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To *Comdr Pitcairn from Navy.*

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<i>well</i>	<i>forward</i>	<i>best</i>	<i>ship</i>
<i>is</i>	<i>volt</i>	<i>self</i>	<i>governing</i>
<i>kind</i>	<i>charger</i>	<i>recommended</i>	<i>for</i>
<i>radio</i>	<i>type</i>	<i>battery</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>one</i>	<i>hundred</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>sixty</i>
<i>ampere</i>	<i>hour</i>	<i>capacity</i>	<i>stop</i>
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Dear H.C.M.

This sounds good to me although I had in mind a 12 volt set so as to be able to charge two six cell batteries simultaneously. However if this charger is suitable for heavy duty work I would be prepared to endorse the recommendation from the Navy.

You will recollect my having mentioned that while using Edna's things charge over a period of several months I used little or no petrol for lighting purposes.

I hope you can see your way clear to authorise this expenditure for like yourself I should be pleased to see petrol consumption reduced to a minimum.

Yours
C. G. M.

TELEGRAM.

From:- The Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, Suva, Fiji.

To:- The High Commission Representative, Pitcairn Island.

11th November, 1940.

Rec'd: 11th.

11th November - No. 10 - Confidential - Please endeavour in collaboration with Fuller to train Young or other suitable person as Wireless Operator so that we can dispense with Dyett as soon as possible. Suggest allowance of say thirty pounds so as not to exceed that of Chief Magistrate. Telegraph your recommendation regarding allowance of Dyett.

Secretary.



DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND

N.A. 8/10/17.

PERSONAL

NAVY OFFICE,

WELLINGTON, C.1.

CONFIDENTIAL

9th August, 1940.

Dear Maude,

Here are some extracts from our correspondence which should assist in giving you a fair picture of what has taken place:

(A) Instructions for the Operation of Pitcairn Island Radio Station from the Naval Secretary:-

"..... Authority for Transmitting Messages:
The Station must be regarded as an official station, and no message should be transmitted from this or any other station on the island without the authorization of the Resident Magistrate.

Object: The purposes for which an official radio station is to be established on Pitcairn Island are:-

- (a) To act as a link to maintain communication with Wellington and Suva.
- (b) To retransmit distress signals.
- (c) To report the sighting of enemy ships.
- (d) To act as a shore station for British ships calling at the Island, i.e. to transmit in code any official messages required by them."

(B) Letter to the Magistrate, Pitcairn Island, from the Naval Secretary:-

"Part of the duties of the new wireless station will be the reporting of any enemy ships which may be sighted from Pitcairn. His Excellency and the New Zealand Naval Board would be grateful if you would undertake this duty, together with that of supervising all messages sent from the Island, so as to ensure that they are all of a fit and proper nature."

(C) Letter to Mr. Nelson Dyett from the Naval Secretary:

"I should like to take this opportunity of informing you that one or two masters of vessels which have called at Pitcairn have apparently been under the misapprehension that you are officially appointed as a naval representative at Pitcairn. The Naval Board would be glad if you would endeavour to ensure that they receive no such impression from your visits to ships."

2.- Dyett has, of course, been given detailed written instructions of what and what not to report; also that except for procedure signals necessary to facilitate communication, all signals must be made in code. It was particularly emphasized that it is not permissible to make W/T signals to a passing ship, or to make in plain language any reference to ships' movements, passengers, stores, etc. I do not think that Dyett has transgressed in any way so far as these instructions are concerned. It does appear, however, that he has felt himself superior to the Magistrate and represented himself in an official capacity to masters of visiting merchant ships.

3.- I think that the situation should continue in the terms of present instructions, but, of course, should you consider Dyett better suited than the Magistrate to undertake the duties and responsibilities of reporting, a change might be advisable in due course, after you have seen for yourself the conditions, and are in a position to report.

Yours sincerely,



W. N.

**STAFF OFFICER
(INTELLIGENCE.)**



DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND

N.A. 8/10/18

NAVY OFFICE,
WELLINGTON, C.1.

29th July, 1940.

Dear Mr. Maude,

With reference to your forthcoming visit to Pitcairn, the High Commissioner has informed us that you will visit Navy Office to discuss the various problems which were mentioned in my telegram of 22nd June, to the High Commissioner, and I am wondering when we shall be seeing you here. I imagine your programme will bring you to Wellington a few days before you embark in the "Akaroa" at Lyttelton, but it will be useful to know on what day you expect to arrive.

I enclose a copy of the list of questions which were set out in a letter dated 8th July to the High Commissioner, as presumably you left Suva before it arrived.

Yours sincerely,

(Naval Secretary.)

H.E. Maude Esq.,
C/o Messrs. Nathan & Co.,
Box 949,
Auckland.

PITCAIRN ISLAND.

STATEMENT OF MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

I. Duties of Postal Agent.

The Chief Postmaster, Wellington, has reported the following matters regarding the duties of postal agent which he asks may be investigated and regularised:-

- (a) The necessity for numbering all letter-bills forwarded either to this Dominion or to overseas countries, notably United States of America and Great Britain.
- (b) The insertion on the letter-bill of the name of the conveying steamer.
- (c) The preparation of a duplicate copy of the letter-bill which should be retained by the Postal Agent for future reference.
- (d) The preparation of a mail waybill which should be handed to the mail officer on the outgoing conveying vessel.
- (e) The entry on the waybill of all mail bags despatched.
- (f) The preparation of customs declarations for all parcels forwarded from the Island whether to New Zealand, United States of America or Great Britain.
- (g) The necessity for consulting the current issue of the Postal Guide so as to ensure that correct rates of postage are affixed to all post articles whether letters, parcels or other second-class matter.
- (h) Stamping and datestamping on the day of posting of all outgoing mail matter.
- (i) The necessity for returning to the Dominion promptly the quarterly salary voucher which is forwarded for his signature. He should also make a record of the name of the vessel by which the salary voucher is returned to New Zealand.
- (j) It is observed that, on several occasions, parcels have been returned to Pitcairn Island from United States of America because of the fact that the address given on the parcel was insufficient to enable delivery to be effected. The Postal Agent should be impressed with the necessity for ensuring that the fullest address available is shown on the parcel.
- (k) On the 5th January last a member of the Byrd Expedition called at this office and handed in a number of letters which had been postmarked by the Postal Agent and in respect of which he had accepted from the Expedition 28 dollars 25 cents postage money. He, however, omitted to affix stamps to the envelopes. The necessary accounting action was, therefore, taken at this office.

Although.....

Although he has been communicated with twice, the Postal Agent has omitted to remit to me the amount due for postage, 27 dollars 25 cents. It will be appreciated if the officer will take steps to ensure that this amount is forwarded without further delay.

It appears that the recent issue of a King's Regulation to provide for the establishment and regulation of a post office in Pitcairn Island (supplement to the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette No. 13 of 30th April, 1940), provides a convenient opportunity to put the post office on a more business-like footing.

II. The Status of the W/T Station (High Commission letter No. 4258 of 20th May, 1940)

The Post and Telegraph Department in New Zealand do not regard it as a matter of importance that the Pitcairn W/T station should be placed upon an official basis and are prepared to concur in the view of the New Zealand Naval Board that the station should remain a private station for official traffic only, and that a charge should not be made. The existing arrangement is very satisfactory from the naval point of view and it seems desirable during the continuance of the war for it to be maintained on its present status and thus among other advantages avoid the trouble which accounting for messages would involve.

III. Interference with Engine used for W/T station.

The engine and generator now used to provide the necessary power for the W/T Station, are the private property of Andrew Young; Mr. Dyett reports that he anticipates trouble in this connection. The engine in question is the only one suitable for use in connection with the W/T station and it is undeniable that it is being used and subjected to wear and tear with no special benefit to himself as an individual. Mr. Dyett points out that the engine, like the W/T station, is at the disposal of the High Commissioner and of the naval authorities, and that it has not been used by Mr. Dyett for any purpose other than the running of the W/T set. The engine and the generator are located 150 yards away from the W/T station and there have been occasions recently when someone has extracted the fuses and so cut the power supply, which looks as if Mr. Andrew Young is obstructing its use for W/T purposes. Mr. Young is stated by Mr. Dyett to complain that the W/T station is placing too heavy a load on the engine and that his wife's head is affected by the noise.

IV. Provision of an officially owned Diesel Engine for the W/T station.

In view of the situation referred to under III above, and on the general grounds that the generator, like the W/T installation itself, should be officially owned, Mr. Dyett suggests that a suitable engine should be purchased by the High Commissioner. Enquiries which have been made here, however, indicate that generators and engines are at the present time very difficult to obtain and are expensive; up to date a suitable combination has not been located. Furthermore it will be necessary to bed down and erect the plant, and it is doubtful whether there is anyone on the Island possessing sufficient

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technical knowledge to do this satisfactorily, so that it would appear probable that the firm supplying the equipment would have to send a representative to the Island to do the work, thus adding to the expense. A further point is that it is difficult to justify the acquisition of new plant when suitable equipment already exists.

The Naval Board accordingly consider that the best solution would be for the basis upon which Mr. Young makes his plant available to be regularised by means of offering him a money payment in return for which he would be required to keep the machinery in working order and available for use for the purposes of the W/T Station, and be contingent upon his maintaining a satisfactory service.

V. Internal dissensions amongst the Islanders.

The following notes are based on a number of letters written by Mr. Dyett to Lieutenant-Commander R. L. Cross, R.N.V.R., who is one of the Naval Control Service Staff at Wellington, and acts as the Naval Board's liaison and staff officer for all matters connected with Pitcairn Island :-

(a) Look-out watch for shipping.

It appears that for some time past the original arrangements for maintaining a constant watch for the arrival of ships have partly fallen into disuetude and that the Islanders have ceased to provide a look-out on Saturdays. In the result, two ships, one of which was the "Akaroa", arrived without their approach being observed.

Mr. Dyett states that he has made it his business recently to keep watch on Saturdays and intends to continue doing so.

(b) Destruction of fruit trees.

Mr. Dyett reports that there have been cases of attempted destruction of young coconuts belonging to Mr. Herbert Young.

(c) Disorderly behaviour.

Mr. Dyett reports that there has been friction between the Magistrate and his two assessors on the one hand, and the Internal Committee and its chairman on the other, and he expresses the opinion that the Magistrate has overridden the Chairman of the Internal Committee. Mr. Dyett mentions ugly scenes at cricket matches where quarrels have taken place, with drawing of knives and talk of murder.

Mr. Dyett further expresses the opinion that the Island needs an Administrator, appointed from outside, with power to administer the Island on sound lines, and he thinks that many of the inhabitants would welcome such a move. He suggests a man who would be capable of being Administrator, doctor and school teacher in one, and no doubt has in mind arrangements such as at Tristan da Cunha. Possibly the recent death of the Magistrate may bring matters to a head and it certainly provides an opportunity for His Excellency, after receiving the report of his representative who is to visit the Island, to institute any changes which appear desirable.