought, and vice versa.
- Page 12. "The women pound the pumice, mix it with soil and place it around the roots of fenced-in coconut trees". "Coconut trees" is doubtful. More likely the trees were bread fruit. Powdered pumice is nowadays used as a fertiliser for bread-fruit trees, but always most secretly.
- Page 16. "One Tabiteuean said that after returning from outside work to settle down to cultivating his land, no one on his island would teach him ('even for money', he added) how to plant babai, which is particularly surrounded with secrecy". This secrecy is racial and has a noble aspect which need not be described here, but is at its saddest in relation to certain traditional crafts and to fishing, where the accumulated knowledge of centuries is liable to be lost for ever. As to babai cultivation, however, secrecy does not commonly matter. That which is beyond ordinary gardening methods would be soon realized by any thoughtful gardener. The all-important rule is that the food required by a plant next year shall be set in position this year. And of course one babai plant, say an ikaraoi (green-stalked leaves) or an ikauraura (brown-stalked leaves) requires as much attention as a multitude of other garden plants. Incidentally, I have been told that these two kinds of babai (pulaka) are cultivated in the Ellice Islands and are known as ikalaoi and ikaulaula. Note in this connexion the ikaraoa mentioned at the foot of page 37.
- Page 37. "... the vegetables and fruits which Europeans so optimistically and hopelessly try to raise in pots of foreign soil". Earlier at page 13, also: "The lack of success on the part of Europeans in raising imported vegetables and fruits". Nevertheless there are a few Europeans, those who have been stationed for long enough periods at one island, who have had considerable success with their vegetable gardens. Good soil is available, though far from abundantly, where once rubbish was dumped, and under "uri" trees. It has to be transported to a selected area, preferably one free from the inroads of coconut roots. The garden beds so formed should be treated with lime (and again at lengthy intervals), and regularly improved with humus - rotted bread-fruit, uri, reu, mao, bero and other leaves. Seaweed is good, too. Beds so prepared and treated have produced crops year after year of tomatoes, chinese cabbage, Succession cabbage, African and

ordinary cucumbers, rock and water melons, French breakfast radish, Kohl rabi, mignonette lettuce, sweet potatoes, French epicure beans, New Guinea beans, and silver beet. Moreover as there are no seasons, these vegetables can be grown all the year round.

Page 10 (in pencil). Te aoaua. Te aoaua is literally "the hour four" aoa + aua.

Page 84 (in pencil). Te Katutu. Katutu is the correct spelling.

Page 86 " " Te Kiaiaia. Te Kiaiaia is the wild yellow hibiscus.

Page 89 " " Te Kumara. The sweet potato grows on Butaritari (and on other islands, too) but not the yam.

Page 103 (in pencil). Te Mwemwera. "The fruit is nearly always hard and dry and struck me as tasteless". Yet many people will agree that there are few sweeter pawpaws than the short variety, the one most common, in the Gilbert Islands.




WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.
SUVA, FIJI.

26 June 1957.

My dear Harry

Very many thanks for
your charming letter - I do hope it will
be possible to see you when you pass
through next month we both look forward
to it.

Jugdale will not I fear pass through
Sydney - he travels by B.C.P.A. via USA
arriving Fiji 4 August & leaving by
the same route on 25 August, according
to the file which I have just seen (we
to hush hush!) so there seems little chance
of meeting him alas. I wish you could!
Present plans for W.P.H.C. now sent
the G.P.H.C. but include the others.



The Sps is now looking at our salaries
revision so I am sending down the file again
to the legal advisers to get the 45 years marked
- he has to tie it in with S.D. & did not
wish to refer to 1957 if in fact it was
finally approved in 1952! He can now go
ahead.

Little of interest - Jarley has gone
to Rome on the EPC Secretariat & the work
here never decreases. There is a marked
feeling of uncertainty in all the Staff
waiting to hear what will happen to them
it does not make for good work - more
if it happens when we see you.

We have to catch the mail
with every good wish to you both

Yours ever

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Yours very truly,

2 Netherby Street,
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.

29th June, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 15th June, notifying me that the transfer of the property at 2 Netherby Street, from Mr Geyer to myself, has now been completed.

// I enclose a cheque for £30.15.9 in payment of the amount still due to you.

I note that the documents of title and transfer of the property have been handed to the Bank of New Zealand, who also hold the insurance policy and survey certificate. The copy of the valuation of silver and plate was duly received with your letter.

I should be glad if you could kindly forward the two keys of the property received by you on settlement.

The Post Office has asked me to inform all correspondents that 2 Netherby Street is in Wahroonga, and not Waitara.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in finalizing this matter,

Yours faithfully,

H.C. MAUDE

per: 

P.F. Irvine, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Solicitor,
17-19 Bridge Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

P. F. IRVINE, B.A., LL.B.

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7th Floor, Scottish House,

17-19 Bridge Street,

Sydney, 15th June 1951.

Mrs. H. C. Maude,
2, Netherby Street,
WAITARA.

Dear Madam,

re - Geyer.

This matter has now been completed, the documents of title and transfer of the property having been handed to the Bank of New Zealand on settlement with a view to the Bank completing registration of the transfer and thereafter holding the documents of title in connection with its security.

I enclose a copy of the adjustments and payments made on settlement of the matter for your information, the balance of £5,379. 3. 1. shown thereon having been provided by the Bank to complete the matter.

One of the adjustments made on settlement with the vendor referred to, arrears of water rates outstanding, amounted to £1.15.5. An adjustment was made by the vendor in this regard and I have effected payment of the balance due to the Water Board in the sum of £1.15.5.

The Insurance Policy is held by the Bank of New Zealand as also the survey certificate in respect of the property. Two keys of the property were received on settlement and I shall be glad to have your instructions as to whether you will call for these keys or you require me to send them to you.

I enclose memorandum of my costs and fees together with statement of account.

For your record, I also enclose a copy of the valuation of Messrs. Norton & Huband-Smith of silver and plate included in the insurance policy.

Yours faithfully,
P. F. IRVINE.

per



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Encs.

C O P Y

SETTLEMENT SHEET.

HONOR COURTNEY MAUDE from DONALD WILLIAM GEYER.

Property: 2 Netherby Street, Waitara.

Date of Settlement: 6th June 1951.

Purchase price as per Contract	£5975. 0. 0.
Deposit paid to Lamney & Co. (Real Estate) Pty. Ltd.	<u>600. 0. 0.</u>
Balance	£5375. 0. 0.

<u>Adjustments.</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
<u>Municipal Rates:</u>	<u>allows:</u>	<u>allows:</u>
	<u>£. s. d.</u>	<u>£. s. d.</u>
£11.15.9. paid to 31.12.51 19 weeks @ 4/3d =	6. 3. 3.	

Water Rates:

£13. 6. 0. paid to 30.6.1951 3 weeks @ 5/1 =	15. 3.	
Arrears		1.15. 5.

<u>Registration fees</u> <u>and Miscellaneous:</u>	1. 0. 0.	4. 3. 1.
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Balance for settlement	£5379. 3. 1.
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P. F. IRVINE, B.A., LL.B.
SOLICITOR

TELEPHONES: BU 5231 & BU 5232

CABLES: HONDAMA SYDNEY

7th Floor, Scottish House,
17-19 Bridge Street,
Sydney, 15th June 1951.

Mrs. H. C. Maude,
2, Netherby Street,
WAITARA.

IN ACCOUNT WITH P. F. IRVINE.

re - Geyer.

1951.

17th May TO Lammy & Co. Pty. Ltd.		
Balance of deposit:	£595. 0. 0.	
5th June TO Victoria Insurance Co. Ltd.		
Insurance Premium:	19. 6. 0.	
15th June TO Metropolitan & Water Board		
Balance of rates for 1951:	1.15. 5.	
15th June TO my costs and fees as per memorandum herewith:	<u>99.14. 4.</u>	£715.15. 9.

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23rd Apr. BY Cheque	£595. 0. 0.	
16th May " "	75. 0. 0.	
4th June " "	<u>15. 0. 0.</u>	<u>685. 0. 0.</u>

TO AMOUNT DUE: £30.15. 9.


E. & C. E.
ACC/EC

P. F. IRVINE, B.A., LL.B.

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Mrs. H. C. Maude,
2, Netherby Street,
WAITARA.

DR. TO P. F. IRVINE.

re - Geyer.

TO My costs of acting in and about transfer of title from Mr. Geyer of property No. 2 Netherby Street, Waitara, including instructions; investigation of title; preparation and completion of transfer; arranging insurance and incidental matters in connection with an advance by the Bank of New Zealand in connection with the purchase and final preparation of notices of transfer to public authorities, and generally, as per scale: £37.15. 0.

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Sydney, 4th. June, 1951. 19

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To The Manager,
The Victoria Insurance Company Limited,
No. 83, Pitt Street,
Sydney.

G. 2

5th July, 1951.

Dear Sir,

Your letter No. T.F.31/6 of the 17th April has just been received, but I am afraid that I cannot be of much help in your efforts to trace the missing Deposit Trust Account mentioned.

Unfortunately I have no diaries, record books or other memory aids with me here, so I am unable to state where and when the Trust Account was opened.

The date of opening the account would logically be some time between the day on which I left Tamana on the completion of my work there (about July, 1937, but ascertainable from Lands Commission records) and September, 1937, when I left Ocean Island for the Phoenix Group.

To the best of my present recollection I was operating on an imprest at the time (though I may have been a Sub-Accountant and the Deposit Trust Account would presumably have been opened by me and the entry passed through the main Treasury books at Ocean Island when I next replenished this. I should advise you, therefore, to examine the Colony ledgers for September, 1937, and the immediately preceding month's for the missing payment.

I take it that you have already examined all the records of the Lands Commission 1937 Tamana Settlement, including the cash book, which I would have hoped might have resolved your problem.

I am sorry not to be more helpful, but you will, I am sure, appreciate my difficulty in recollecting a minor routine financial transaction made in the midst of all the furore occasioned by the Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme.

Yours faithfully,



The Treasurer,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,
Tarawa Island,
GILBERT ISLANDS. Central Pacific.

H.E. MAUDE

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T. F. 31/6.
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Tarawa Island.
17th April, 1951.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Lands Commission Fees in the sum of £10.17. 6 collected by you in 1938 during your part settlement of Tamana, concerning which the Chief Lands Commissioner informs me were deposited in a Trust Account.

2. A search through Treasury records as far back as they exist (1st July 1939) does not reveal the presence of any current Trust Account of this nature.

3. I should be grateful if you would be able to supply me with any information concerning this account in an effort to trace this sum through Colony Ledgers and make the distribution to the Lands Court members.

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

for Treasurer.

H. E. Maude Esq.,
South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.
Sydney, N.S.W.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Canberra 19-7-51.

Dear Harry,

At long last I have got around to writing some of the many letters I owe. Yours is very far from the last: I'm only sorry I couldn't write earlier.

I particularly wish to express my great appreciation of your letter written before your departure for Noumea for the RC meeting. Your expressions were much too kind for my deserts; nevertheless, as I suppose most of us do, I glowed beatifically at praise not wholly deserved. I can think of a number of shortcomings of temperament & capacity and also of conduct, but I'm grizzled enough to know they won't be cured now and I'll have to take me as I find I have made myself & let myself be made. An uncomfortable thought at the turning-point of middle age, a wistful prospect of putting up with something less than I in the pride of youth one had hoped for better from. It's a difficult lesson, learning to live tolerantly with oneself — but not so difficult as for other people, after all.

You will be aware that I have consistently held the highest opinion of your astonishing ability and success

in your chosen SD field and that I have frequently voiced this opinion to persons interested in SPC.

More than anything, your rapid and faultless execution of the SD programme has put the Commission on its feet. I could wish that the same degree of ~~fact~~ fact, "know-how", energy and comprehension had been applied in all other departments of our common job.

I hope, for the sake of the Commission and the people of Polynesia, Melanesia and soon too (very soon indeed, I gather) Micronesia, you do not follow my bad example and take your hand from the plow. There were compulsions (of temperament and of intellectual interest as well as of a private nature) for my decision and for my pushing it to a conclusion, which I do not perceive in your situation, which I hope do not exist. You have, if you wish it, a life-work which will assuredly bring you

the gratitude of many people, honour and, if I know you, intense personal satisfaction. In principle, changes in senior personnel are desirable, but in principle also it is important ^{that} there be ~~that~~ continuity and that the right man be in the right place. I am absolutely confident that the Commissioners almost to a man want you to stay. You will know that I never let the ill-concealed and sometimes open and rancorous hostility of one or two of them disturb me unduly: I stayed until I felt I had given about all I could. You, it seems to me, are a permanent fountain of giving in your field, and you have no enemies. Adverse views on some points ^{there} ~~you~~ will always be. So what?

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at last my name has gone up
to the Minister for a posting!
I may know tomorrow, or
not. If not, I'll be
marking time again until after
his return — a bleak
prospect of fruitless waiting.

One particular matter. I would
like to write to Notestein. As
I understand it, ZRC reverted
to the Suva SDM outline, so
my draft (long) letter to him
will not be in point. I would
like a copy however so as
to refresh my mind. Could
you send me one, + any
brief comment on the project.
If you still desire advice
from him or others, would
you please indicate?

With very kind regards, both
to yourself and Mrs Maude,
Sincerely,
W.D. Hensley

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21 July.

My dear Harry

I have been in too big a state to write before but if I tell you without preamble that we have a baby daughter, you will realise why. We are both so very happy & Mum & the baby are now safely back in the house with me.

Jugdale - stop press - arrives Aug 1 Fiji, leaves Aug 15 via Sydney for BeP where he will have 2 weeks & presumably will leave from Sydney on his homeward journey - so go to it. I don't know where he is staying but it should not be

difficult to find out + I wish
you luck in putting the
case of the common man to him

I feel I ought to explain
the silence about our baby
- we told no one & made no
advance preparations because
our other child died shortly
after birth in England. This
means so much to us &
especially Nan that I have
been in a sorry nervous
state - but all is well &
everyone has been most
kind. It does however
often make my anxiety as
to my future, but there is
always the comforting thing
age of 45 if the worst occurs
- I have just finished our
period hours of service which
have gone to the firm ones
as a result of the 8/2 at least

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approving our salaries revision
proposals, although the enactment
has not yet been made, it is
included. The H's has only
approved retrospective effect
from Aug 1 1950, we are
trying to find out why so
that we can argue. It does
seem as if they think anything
will do for the W.P.O.C. which
is depressing. The Treasury
have clearly tried this on
the Co have spinelessly
passed it on here without
any fight on our behalf.

With the going to soon it is
going to be difficult to get
any answers in which will
be effective - we will try though.

In haste - I am still
thrilled by my daughters -
with best wishes to you

both

Yours

Chris Bryan

Rarotonga Island,
Cook Islands,
Central Pacific,

27th July, 1951.

The Deputy Commissioner of Taxation,
Box 4197, G.P.O., SYDNEY, N.S.W.
Australia.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your letter No. 12/D/Q of the 14th June, which was forwarded to me in New Caledonia. I was unable to deal with it, however, until I could get access to my records, which were not with me at the time.

No Australian Income Tax has been paid by me personally in respect of the Australian Gas Light Company shares mentioned by you since I was informed by the Company in 1942 that all taxation on them were being, and would continue to be, deducted at source by them before the payment of interest to the credit of my Bank Account. I enclose a copy of the Company's letter on this point in support.

If, however, the Company has omitted to deduct some tax due, please let me know how much I owe you and I will forward a cheque by return of post.

I am uncertain what is meant by your penultimate paragraph, as I have never forwarded any "Return of Income" to the Australian Government, since I am not domiciled in the Commonwealth, my salary (as an International Civil Servant) is in any case exempt from Income Tax and my only income from Australian sources consisted (they have since been sold) of the shares mentioned by you and £500 Commonwealth stock, in both

cases the tax

cases the tax being deducted at source.

Although I am writing this from the Cook Islands the nature of my work is such that I am unlikely to stay long in any one territory. However, any communication sent c/o the South Pacific Commission, G.P.O., Box 5254, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, will be forwarded to me wherever I am at the time.

Yours faithfully,

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

H. E. Maude.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
N.S.W.

SAVINGS BANK BUILDING,
14 CASTLEREAGH STREET,
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26 JUL 1951

Henry E. Maude, Esq.,
26 Lower Boyle Street,
CREMORNE, N. S. W.

Dear Sir,

Reference:— 12/D/Q

(When replying, please quote this reference.)

The records of this Department indicate that, during the year ended 30th June,
1950 . £62 Interest was paid to you by A. G. L. Company.

Please state below the full christian names and surname shown on the return
of income in which this income has been included and the address for service of notices
shown on that return.

Your early reply would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Hughes
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation.

REPLY.

Christian Names.....

Surname.....

Address for Service of Notices—
.....
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Signature.....

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REPLY.

Christian Names..... Henry Evans

Surname..... MAUDE

Address for Service of Notices—

..... Box 5254, G.P.O.,

..... Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Signature..... *J.W. Hughes*

Date..... 27.7.51.

THE AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY

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TELEPHONES. ADMINISTRATION & SALES. M 6503 - - SERVICE. M 2404 - - BOX NO. 481 AA. G.P.O.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE.

Shares AJC.MG

March 3, 1942

Mr. H. E. Maude,
C/- The Western Pacific High Commission,
SUVA. FIJI ISLANDS.

*Copy sent to Dep. Com.
of Taxation, Sydney, 27.7.51.*

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16, 1942 enclosing cheque for £19:13:1. It is pointed out that the only tax outstanding was an amount of £5:13:4 for the year ended June 30, 1940 and was assessed on two items of £37:15:9 interest paid August 1, 1939, and February 1, 1940 respectively.

Taxes since that date have been deducted at the source before payment of interest to your Bank Credit and the letters received by you were only advices of such deductions which would cover the following payments:-

	Unemployment Relief	State Tax	Total
October 1, 1940	£1:17:0	£2:16:3	
April 1, 1941	£1:17:0	£2:16:3	£4:13:3
October 1, 1941	£1:17:0	£2:16:3	4:13:3
			<u>4:13:3</u>
			£13:19:9

Your cheque for £19:13:1 has therefore been cashed and we now enclose receipt for £5:13:4 and a deposit slip for £13:19:9 which amount has been paid to the Bank of New Zealand - Sydney, for the credit of your account.

All taxes will continue to be deducted at the source and thus save the forwarding of a remittance by you.

Yours faithfully,
THE AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY

W.A. Taylor

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Secretary.

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"SHARES"

January 5, 1943

Mr. H. E. Maude,
C/- The Western Pacific High Commission,
SUVA. FIJI.

Dear Sir:

NEW SOUTH WALES INCOME TAX SUSPENSION ACT, 1942.
REFUNDS OF N.S.W. INCOME TAX.

We have to advise that in conformity with the Uniform Income Tax legislation passed by the Commonwealth Parliament, the Government of New South Wales has now passed legislation suspending the operation of the State Income Tax.

Section 5 of the Income Tax Suspension Act, 1942, provides for the refund of tax paid by Companies in respect of dividend or interest paid or credited after June 30, 1941, to non-residents.

It also provides that the Commissioner may make arrangements with the Company which paid the tax to make the refunds to the persons from whom the tax was deducted and retained.

The Company has therefore made application for a refund of the tax retained from dividend and or interest, paid to you since July 1, 1941, which refund if received from the Commissioner in time, the Company will include with the next payment of dividend or interest, as the case may be. Failing this, it will be distributed in accordance with your existing registered instructions at the earliest possible time after receipt.

Yours faithfully,
THE AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY

W.A. Taylor

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Secretary.



~~Tripartite~~

Cheques, etc., detailed on attached lodgment slip, although for convenience of book-keeping entered as cash in -the Banks Books, are not to be available for drawing purposes until cleared or the proceeds have been actually received at the Bank's Branch at which this lodgment is made; and this condition is to continue to have effect, although the Bank may in any case or cases allow the proceeds of documents not cleared to be drawn against.

Bank of New Zealand

SYDNEY, 2. 2 1922

Lodged as per Slip therewith

£ 10 - 19 - 9

(Sum of *thirteen*

pounds thirteen

shillings and nine

for Credit in Account Current of

Henry Evans

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with recourse on all documents.

~~NOTE~~ This acknowledgment must bear the Teller's initials and the Bank's date stamp.

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THE AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANIES

No 766

Sydney 3 March 1942

Received from *Henry S. Maudsley*

the sum of *Five* Pounds

thirteen Shillings and *four* Pence, being *repayment*

of State Income Tax paid by the Company or interest received by you
from 1940. Debenture interest during the year ended June 30 1940

£ 5 - 13 - 4

W. Taylor
Secretary

Catholic Mission, Apia, W.SAMOA.
27th July, 1951.

Dear Mr Maude,

Many thanks for the "Bibliography of Bibliographies" though to tell the truth, I have had no time to give it more than a glance so far. The last couple of months have been busy, what with a trip round Upolu, doing the examinations of the Catechists' schools, and then getting out annual accounts for all our outside stations, etc. There will be time and to spare in the near future, and it perhaps will make you just a wee bit jealous. If all goes according to plan, I'll be leaving on the "Manua Tele" a mid-day Monday for Nukunonu, Tokelau Islands, for a few months. Just think of it, three hundred miles from the nearest telephone. Of course, there is the Govt radio, but people usually think twice before they wax loquacious at threepence a word.

Fr McDonald, who has been up there for the past four years, will be coming down for a few months. He has had a couple of short trips down, but it is time he had a longer break. According to his last letter to me, he wanted six months away from Nukunonu, but that letter was written just as he was getting over a solid dose of filaria, so maybe he will have changed his mind. Anyhow, the Bishop does not want me away from Apia too long, so I suppose if the present plan for a boat about October is realised, I will have my nose put back on the grindstone here in Apia about that time. Nukunonu is a delightful place, and has one advantage in that it is entirely Catholic -- so you do not have the trouble which often arises from people dragging religions into matters which do not concern it. That has happened more than once at Fakaofu, and of course happens here, too. Villages break up on purely civil matters, but the real dividing line is religion, which has nothing whatsoever to do with the matter in question.

The Tokealus have been getting more attention lately than has been the case for years, but unfortunately the present Minister for Island Territories, Doidge, will be going to London as High Commissioner; a new man will be coming into the post, just as Doidge was getting to know his job and was taking an interest in it. By the way, a possibility for the "Bibliography..." "Aux Iles Samoa, La Foret qui s'illumine" par Mgr Darnand. Lyon, E.Vitte, 1934. pp 5,6. If they have not got it at the Mitchell Library, tell them to send a note to Bishop Darnand, Catholic Mission, Moamoa, Western Samoa; a nicely worded letter should raise a copy. Every good wish from

Yours sincerely

C. J. Bourke

THE MANLY DAILY

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1951.

Y.W.C.A. Auxiliary's Fourth Birthday

AT the fourth birthday luncheon party of the Manly Auxiliary to be held to-morrow (Wednesday), at 1 p.m., guest speaker will be Mrs. Maude, and her subject, "Life on the Central Pacific Islands".

Mrs. Maude has lived on the Gilbert, Ellice, and Pitcairn Islands for many years.

There will be a musicale programme, with Mrs. L. Wilson at the piano.

Auxiliary expects to meet old friends. Others interested should contact the president (Mrs. H. Ambrose) XU 4458, after 5 p.m.

BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM
HONOLULU 17, HAWAII

August 15, 1951

The Executive Officer for Social Development,
South Pacific Commission,
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia,

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of 8th August, I am hastening to return the copy of the 1947 census report on the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, which you so kindly loaned me. Mr. L. G. Hudson, executive secretary of the Pacific Science Council Secretariat, is making a trip to Sydney, and has very kindly agreed to carry the manuscript with him and to turn it over to you in Sydney.

I must apologize for having kept this valuable manuscript so long. Soon after it reached me I made a microfilm copy, but the original was so much handier to work with than the microfilm, I have been very tardy in sending it back. Dr. Kathryn Luomala has also found the statistics of very considerable value.

Thanking you for your kindness in making this material available to us, I am

Yours very sincerely,

E. H. Bryan Jr.

Edwin H. Bryan, Jr.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

3rd September, 1951.

Mr. John Ryan,
Secretary- General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA. New Caledonia.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Thank you for your letter A/4 of the 26th July, with its generous offer to consider the grant of a further contribution from Commission funds towards Miss H. Sheils' out of pocket expenses during her present visit to Papua and New Guinea.

I discussed the question briefly with Miss Sheils before her departure and she undertook to keep an account of her expenses for examination on her return.

If, as a result of this examination, there would appear to be a legitimate case for making a further recommendation to you I shall not hesitate to do.


With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Lee M

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION
NOUMEA. NEW CALEDONIA.

COMMISSION DU PACIFIQUE SUD
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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

26th July, 1951.

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Mr. H.E. Maude,
Executive Officer for Social Development,
G.P.O. Box 5254,
SYDNEY.

Dear *Mr Maude,*

Official approval of your memorandum No. 741 of 18th July, 1951, goes forward by Memorandum of to-day's date No. 625.

Would you please, however, refer to your statement that Miss Sheils will be doing what you should, in any case, have desired her to do during Commission time as soon as she could be spared and, furthermore, that the expenses which will fall on her will amount to a considerable sum.

In these circumstances, I feel it would be undesirable if, as a result of her keenness to devote her leave to work of benefit to the Commission, Miss Sheils should be left substantially out of pocket, and that there might be a case for a larger contribution from Commission funds.

There may of course be other considerations, but I should like you to know that any recommendation you may care to make in this regard will be considered sympathetically.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

John Ryan

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Yours sincerely,

My dear Wakefield,

I feel terribly ashamed of myself not to have written long before this to thank you most sincerely for ~~the~~ ~~visit~~ kindness to me in Randanga. I couldn't have been better looked after by my own family and still look back on my visit with nostalgia.

Actually I have been holding off this letter from day to day ~~because~~ as I was hoping rather desperately to include with it a copy of my report on Co. depts. dechlorat. But, as I feared, things have not worked out ~~well~~ at all well. As soon as I got back to Sydney I was

deluged with correspondence, more of it dating
 before I left. Then after a few days
 I had to rush up to Canberra to the
 Conference of the School of Pacific Studies
 and, on my return, have been steadily plowing
 through Commission business not an hour off ever
 on a Sunday as yet. And to add to the
 general chaos my Assistant, Helen Skelton, has
 been away all the time in New Guinea and
 my wife is down with glandular fever.

However, the ~~quarterly~~ half-yearly
 progress report ~~is~~ should be finished this week
 and also the last of the annual letters;
 and then I shall really have to complete the
 report for you. There's only a couple of days

is it but of course its better to write
now than when it was all beat in my
mind.

I hope all goes well with
you and that you didn't find the Thyris's
any strain. Personally I liked them both
very much and thought he knew a good
deal more about housing than his quiet
and unassuming name indicates at first.

I am sending you, by surface mail,
a copy of "Fudloff and Hulla's 'So we go'" and
I feel you would like it. Although written about
Tobate it could well be Pandayan in setting.

Again many thanks for everything you
did for me and it hope that and I trust that
by now your wife and family will be back

Dear you.

Remember me to the two little girls
who used to decorate your house so,

Your sincerely,

C/- Bank of New Zealand,
339 George Street,
Sydney,
6th Sept, 1951

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much for your note. Unfortunately I was not in when it arrived so was not able to make the acquaintance of the lady who brought it. -

I do hope the 'flu has not turned out to be the vicious type that seems to be sweeping Sydney.

Did you enjoy your stay in Apea? I am afraid that I miss it very much. Tropical islands 'grow' on one so I have been told and I now am inclined to believe it.

I hope you will soon recover from the 'flu and perhaps, when you are next in town, I shall be able to get some first-hand news from you about Mummy and the family -

Yours sincerely,
Joan Crawley.

7th September, 1951.

Dear Helen,

Fancy writing letters while you are on holiday, even if it is only half a holiday. Anyhow I was glad to hear from you and note that you have not yet been eaten.

By all means stay till you are tired and feel in need of a rest. I guess things could not get any more chaotic than they are at present, though it may take you a few more days to straighten them out again when you do return.

Only don't go getting any Lesley Cunningham ideas that you ought to stay up there indefinitely as a leper orderly or something equally unpleasant. We do need you in due course.

We had to replenish some of the cutlery after you left but the only thing missing recently is Keesing's "Education in Pacific Countries" and I am praying that you took it home under the illusion that you were going to read it: I seem to have a hazy recollection of your doing so. Otherwise it must have been snatched by one of our more enterprising visitors.

Anyway, have a good time and don't worry about us: we are surviving though admittedly only just.

Nancy says it is "corny", whatever that means, to end a letter "very sincerely yours", so I do so now.

All the best,

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Helen Sheils,
C/o Department of Education,
PORT MORESBY, Papua.

Rabaul.

28th August. 1951.

Dear Mr. Maude,

It seems that there is no big jaunt to the Motuo; or at least that the Administrator is not aware of it, from what I could gather. It seems also that Mr. Goves is very keen about your coming up later rather than in September, if you can manage later. Napik has apparently picked up some hot, so perhaps they're waiting for it to go wrong again before calling on your healing touch.

One of the first things that happened to me in Newby was to meet a man from the bush who said on being introduced "You're the person who I've been told will know where I can get hold of the two Motuwiki reports"! So I opened my case and gave him all three. Suppose they put an end to his eagerness. I in fact have call to hand out literature like a Communist agitator, and to take orders for more like a commercial traveller. That Sanjevan Special Paper, by the way, should perhaps be scrapped except for detailed reports of its performance: they've heard of it even in PNG, and have some on trial and more on order.

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- Apart from requests that I gather by the bucketfull I'm coming across plans, broadcast scripts (for the possible exchange of), manuscripts including a large-quantities recipe book for hospitals and the like, and a planned but draft-rousing local cook-book.

All that is by the way in the course of an
extended holiday; and next week will be sun
and canoe and laying around. Before I get too soaked
through with it all I am writing to ask if you would
please cause a message to be sent to me
at Rovaniemi if you would like me to come back
on the 5-weeks' mark. Otherwise I shall take the
chances that are likely to come to visit Kuato, the
rehabilitation work in the Northern Division, and perhaps
Yule Island, or whichever can be managed before the
end of September. I shall happily revert to
schedule, of course, if the office is complaining for
want of one of the files that I've hidden under
the carpet.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Helmer

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NOUMEA, NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE.

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8.9.51.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Mr. Maude,

I thank you for your letter dated 23rd August. I hope things went well in the books and also at the Ambessa meeting.

Thanks also for your tip about the Commission's tardiness in making accounts etc. I have looked into the position and our best name with merchants is the veruakafa system we had employed by payment of accounts since the inception of the S.P.C. In the past, goods are ordered either direct or by cable from Australian firms and the sale completed in Sydney. However firms are requested to forward the items to our agents for onward shipment to Noumea. The firms quite properly regard the sale as complete when they deliver to our Sydney shipping agent and expect payment promptly after delivery. We however have not paid until the goods are actually received in Noumea which not infrequently means 2 to 3 months delay. I had never examined the position before but it is easy to understand the irritation of the suppliers. I have changed this system and in any case I have arranged for bills to do our purchasing & shipping. They will be paid on presentation of the appropriate documents to us here. Nothing in our account has also been varied to £5.

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I am grateful to you for raising the point & WAF
had also raised it with Webb.

You will recall that we discussed when you
were over here last the propriety of paying
the to Helen & Dix the increases awarded
by Commonwealth instrumentalities periodically
to adjust salaries to cost of living. The
equivalent in the higher grades to the basic
wage adjustments for stenogs. etc. I am
uninformed and I would be glad if
you could let me have some information.
Possibly I might ask Kalligan as
Senior Counsel for it but at the moment
I do not know the precise thing to
request.

The information is not only relevant
in the case of Helen, Dix & Webb but also
possibly to your own - see memo re
mainan of the salary advance between
Spain and Pridmore. At the moment
I am unable to suggest any scheme for the
reparation but the Commonwealth or practice
might be helpful.

Incidentally, the interviews of the candidate
for D.C.C. are proceeding - the London Committee
interviewing Herbert Vanarsden & Campbell

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Sir Mark [unclear] (V.D.), Laralle Vieé (F.), author
Ringuet U.S. Deputy High Commissioner for
West NZ & a secretary to the Dutch
Embassy named Schach. He V.H. certainly
has a high-powered representative!

Pardon the scribble but I am
waiting in great haste! It has been
and is difficult to get above the day to
day administration here, and while Fairley
is excellent in the work he is doing,
he is not senior ~~enough~~ experienced enough
to relieve me of the grind of the India.
Kunzer is less useful. John Jittens would
be a godsend! I am feeling rather run
down but I am glad that the Fil.
Conference went off O.K. and is now
finished.

Again my apologies for the
scrawl and the scrippiness of this note
Ultra pins me in sending
warm regards to yourself & Mrs. Maule.

Yours sincerely,
Chas Ryan

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13th September, 1950.

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

JR/VA.

Personal

H.E. Maude, Esq.,
South Pacific Commission Sydney Office,
P.O. Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY,
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr. Maude,

The proposed investigation under Resolution 32 of the First South Pacific Conference of the possibility of establishing an Inter-territorial Co-operative Buying and Selling Society in Australia and/or New Zealand was strongly rejected by the Social Development Committee and the Research Council.

As a result of this action by the Council, Bill felt that the investigation proposed by you in your Memo.332 should be deferred and the matter placed before the Commission at the Sixth Session.

You will recall that the Commission endorsed the proposal contained in Resolution 32, and instructed the Secretary-General to conduct investigations, in association with the Research Council. Before leaving Sydney, Bill suggested that your comments should be obtained on the proposed investigation in the light of the Research Council's views, and that these comments could be forwarded to him informally if you so desire.

I would be glad if you could forward your views, or discuss the matter further with Bill, whose present address is:-
27 Grant Crescent, Griffiths, Canberra.

As to the bibliographic survey, I have examined a copy of my letter to Ida, and find that at no stage is it suggested that she should conduct the survey. I asked her only to prepare a submission on the survey. I made this request without being aware that you intended to submit a proposal.

The Research Council has endorsed the proposed investigation and approval is granted for it to proceed, moneys being available under the current (1950) Budget. As I recollect, it was agreed in our conversation with Bill before leaving Sydney, that you would recommend

who should undertake the investigation, stating in a personal letter your preference if more than one person is available.

Before leaving Sydney a cable was, I think, sent to Mr. Derrick asking him whether he would be able to complete his Report in time for the proposed Meeting of the Social Development Committee in Suva in October. I have not heard anything further, and I would be grateful if you could drop me a note telling me what the programme is likely to be. Is there any useful action that we can take in respect of the Meeting? Where is the Report to be reproduced? Who will arrange for accommodation and transportation of the people attending the Meeting? Will you advise Drs. MacMillan and Massal when the Meeting will meet? I very much hope that Mr. Derrick has been able to get the stenographic assistance he required, and will be able to finish his Report comfortably in the time available.

The memo. is being sent to you concerning the educational material requested by Netherlands New Guinea. You will note that a request was made whether we wished the material from Australian New Guinea to be sent direct to Netherlands New Guinea or to this Headquarters. A reply was sent that we required it to be sent here in the first instance. I think this decision was incorrect, but as the communication was dispatched some time ago, there is no chance of preventing the material being sent to us. The material has been received from Fiji, and is being sent to you for transmission to Netherlands New Guinea with any comments you may wish to make. This procedure will be adopted when future material is received.

It has been raining here almost every day since we returned, and while it is not as cold as it was in Sydney, it is more dismal.

I hope that things have settled down after the hectic days of the recent Meetings, and that both Mrs. Maude and yourself are well.

With Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,

John Maude

128 Venner Road,
Sydenham,
London, S. E. 26.

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September 27th 1951.

Dear Mr *Maudslayi*,

Thank you for your letter of 14th September. I have one or two small items of news for you, but please do not trouble to acknowledge these few lines.

I have sent off a microfilm of the Alu grammar and as I have now located the Roviana grammar, another microfilm will follow shortly.

It now transpires that the Ray papers may not have been destroyed after all. The widow of Dr W.G. Ivens who still survives him, although she is past 90, has told Father Warren, the London secretary of the Melanesian Mission that she has many of her husband's papers and that some of the Ray manuscripts may well be among them. Father Warren tells me, in confidence, that Mrs Ivens is estranged from a younger brother of hers who has these papers in his custody, but he (Father Warren) will try to obtain permission to examine them and if possible to acquire any that are of linguistic interest.

I am very glad to hear that the dictionaries of Dr Fox will now be preserved and I hope that something may come of the Rarotongan dictionary.

The Fijian grammar I undertook to prepare when the Colonial Office awarded me a grant in 1948, is now ready in draft and I hope that it may be ready for printing before long. It will be offered to the Govt of Fiji in the first instance, who it is hoped, will encourage the printer to go ahead if encouragement is needed. The work is a teaching manual with graded exercises and a key, designed mainly for people studying at home for examinations in Fijian.

This academic session we have with us one Oliva Itebela, who comes from Vella in the Western Solomons. He is seconded to us from the Government of the BSIP and his main occupation will consist in teaching me his language and generally imparting as much information about it as possible. He is staying with Dr and Mrs Rutter in Sidcup - Dr Rutter was the doctor attached to the Wesleyan mission in the Solomons shortly before the war. Oliva seems to be taking London in his stride and to be settling down well. It is, however, somewhat too early to say whether he will be happy with us, but we will do our best.

PTO

I am very pleased to hear that Hughes may have the chance to spend some time in Samoa.

Lastly I wonder if Prof. Firth mentioned in his letter an idea of his he outlined to me one day in connection with the proposed literacy campaign which is to be opened under the auspices of the Commission. He thought that if the island peoples are to be taught English, then the reading matter in their primers, ought to be, not extracts from English literature, but first-class English translations of the legends, origin-myths and traditional folk-lore of the Island peoples. In other words, since we cannot expect say the Solomon Islanders to read heroic tales of Tongan history in Tongan, we should invite ~~some of the~~ older residents, perhaps, preferably those who have a deep knowledge of their area, as well a literary flair, to translate specially some of the most famous and most representative stories, or poems or tales in a given language. These would be gathered in a reader or anthology for use in island schools in connection with the teaching of English, which presumably will one day become the lingua franca of the Pacific. In this way much of the so-called oral literature would be preserved, not on dusty shelves but as a living tradition.

Yours very sincerely,

G.B. Palmer

You may care to note my ~~new~~ ^{new} address given above.

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SYDNEY
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P.S. 3

2nd October, 1951.

Dear Mrs Henderson,

I was glad to get a letter from you on Friday but sorry to see that you are all unsettled again, especially since I doubt very much if I can help you.

I have mentally roamed over the entire Pacific trying to think of some job that would suit, but without result. There is nothing offering east of Fiji, as far as I know, though you might try the New Zealand Department of Island Territories in Wellington to make sure.

Fiji, as always, seems the best prospect, but I imagine that you know the names of the prospective employer firms there better than I do.

The only positions I know of on the Commission are for highly qualified specialists and even then the competition is keen. You see it is solely an advisory body and has no executive functions.

On the whole I really consider your best bet is to advertise in all the islands' papers - "Pacific Islands Monthly", "Fiji Times and Herald", the daily in Port Moresby and the rest: I could provide a list if you like. I know with others this method has achieved results.

Meanwhile I will sound out Helen Sheils, my Assistant, who returns from two months in New Guinea to-morrow, to see if she has any suggestions.

I am very sorry not to be more helpful, but it is certainly not easy to get work in the islands these days unless one is specialized along some line that is in demand there.

I was in Christchurch for a fortnight earlier in the year and would have looked you up, but imagined you were in Queensland. Somehow I doubt if I will be going to New Zealand again for some time.

Mrs C. Henderson,
54 Wiggins Street,
Sumner,
CHRISTCHURCH. N.Z.

Congratulations on your son and thanks for the photo of the christening. Our son Alaric did well in the islands and had lived on 21 by the time he was three years old. So I wouldn't worry on that score.

Wishing you all good luck,

Yours sincerely,

JLM

1. 54 Wiggins Street,
Sumner
Christchurch
New Zealand
15-9-51.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Once again we are applying for your kind help and advise. It seems a long time ago since 1949 when we met you, but the hope and encouragement you gave us that day, remains ever in our thoughts.

The fact is, that like the many other people you told us of, we want quite desperately to return to the Islands, and are truly sorry we ever left them. The year we had in Fiji, proved to us beyond doubt, that the Island life is what we want (but not at Vatukoula!)

We have been back in N.Z. a year, during which time we have been very unsettled, unsatisfied, and all the while, very homesick for the Islands.

One wonders how you feel having to live in Sydney!

The few advertisements

we have seen for positions (mainly in Fiji) all called for specialised knowledge. Campbell recently applied for the post as Government Storekeeper, Tonga, but to our very great disappointment he did not get the position.

So here we are writing to ask if there is anything at all you could offer us, or suggest we do. Are there any firms or companies Campbell could apply to? Naturally enough he would prefer a position with leave privileges, if it was at all possible.

We would prefer too, an Island life where the Indian element was not so evident.

Recently we read of the death of your friend, Sir Albert Ellis, and our thoughts returned to the possibilities of Nauru again. However, we really consider it would perhaps be too much like Vatukenula, and that is not the Island life we dreamed of.

Now we have a wee

son to consider, we cannot go off as we did to Fiji, with lots of hopes, but no definite prospects.

Would it be any good to apply to the South Pacific Commission again. You may remember Campbell applied for a position (unsuccessfully) but they said they would keep him in mind. Could you find out if they have remembered him at all, and if there is any likelihood of a position? You know all about us, and that Campbell is willing to take on anything connected with the Islands, and only wants a chance to prove himself.

We see where Sir Brian Freeston is in N. 2. now, before taking up his appointment as Secretary General of the S.P.C.

The sad fact is that we have just been drifting along hoping something would turn up to enable us to return to the Islands.

The position is getting a bit

desperate, and we can see that just hoping is not enough. - Some definite action must be taken, so again we turn hopefully to you.

Recently we read an article about you in the Free Lance, and noted that you pay occasional visits to N.Z. Are you likely to be here again anytime in the near future? I don't suppose you would be in Christchurch, but if you could do anything to help us, Campbell might be able to get to see you.

We know you are a very busy person always, but we would be very grateful if you were able to reply to our plea for help (not too impassioned, we hope!) before long.

All this time we have been living with the "in-laws" - A not very satisfactory arrangement, improving not a whit with the passage of time!

All the time we are being urged to settle down, build a house, and so on. We feel as though we are backed up against a wall, and being pushed into building a house, and living a life we don't want. Something has to be done quickly, otherwise we are going to be walled into the said house, and our hope of getting back to the Islands will be lost.

Our appeal to you is really quite urgent, but somehow we know you will understand our feelings. We know you had early difficulties too.

Looking forward to at least a ray of hope.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
Campbell & Kathleen Henderson.

P.S. We recently enjoyed seeing the Fijian team, play football here.

Christchurch, N.Z.

9.10.51.

My dear Harry!

well I shall be flying from Wellington to Sydney on Oct. 31st (due Rose Bay 4-15 p.m.), & propose to spend about 10 days in Sydney - Canberra, leaving for Noumea on the evening of Nov. 9th - by which time the Eighth Session should be safely over!

Can you be so terribly kind as to book a room for me in some Sydney Hotel for three or four nights from Oct. 31 inclusive? The only place I know in the Australia, & Heaven forbid that I should stay there again! Somewhere clean & reasonable (and fairly central) is what I should like. I'm very sorry to give you the trouble, but I have no other friend in Sydney!

Mabel & Wanda are here with me (they are travelling to Noumea via Suva), & we are having

a wonderful time. We spent about a week - Wellington,
& Mackay & I discussed conspiratorially a number of
S.P.C. affairs, including the D.C.R. vacancy. The
Freybergs were amazingly kind, but life at G.H.
Wellington was just a little overwhelming!

We shall make Christchurch our headquarters
for the rest of the month, and if you can manage
to send me a postcard, to arrive not later than
Oct. 29th, c/o Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch,
I shall be immensely grateful.

Have you heard who are to be my two successors
(as for Fiji and Gov. Gilbert & Solomon Islands?) I
haven't, - perhaps the C.O. hasn't begun to think
about it yet. We shall have lots to talk about
when we meet - you will be staying - in Noumea
for a few days after the Session?

Yours ever
Brian Freeston

11th October, 1951.

Personal

My dear John,

Sorry not to have replied before to your two letters but then you know how it is better than most: one never has a minute for anything but official correspondence.

Living /
You mention in your first letter the question of periodical cost of ~~salary~~ salary adjustments for all staff (not only the clerical); I could find nothing on this in Sydney so wrote informally to Halligan and received his reply yesterday. So I shall soon be putting up some concrete proposals for remedying what is admittedly an unsatisfactory situation.

As regards your second letter, I doubt if the Commissioners will succeed in spinning out the consideration of the Social Development work programme for more than a day, despite their habit of changing what has already been decided upon (referred to by Shatwell at the last Session). There is absolutely nothing new and everything old is going on all right.

Nevertheless I agree that if Helen is to act for much of next year she should be thoroughly au fait with the picture, so I am most grateful for your suggestion that she should come along too. It will make a difference to the ease with which the work programme can be implemented later.

I have found from past experience that the Commission never gets down to real business on the first two or three days of the Session so as we are almost frantically busy I have booked us to arrive on Tuesday morning: in any case the Health and Economic Development programme will be dealt with first and I do not anticipate that I shall be wanted much before the following Friday. The Commissioners have repeatedly told me that they want me to go on with my work and not wait around so

John Ryan, Esq.,
A/Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA,
New Caledonia.

I am taking them at their word.

As regards our return we will of course stay as long as we are required but I am not changing our booking for the time being as this can easily be done after I get to Noumea, if necessary. In the past I have found that there is nothing for me to do after the first week of the Session and, as you know, I often leave early.

Sir Bryan, I know, is not expecting me to be there when he arrives and I feel certain he will not want to talk shop until a month or two after he has assumed the reigns of office; so one way and another I am hoping to leave at the time I have booked, or even a day or two earlier. As you know, I invariably get ill after a few days in Noumea, and most of my time there is necessarily wasted since everyone is so busy. Now that the policy of the Section has been considered and our work is progressing on routine lines my main anxiety is to be here where the work is rather than have piles of correspondence accumulating. However, as I said, I shall be very willing to stay as long as there is work to be done which cannot be done here.

I am really sorry to hear about Ailsa and sincerely hope that you can get away to civilization as soon as Sir Bryan takes over. As you say yourself, you should really have let the Commission slide and come over but still, how is one to tell.

Honor too has been having bad luck; she has been in bed now for well over three weeks and the doctors seem to have no idea what is wrong with her. Goodness only knows how she will manage when I am at the Commission Session.

Be seeing you soon,

Yours,

J. E. M.

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

4-10-51.

Dear Mr. Maude,

There are two matters I would like to mention in connection with the Resour.

Indications are that Commission members to review the Work Programme in some detail and to discuss matters of housekeeping matters from the agenda will allow ample time for such an examination. The Work Programme covers a very wide range and it has occurred to me that you may find it most helpful, if not essential, to have either Helen or Sid with you to dig out material that may be required. Further, you may consider that the carrying out of the Programme would be facilitated, especially during your absence, if Helen had attended the session and had first hand knowledge of the discussions and decisions. If you would like Helen or Sid to attend please arrange transportation from Noumea and ensure that you have as good accommodation here.

The second point concerns the date of your return to Sydney. Do you think it would be desirable to allow for a few days after the close of the session to clear up any matters

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requiring attention during week of the
Resman or generally. Possibly there may
also be matters which Resman
must wish to consult you on of
vice versa.

Things go badly for me -
Alia has been down now for 2 weeks
with ~~wholes~~ ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ ^{to} traces of a miscarriage
which has not yet resolved itself.
I should have let her go to work
go to hell for a month - and take
extra samples to Sydney for special
attention - unfortunately to the
meeting & particularly to the
conference made it in practice
at the time but I regret it now.

We are looking forward to
seeing you,
Yours in haste,
Chunkeyan

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A.C.T.

TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:
" NATUNIV " CANBERRA

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

12th October, 1951.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,
South Pacific Commission,
Social Development Section,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

My dear Maude,

Just a note before I leave for New Guinea to
acknowledge your personal and confidential letter of the 9th.
Many thanks for it. It puts the situation quite clearly.
Davidson and I will take the matter up at this end when we
return from New Guinea.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Firth

Raymond Firth.

138 Vincent Street
Auckland.

^{N. Z.}
Oct. 19. 1951

Hello Mr Maude.

This letter should be to Mrs Maude, I intended to write her thanking her very much for the very welcome & most appreciated parcel clothe she sent Alarie which Warren forwarded on to us here. please tell her everything fitted Alarie to the inch and many, many Thanks for them.

When Sir Garrick told me how sick Mrs Maude is ~~she~~ and how your niece will have to come and leave her and the house, I wished you are over here where maybe I can help a little in your house work. wish I can help her and may she soon get well.

Being sick I can't worry her. we need your help badly. Honor told me before how you had a long talk with Mr Wobbs & was very interested. Mr Wobbs was no help whatsoever to Pitcairn he only caused trouble, (mountains of trouble) he saw Floyde be appointed Inspector of Police against the wishes of everybody. he formed a rule to please Nurse and Moverley, "no one is allowed to see a doctor unless Nurse thinks it necessary" Wendel is here in the Greenlane Hospital with both lung badly eaten away with T. B. his throat affected too. over a year ago he got wet down at Teaside

sawing timber took a chill was running a
 tem. of 104-105 for several weeks he wished to see
 the Dr. on the Rangitiki which called at the time
 she wont let him, ^{see the 19th.} said she can manage him. over
 four weeks running she fed him on sulphathycol
 every four hours with only the water to wash it down.
 they told me had he been here 6 months ^{ago} longer he
 could have been cured by now. as it is, he has
 several months to go. we want to go home but havnt
 got the heart to leave him. for he is very homesick
 I can curse the nurse after refusing him permission
 to see a doctor she never did a thing, not so much
 as call in to see him said he is just lazy and
 Franie (his wife) put him to bed & petted him. Theo
 is in the Mater Hospital had a cataract removed
 from his eye nurse was mad at him coming away
 when we sent for him said he will have to wait
 another two years before the operation. Mr David saw
 him 2 hours after he arrived & had there been ^{bed} room
 in the Mater Hospital at the time he would have
 been operated on day after his arrival. Mrs Moverley
 told me Mr Robbs has arranged for Mr Moverley to
 go to Fiji then to England to take a years
 leave to come back to Rieaun as residential

Commissioner I didn't believe her at the time but he has written Mr Warren here saying he is coming up on his way to Fiji so it seem Mr Wobb had done something to the effect. We don't him back there. Mr Sander the new school teacher is very much liked there he is trying to help the government instead of crush them like Mr Moverley. With the help of Mr Warren ^{of Burn Phillips} I wrote a letter to the High Commissioner, doesn't seem he even bother to read it ~~even~~ will enclose the copy Mr Warren wrote. They finally got the Wards away on the same boat as them. She is very sick all the way the ship's Dr. said she should never have been removed as she was too sick, she was taken aboard the ship in a stretcher was carried off the boat in Wellington to an awaiting car and is still very sick.

Mr Moverley is trying to crush everybody under his feet. Will the British government allow him to do so? Can you help us please Harry?

In a letter to Captain Kinnell which he showed Mr Ward on the way coming over Mr Moverley wrote "until the radio operator, Mr. MacDonald arrives

the radio station is in charge of an unscrupulous scoundrel who may not deliver a message" you have worked with Andrew for over 9 months. is he that bad.? Jessie showed me a letter from Mrs Moverley to her, she said "Mr Moverley is going to Fiji & he will get Warren & Andrew into trouble" Why is it Mr Moverley is allowed to use the money supposed to be for the benefit of Pitcairn, and Warren & Andrew don't have a chance of defending themselves at any time.

I had a talk with Dr David regarding this Nurse business he said I should write you as things certainly can't do the way it is in fact all the Doctors had anything to do with Wendel here they all said its not right when the same sorry tale was repeated. we do need some help can you help us?

I know I'm sticking my long neck in other peoples business but people & the government can't do anything since Mr Hobbs was there the High Commissioner don't seem to recognized the govt. in anything.

I guess you will be very sick of this tale of woe. so will close thanking you for your precious time
yours sincerely Hilda

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION
NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20. 10. 51.

Dear Mrs. Maude,

Both Vika and I were distressed to learn of Mrs. Maude's illness and we hope that it can be overcome with a minimum of discomfort.

I certainly appreciate the burden that has been placed on you and please feel free to decide the question of attendance at the session as you wish at any time.

Vika is up now and gradually regaining strength although I do not know what the outcome will be. I think that whatever it is, she is happily over the worst.

At the moment I do not know whether I am on my head or my heels ~~and~~ but I am sure things are much more difficult with you.

Please give our warmest regards to Mrs. Maude and best hopes for a speedy recovery.

Sincerely yours
John King

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71 Houson St.
Westmead

Oct. 23, 51.

H. E. Maude

Sir I would like to get in contact with you concerning this copy or if could in any way get the High Com. of Fiji to stop him from going back to Pitcairn Will you please do it for the island sake because he is only a trouble maker I will enclose a copy of what he sent to the High Com. of Fiji I only wish that I am the one that him & Floyd trying to run around Pardon me for writing but I want some one to help.

Sincerely yours Parkin b.

71 Houson St.
Westmead N.S.W.

Palmi, 24th August, 1951.

Chief Magistrate,
Pitcairn Island.

(1) I have the following message from the High Commissioner, dated 13th August, 1951:-

"Reference Alta Warren: New Zealand Government will admit person named for six months in the first instance on compliance usual formalities respecting health, character and passport. Arrangements for Mrs. Warren to proceed should be made without delay."

(2) I therefore call upon you as from the date of this letter to instruct the radio operator to contact all shipping going to New Zealand in order to try to arrange a passage for Alta.

(3) I hereby tell you as a warning that any person trying to interfere with Alta in going out to ships will be prosecuted in the High Commissioner's Court, in which there is no limit on penalties.

(4) I must remind you at the same time of the High Commissioner's No F. 41/8 dated 9th March, 1951. In this you were instructed to see that the Wards should be sent away from the Island as soon as possible. Yet as far as I can tell, you have done nothing to see that this order is carried out. For example two ships with empty berths to Australia have called here recently.

(5) I warned you at the Landing that you were meddling in things which you should leave alone. Now do not be surprised if, as a result of your meddling, Pitcairn people wanting to go to New Zealand have before long to get a permit from the New Zealand Government first. The people will know whom to blame.

(6) I have also warned you a number of times about the state that you have let the Island get into. You have made me lots of promises, but you have carried out hardly any of them. Now I can tell you that, because of what has happened on the Island since you became Chief Magistrate, I have been ordered to go to Suva as soon as I leave Pitcairn. I leave it to you to guess why I am going, but I will tell you this; that, unless before I leave the Island I am satisfied that you have made every possible attempt to get both Alta and the Wards away, I shall report to the High Commissioner that his orders have been deliberately disobeyed and that the Pitcairn Island Government is in a state of mutiny. You should have some idea of what happens to mutineers, so do not blame me if you take no notice of this, which is my last warning to you.

(7) Anyone helping the Wards to try to stay here is guilty of aiding and abetting. You will find the penalties in the Pitcairn Island Closed Districts regulations. This is a "continuing" offence; this means that, if the offender does not obey when told, he or she can be fined separately for each time that he disobeys. Any prison sentence will of course have to be served in the Suva gaol.

(8) If these three people are not away before I leave, you will be responsible for proving that it is no fault of yours. The only way to do this is to have a list of ships that have been contacted, the message sent to each, and the answers. This list of course can be easily

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checked from the ships later in New Zealand or Australia.

(9) Alta is entitled to the usual advance from Government funds if she needs money to help her with her fare.

(Signed) A. W. Moverley.

Fijian Office,
Secretariat,
SUVA.
Fiji Islands.

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Dear Davidson,

I intended to write much earlier, in fact, weeks ago, to thank you very warmly for coming down to our ship and cheering me up at a time when I felt pretty low but I hope you will accept this the only intimitaion of my gratitude to you, as well as your kindnesses to my wife.

While recuperating from South Pacific flu I ~~went~~ along to see Maude and his social development institute and one morning Firth blew in so I just had time to pass the usual greetings to him before you both went off to New Guinea. I trust this gave you more excitement than work and that you will shortly indeed be able to get on to some of the research that you came out to the Pacific to do. I was very distressed to hear you tell me on board the ship that you had not at that time touched it and Firth's visit for a year makes me apprehensive that there may be further delay as a result so I hope you will take this enquiry as an earnest of my interest that nothing shall be allowed to take priority over your prime objective in returning to this part of the world.

I ran into Stanner one Saturday afternoon at the Mitchell Library. I gather he is still tittivating the ms. that he had completed many months ago when I saw him in the Library of the Royal Anthropological Institute but I have not yet fathomed the subject of it. He mentioned that he is in charge of Meyer, who recently spent some considerable time in Fiji examining the social position of Indians here and I asked Stanner whether we in Fiji would be allowed to see any report that Meyer might put up, but I was informed that Meyer, having had some difficulty in sorting out his field notes, had been given a course in colonial economics by Stanner to help him in sorting himself out. That I could not understand at all, but I do greatly hope Meyer's inquiries will not be lost to us as they appear to be likely to be of very great interest quite apart from the fact that they were surely intended to be of assistance to the Government here (who know extremely little about Indian affairs).

I have just heard from the C.U. Press that they are unable to accept my ms. on "Modern Fijian Way of Life" so I presume it is considered not to be up to the standard they require.

All good wishes to you from both of us especially for the coming festive season, *G. R. Roth*
Yours aye,

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

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

29th November, 1951.

Dear Mrs. Maude,

I feel I must write and thank you for all the help you gave me for my great night out at the Ball on Tuesday evening.

I had such an enjoyable time, and could have spent all the time just sitting down and looking at the costumes - for some of them were so good and a lot of time had obviously been spent on them. That made me think of how little I had done to make my costume look presentable - for everyone did it for me! I must have been born under a lucky star. The flowers you made for me lasted all evening, and I felt very pleased with myself for being so genuine.

With many thanks once again,

Yours sincerely,

Regina Webb

Mrs. H. E. Maude,
2 Netherby Street,
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.


4th December, 1951.

Dear Mr Price Conigrave,

Thank you for your letter of the 30th November conveying the kind invitation of the President and Council of the Royal Australian Historical Society to address them on the 7th December, as a delegate of the Pacific Islands Society, on the subject of the collection and preservation of historical material in the Pacific area.

I shall be very pleased to attend your Council Meeting for this purpose and, as you kindly suggest, will be glad to join the members at afternoon-tea prior to the formal proceedings.

Yours truly,



H.E. MAUDE

C. Price Conigrave, Esq.,
General Secretary,
Royal Australian Historical Society,
History House,
8 Young Street,
SYDNEY.

27th December, 1951.

Dear Miss Mander Jones,

This is just to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 7th December on the subject of the thesis of Louis Becke and to assure you that I will personally take all responsibility for ensuring that the copyright is reserved for the author, M.A. Ingram.

I shall look forward to receiving the photo-stat towards the end of January.

Wishing you and the Mitchell a prosperous New Year,

Yours sincerely,



(H.E. MAUDE).

Miss Mander Jones,
Mitchell Librarian,
The Mitchell Library,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney, N.S.W.