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INTRODUCTION

The two main sources for land records and documents relating to the Administration of Micronesia by Germany (Marshalls 1885-1914; Carolines and Marianas 1899-1914) are the Commonwealth of Australia Archives Office in Canberra and the Central German Archives at Potsdam in East Germany.

The German records in Australia were acquired by the Australian Military Administration of New Guinea between 1914 and 1922 from Rabaul, the former German capital of German New Guinea and the Islands Sphere (Micronesia). These records are voluminous, and James B. Johnson, Senior Land Commissioner, Mariana Islands District, was sent to Canberra for ten (10) days in August 1969 to examine these records. By letter dated September 1, 1969 (serial 1968/328) K. Penny, Chief Archivist (Commonwealth Archives Office) provided to the then Director of Land Management, Trust Territory Government (William A. McGrath), a listing of preliminary inventories for only two (2) of the record series of German New Guinea (reference numbers G1 and G2). A copy of this document appears at the front of Volume I of this series of translations.

It was considered that certain of the records in this listing were of interest to the Trust Territory lands program and microfilms were purchased of the following:

Series No. G1:

All of files 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 29, 121, 126b, 217, 219 and No. illegible (Laws and Ordinances) and only folios 235, 236 and 237 of file 171.

Series No. G2:


A great deal of research remains to be done at Canberra to obtain microfilm copies of the balance of the German records still there.

The German land records of Micronesia that are in the Central German Archives at Potsdam (East Germany) are voluminous and likewise present a formidable task even to sort, list and index them. As far as it is known, these records on German Micronesian have never been examined and evaluated by a staff member of either the Trust Territory Government or
the Department of the Interior. It is known that a Dr. J. Leyser of the Law School of the University of Melbourne, Australia, has done a considerable amount of research on the records in Potsdam on behalf of the Government of the former Trust Territory of New Guinea.

In the main, the records for Micronesia are mixed with the records of the Reich Colonial Office for Africa and Oceania.

Documents in the following volumes may be significant to us in Micronesia:

- Mining and Land research 1886-1942, 255 volumes
- Borders and surveying 1884-1939, 281 volumes
- Surveying 1886-1938, 14 volumes
- Carolines 1889-1913, 3 volumes
- New Guinea 1880-1886, 22 volumes
- Pacific 1880-1914, 12 volumes
- Foreign Colonies, Pacific, 1872-1909, 21 volumes
- Jaluit Company of Hamburg, 1887-1945, 2 boxes

In 1975, funds became available to translate the records that were obtained on microfilm. However, it was realized that a goodly portion of the records were not related to land, and therefore it was decided to have summaries made of all documents to determine their relevancy to land. Upon a firm determinate that a particular document was of interest, a full translation was made.

The summarization and translation of the documents was performed by Susanna R. Moyal of San Francisco, California, under contract to the 'Trust Territory Government (Contract No. 176-2 dated July 28, 1975, as amended). The work extended from 1975 until 1979.

The completed summarizations and translations are presently bound in twenty four (24) volumes with general subject matter as indicated in the following listing. It should be noted that the general classification should not be relied upon to reflect the true content of the volume. A full review of all volumes would have to be undertaken to get an accurate understanding of the material as no attempt has been made to sort documents by subject matter or by separate index.

The summarization and translations appear at the front of each volume with a microfilm printout of the German documents at the rear of the volume. The German document may be readily identified first by the Item number and then by the sequential numbers stamped at the bottom of each page. Summarizations and translations were performed by full documents and not page by page.
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Document 30 p. 73 Land acquisition and grants to Phosphate Co., Nauru.
Document 32 pp. 81-82 Land lease on Nauru.
Document 35 p. 88 Land acquisition, Jaluit Co.
Document 43 p. 117 Land grant on Fefan, Truk group.
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - PONAPE

1900 - 1907
Summarization: Weapons which had been requisitioned from Truk islanders not to be sent for resale to Hong Kong upon the advice of the Jaluit Co. Compensation to be paid to the islanders through special budget.
From: Imperial Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: April 3, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, July 16, 1905)
Subject: Violent death of captain of schooner CARL & ETTA
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Death of Captain Johannes Beguhl from Waimar.

Document incomplete.
From: Maurizio Zarza
To: Dr. Hahl, Herbertshoehe
Date: May 7, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, July 16, 1905)
Subject:
Island:

Summarization: Letter written in Spanish. (Condolences?)
Summarization: Permission granted to acquire weapons surrendered by the Chief of Poloot.
From: Imperial Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: May 25, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, September 5, 1905)
Subject: Accounting of Imports
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Explanation and justification of lack of information on detailed imports into the districts by Jaluit Co.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: July 6, 1905 (Herbertshoel-e, September 5, 1905)
Subject: Report on weapons, general administration post-typhoon, and the "thing"
Islands: East Carolines

Summarization: Surrender of weapons proceeding satisfactorily. Islanders' preference for compensation in money rather than food.

Voluntary surrender on Truk at slower rate.

Weapons will be sent to Yap for safe-keeping unless order received to send consignment to Hong Kong.

Considerable destruction by typhoon. Plantations have taken the place of much of the jungle which was flattened by the typhoon. Islanders come forward to work. New pier and canal under construction, as well as government premises. Shipping has been repaired.

A total of 300 native victims expected within the district. Distribution of rice limited. Missions and merchants work busily--civil servants are overloaded with urgent demands and claims.

The island is covered with green and trees grow again. Damage to trees demonstrates that typhoon was the worst in centuries. Trees on crest of mountains fared better than those against the mountain.
At Pingelap a "thing" was sighted, which had the appearance of a boat from which smoke issued forth, and which flew at palm tree height close to the island. The Vice Governor concludes that it might have been a balloon of one of the warring powers.
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Ref.: CRS G1   Item: 8-3   Document: 7   Page: 18-21
From: Administrator, Ponape
To:
Date: May 11, 1905
Subject: Meeting with Chiefs reporting on typhoon
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Report on deaths and injuries.

Destruction of coconut palms and breadfruit, produce and domestic animals.

Encouragement to produce as much food as possible in case of need.

Stressing benevolence of government.

Dispelling rumors on the role of German missions supposedly displacing other missions.

Caution in selecting sources for drinking water.
Summarization: Considerations on the transfer of government seat from Ponape to Truk. Truk shows poor record in supplies of water and food. The acquisition of motor schooner and shipping facilitates communication with other islands. Surrender of weapons by Truk islanders shows promise. Enterprise in plantations could be enlarged if Jaluit Co. so desired.

A secondary government station is not urgently required on Truk, whereas this would be needed in Ponape, even though the political and economic situation is improved. Weapons have been surrendered and plantations developed. The aftermath of the typhoon makes the presence of the administration necessary.

Ponape's harbor has been improved. Given the present American political situation, a call of the Panama Line is not expected.

Governor Dr. Hahl advises against a transfer of the government seat from Ponape to Truk. The Captain of the S.S. SEE ADLER comments that, in case of war, no role has been assigned to the Carolines, Palau, and the Marianas.

The Jaluit Co. expresses the opinion that Ponape should remain the government seat, despite the consequences of the typhoon.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: August 11, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, November 5, 1905)
Subject: Inspection
Islands: Eastern Islands of the East Carolines

Summarization: S.M.S. SEE ADLER helped to salvage the stranded schooner DIANA. Request for commendation of the captain.

Tour of inspection of islands to determine destruction by typhoon and to distribute food to islanders.

The island of Pingelap in danger of famine. Islanders have consented to be resettled in Saipan.

The arrival of S.M.S. SEE ADLER has slowed down the surrender of weapons.

Ponape so far not in danger of famine even if distribution of rice decreased. More rice expected to arrive from Hong Kong.

Health conditions: a few cases of dysentery.

Consent requested to replace boats destroyed by typhoon from Hong Kong.

Doctor's residence soon to be finished--work on secretary's residence to begin.
From: Jaluit Co., Truk station
To: Imperial District Administrator, Ponape
Date: June 25, 1905 (Ponape August 1, 1905)
Subject: High winds and waters
Island: Truk

Summarization: Truk not affected by typhoon, other than observation of high winds and waters.
From: Jaluit Co., Truk station
To: Acting Imperial Vice Governor, Mr. Berg, Ponape
Date: July 7, 1905 (Ponape, August 1, 1905)
Subject: Report on high seas
Islands: Falapi - Ipis - Truk

Summarization: June 21, 1905 and July 2, 1905 there were tidal waves on Falapi and Ipis islands with no loss of life. Only high waters observed on Truk.
Subject: Typhoon

Islands: Hall Islands: Murilo - Fananu - Nomuin - Olol - Piherar - Onari - Omo - Mager (Namonuito)

Summarization: Destruction on these islands has been heavy. Nomuin has been totally wiped out with loss of life. Islanders evacuated. Rescuers from Truk and Nomuin missing at sea. Missionary Snelling and three islanders also missing.

Olol has also been largely destroyed. The still standing tree trunks sprout again. No life lost.

Piherar people evacuated to Mager.
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From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: September 9, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, November 7, 1905)
Subject: Administration
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Surrender of weapons slowing down. No acute lack of food. Number of unemployed rising. Supply of rice adequate. Seed coconuts from Saipan not available from typhoon-affected area.

Five shipwrecked Trukese repatriated from Guam.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: October 31, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, December 11, 1905)
Subject: Waterways
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Copy books listing charts of waterways in the Northwestern part of Ponape.

#6 Real estate Lojon (Loson) of Mrs. Kubary.

Expression of discontent with instruction of new spelling of name places.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Ponape
Date: November 8, 1905
Subject: Tropical Disease
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Request to remit a pathological preparation to the Institute for Tropical Medicine.

Refers to a prior release concerning the establishment of a Department for Tropical Disease, Hygiene and Infectious Disease.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Imperial Consulate General, Sydney
Date: November 27, 1905
Subject: Message from ship presumably lost at sea
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Letter in English written by a shipwrecked man.

Document incomplete.
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Ref.: CRS Gl Item: 8-3 Document: 17 Page: 46-47
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Governor, Herbertshoehe
Date: October 5, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, November 27, 1905)
Subject: Weapons
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Expression of appreciation of disarmament of Ponape natives. No decision made as to disposal of these weapons.
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Acting Vice Governor, Ponape
Date: December 8, 1905
Subject: Keys to safe
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Advising of enclosure of keys to safe.
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From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Acting Vice Governor, Ponape
Date: October 4, 1905 (Herbertshoehe, November 27, 1905)
Subject: Safe
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Safe repaired and shipped back via Sydney.
Summarization: Telegraphic information requested if cruiser CONDOR's presence required from December, 1906 to February, 1907. Letter attached from Chief of the Admiralty, Berlin, of March 27, 1906 requesting the same information with the remark that weapons have been surrendered in the Marshalls and the rearmament through whalers eliminated.
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
Date: May 30, 1906
Subject: Shipping bill
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Dispatch (of safe)

Duplication: Pages 52 & 53
Imperial District Administration, Ponape

To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin

Date: March 19, 1906

Subject: Waterways

Island: Ponape Islands

Summarization: Copy book with list of waterways.

Duplication: Pages 54 & 55
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: April 1, 1906
Subject: Jurisdiction
Island: Ponape

Summarization: No criminal offence by white people.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape

To: 

Date: March 23, 1906

Subject: Public Announcement

Islands: Jaluit - Marshall Islands


Duplication: Pages 57 & 58
Subject: Relief payment to the widow Snelling
Island: Truk

Summarization: Relief monies paid for the sea journey from Truk to Sydney to the widow of Missionary Snelling out of the administration's fund, to be repaid by the civil servant who gave order for this payment.

Duplication: Pages 59 & 60
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Acting Vice Governor, Ponape
Date: August 9, 1906
Subject: Supplies
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Approval to buy 12 iron-tin tanks over and above the approved budget.
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
Date: July 30, 1906 (Herbertshoehe, October 12, 1906)
Subject: Salary scale
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Salary consideration and adjustment to be made available to Captain Marten.
Subject: Salary increase

Island: Ponape

Summarization: In view of hardship caused by typhoon, salary increase to civil servants granted.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: July 29, 1906 (Herbertshohe, October 30, 1906)
Subject: Legal proceedings
Island: Ponape

Summarization: April 1 - June 30, 1906: Proceedings against whites:
1 case - fine imposed.
Summarization: For purposes of administration: same laws to apply as in the Carolines.

It is not intended to elevate Nauru to District Administration. Legal business may be administered by station's administrator. No fee exemption to be granted to Phosphate Shipping Co. Nauru not, as yet, to be opened to foreign trade. No possibility to grant Dr. Wahlbaum share of public revenues.

Proposal on regulations to be submitted concerning: Chinese labor arriving without contract; corporal punishment and penal institutions; and alcoholic beverages.

Land acquisition and land grants to the Phosphate Co. to be considered, maintaining established conditions. Recommendation that the company be made aware of its responsibility for charges arising with acquisition and measures which may have to be taken later on.

Dedication: pages 72 & 74
Summarization: "Page 245 and 246" concerning the import of opium for the Phosphate Co.

Pages 245 and 246 missing
From: Acting Imperial Chief Administrator, Nauru
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: June 15, 1906
Subject: Pacific Phosphate Co. (See also Document: 30, pp. 70-74)
Island: Nauru - Ocean Island


Scant information available in files and on grant of concession. Only most urgent decisions will be made; other decisions to be referred to .Herbertshoehe.

Landing fees to be established for Phosphate Co.,
Medical officers fees
Import of alcoholic beverage
Import of opium
Law enforcement personnel
Request for one further civil servant

Inspection visit of Ocean Island:

Narrow gauge railroad
Comparative quantities of phosphate deposits on Nauru and Ocean Island
Increase of export from Ocean Island
Loading difficulties
Revenue from phosphate export
Sweet water cisterns
Accommodation of personnel
Example of Ocean Island installations of benefit to Nauru

Land lease on Nauru: 94 years as of June 12, 1906 for use of soil only of approximately 10 hectares for one payment of Mk. 4,200; giving the islanders the right of exploitation of palms and trees. If contract between Jaluit Co. and Phosphate Co. cancelled under certain circumstances, land to revert back.

Installation of buoys
Construction of living quarters, warehousing, piers, rails and cablecars necessitating investment of millions.
Advent of economic development a damaging influence for islanders' health. Polite and harmless disposition of natives.
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Ref.: CRS Gl Item: 8-3 Document: 33 Page: 84-85
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Administrator, Ponape
Date: September 27, 1906 (Herbertshoehe, November 26, 1906)
Subject: Japanese Trading Company
Island: Truk

Summarization: Establishment of Japanese trading company Murayama on Truk to be decided by administration.

No intention to establish a government station on Truk.

No basic consideration against admission of Japanese trader to the Marshall Islands.
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Ref.: CRS G1 Item: 8-3 Document: 34 Page: 86-87
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Imperial District Administration, Saipan
Date: November 12, 1906 (Herbertshoehn, 1907)
Subject: Medical care
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Report by Dr. Girschner that a European, seriously ill, cannot be transported to Saipan for further treatment.

Request for information when Dr. Born will be in Saipan.

Document partly illegible
Summarization: Request by Jaluit Co., Ponape to establish a trade station on a small plot of land on Nama and Fananu with full property rights. As the interdict to grant natives' land to the concession has not yet been lifted, special permission has to be granted. The land which was granted to the Company was destroyed by flood on April 20, 1906.

An application for land in Plenin on Namaluk and in Lesao on Poloot as full property has been received from the Jaluit Co. This land became part of the Government's treasury when the Company's concession was cancelled. It is recommended to grant the application.
Imperial District Administration, Ponape
Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin

October 9, 1906

Presence of SEESTERN in the Islands
Ponape - Truk - Herbertshoehe

Summarization: Timetable of arrival and departure of the S.S. SEESTERN
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: October 10, 1906 (Herbertshohe, January 18, 1907)
Subject: Legal proceedings
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Proceedings against whites: July 1 to September 30:
1 case - fine imposed.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: October 31, 1906
Subject: Advance for operating expenses
Island: Jaluit

Summarization: Advancement of Mk. 5,000 to the Jaluit Co. for operating expenses. S.M.S. CONDOR is authorized to advance Mk. 2,500 if cash monies available.

Request to follow rules and regulations established by and for the German Protectorate.

If not mentioned in files, the budget for acquisition of buildings includes 10% for furniture, to be accounted as a single amount.

Disposition of surplus medicines from Nauru to be made available to Jaluit Designation for service in Jaluit: "Imperial District Administration" in Nauru: "Imperial Station."
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: October 31, 1906
Subject: Freight charges
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Request to submit detailed freight accounting and charges to the destination of the freight.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: Acting Governor, Herbertshoehe
Date: November 21, 1906 (Herbertshoehe, January 10, 1907)
Subject: Appointment of assessors
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Appointment of assessors to the District Judiciary.

99 Request for Chancellor's decree concerning the exercise of jurisdiction in the protectorates of Africa and the South Seas.

100 January 19, 1907: Appointment of assessors approved by Herbertshoehe.

101- List of assessors.

102
From: Imperial Governor, Herbertshohe
To: District Administrator, Ponape
Date: January 24, 1907
Subject: Transportation of dead bodies
Island: Protectorate

Summarization: Regulations by the Federal Council concerning transportation by sea of dead bodies formulated. Request to suspend other arrangements.

p. 105 October 1, 1906 from District Administration, Ponape: Dispositions for the transportation of dead bodies by sea.

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Ref.: CRS G1 Item: 8-3 Document: 42 Page: 106-107
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Acting Vice Governor, Ponape
Date: January 4, 1907
Subject: Order of petrol
Island: Ponape

Summarization: Consent given to purchase petrol.

Request for information on reserves of petrol.

Replacement order from Sydney.

Cost estimate of last dispatch.

Future measure to avoid lack of petrol.
Summarization: Progress of construction of buildings: October 1 to December, 1906.
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From: Henry Nanpei, Chief, Ponape
To: Governor Hahl
Date: February 20, 1907
Subject: Request for Yam seed plants (in English)
Island: Ponape

**Summarization:** Found island devastated by typhoon upon return. Requests yam seed plants to replace destroyed crops.

p. 112 February 15, 1907 from Governor, Herbertshoehe: to send seed plants to Chief Nanpei.

p. 113 May 1, 1907, Herbertshoehe: Seed plants delivered by Chief Turlom.

p. 114 May 1, 1907, Herbertshoehe: Sprouting yam seed plants to be dispatched to Ponape as soon as possible.

p. 115 May 5, 1907: Dispatch.

Footnote: Dispatch to Ponape possible mid-June.
From: Imperial District Administration, Ponape
To: 
Date: June 8, 1907
Subject: Deposition of Ahlers, and comments by administrator
Island: Ponape - Lukonor

Summarization: Ahlers' wife's property destroyed by tidal wave on March 27, 1907; devastation of land and plantation. He and family left Lukonor for Ponape to seek work.

Ahlers, native of Bremen, worked for the Jaluit Co. to 1905.

Ahlers has a small land grant of approximately 1/5 hectare on Fefan in the Truk group, with hereditary rights. This land belongs to the Treasury. The produce of copra is sold to trader Sam Hartman on Truk. As Ahlers proves to be unemployable by the administration, he will be sent to Truk with the advice to seek another piece of land belonging to the Treasury, in order to enable him to make a small living.

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Imperial District Administration
Ponape

Ponape, June 8, 1907

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Recording

Present: 1) Girschner, representing District Administrator
2) Ahlers, previously trader of Lukunor

The under 2) present person declared the following:

The island of Lukunor was flooded by high tide (typhoon) on March 27 of this year. My wife's land, where I lived with my family, was thereby destroyed; the breadfruit trees were uprooted and the taro plantation destroyed by sea water, whereas some of the coco palms remained standing. It was therefore impossible for me to go on earning my living on the island. I used therefore the mailboat GERMANIA to travel to Ponape, hoping to earn a living there. I am now without means.

V.G.U. (?)

signed: Ahlers

signed: Girschner
1. Ahlers is 68 years old, born in Bremen, without nationality. He has been residing in the island district since the year 1878 (?) and worked without interruption until 1905 as trader for the firms of Capelle and Hernschein, i.e. the Jaluit Co. He declares that he was then dismissed from the Jaluit Co. by the manager of the Truk station.

2. Mr. Petersen and lived later on a piece of land on Lukunor, which belongs to his deceased wife, native of Lukunor, and his children. He was largely dependent on the support of the natives. As the natives themselves became indigent after the destruction of the typhoon of the Mortlock Islands in March of this year, he could no longer earn his living and came with his six children to Ponape. Two of the children are maintained by the Catholic Mission, and the other two have found shelter with a white resident. He has to take care of the other two. Ahlers has the permanent and hereditary use of a small, appr. 1/5 ha., piece of land Taureas on Fefan, Truk group, belonging to the treasury. He declares that his piece of land carries appr. 70 coco palms and no other produce; not sufficient therefore to grant him a livelihood. The copra which is to be harvested has been left to trader Sam Hartman in Truk for a compensation of Mk. 15.-

Ahlers has been absent from home since 1862. He states that he has presented himself for military service in Bremen in the year of 1857 and has been declared permanently unfit.
2. As Ahlers is indigent as indicated above and that it has absolutely to be avoided that a German-speaking white be supported by natives, he has been assigned (to work) to his capacity; (sewing sails, supervising workers etc.). In compensation he receives until further notice Mk. 75.- per month to be paid retrospectively and accounted as of June 8th.

3. _________ z.g.k. (accounting for your information (?) )

4. Ahlers has also been informed that he cannot count on permanent employment and to continue to make efforts to find work elsewhere.

5. W. V. (?) (to be submitted again (?) )

signed: Girschner

Correctly copied, Ponape, June 26, 1907 - Hinarlauck (?)

District Administration, Ponape
Concerns: support Ahlers

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Further employment of Ahlers at the District Administration has been found to be impracticable, due to gossip caused by old age (and) furthermore his inclination to associate with colored workers under his supervision—the result of decades of living with natives. An attempt to provide for him elsewhere has failed. Because of these circumstances I will send the above person with the mailboat in a few days to Truk where he should try to find a further piece of land, possibly in proximity to the land Taureas, left to him for usufruct. It should be of such a size that it would grant him a modest living and which the owners might possibly be inclined to sell. I request obediently to authorize me in this case to acquire the land for the treasury and to leave it for use to Ahlers. The means for this, which may probably only come to a few hundred Marks, should be available from the requested amount of support for the Mortlock natives who are without means due to the destruction caused by the typhoon, should such an accounting be admissable.

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