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Dear Miss Broadhead,

I was glad to hear, from your letter of the 21st January, that my lead about Nukulaelae was of some help and also to get the additional information on the subject of the "Independence".

I am afraid we have already followed up the two references you kindly sent on the Gilbert Islands. I have a copy of the chart mentioned by Woodford (a photostat obtained from the India Office) but it does not call the Gilberts by the name "Kingsmill Islands": there is therefore no real reason for holding that the name originated with the voyage of the "Nautilus". Incidentally, the famous Bass was on board the "Nautilus" on the voyage in question and the chart was based on his work, and not Captain Bishop's.

The memoir of Admiral Kingsmill in the "Naval Chronicle", though interesting, unfortunately does nothing to suggest that the islands were named after him, especially since it appears that he was never anywhere near the Pacific during his career at sea.

But I shall find the key to the puzzle some day,

Yours sincerely,

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