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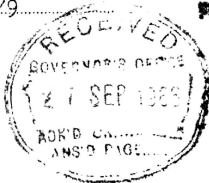
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21 September, 1966.

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Sir,

21 September 1966

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I have the honour to refer to your despatch of the 14th April and to inform you that the power of disallowance will not be exercised in respect of the Pitcairn Islands Justice Ordinance. (No. 1 of 1966).

I am advised however of the following:-

- (1) in s. 26(c)(ii), 4th line, the word "shall" should it seems, be inserted between the words "Court" and "proceed"; (cf. s.48(b) and 49(2)(b): this is a very minor point;
(2) in s.88, second line, it would appear that the word "over" should read "under": this is more important, especially having regard to the definition of "child" in s.2.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Handwritten signature: Fred Lee

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI

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4th October, 1966.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No.315 (C.O. Ref: PAC.247/308/02) of 21st September, 1966 in which you advised that the power of disallowance will not be exercised in respect of the Pitcairn Island Justice Ordinance (No.1 of 1966).

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2. My Legal Adviser has commented that "the phrasing of section 88 is deliberate and has the purpose of affording the Island Court jurisdiction in cases of unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl between the ages of 12 and 15 but reserving jurisdiction in the case of unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 12 years to the Supreme Court, in which jurisdiction is vested by the provisions of the Judicature Ordinance, 1961".

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3. This section was inserted in its present form at the express wish of the Island Council.

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

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Governor  
Fiji &  
Pitcairn

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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EDITORIAL: AN HONOUR COMES TO PITCAIRN.

Even though we represent a mere two square miles of the British Commonwealth, we are pleased to note that this place is once again recognized in a special way, as Pitcairn has been honoured this year in that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to award the Honour of Member of the Order of the British Empire, (M.B.E.) to the Island Magistrate, Mr John Christian, in recognition of his services to this island. The news was announced by the Government Adviser at a public gathering on the evening of Her Majesty's Official Birthday, 11th June.

The following is the text of the official announcement that was made:

"I have the honour to inform the Council and People of Pitcairn Island that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to award the Honour of Member of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) to the Island Magistrate Mr John Christian, for his loyal and devoted services to Pitcairn Island.

You will all realize that to receive such an award is indeed an honour for both its recipient, John Christian, and indeed for the whole community of Pitcairn Island. John has for many years served in the capacity of Island Magistrate, during which time he has striven to improve the lot of Pitcairners living here and to ensure the progress of this island. During these years John has seen many, many improvements and developments, and has always tried to do his share to see that such improvements were for the benefit of all.

Also, John has been a worthy Pitcairn ambassador overseas, carrying Pitcairn's image not only to Her Majesty, who has now seen fit to honour him, but to many other countries in varying parts of the world.

John now joins Lily Warren as one whose name will be written forever in the Honours List of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

John Christian then thanked the Adviser and spoke briefly to the people mentioning various aspects and changes in the administration of Pitcairn during his terms of office.



We, the Editorial staff of "Miscellany" wish to add our congratulations to both John and his wife Bernice, and trust that after the magisterial office changes at the end of this year, they will enjoy many prosperous years, and live to see the completion of the different projects inaugurated during John's period of leadership.

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"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been." -- Mark Twain.

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REPORT ON

A VISIT TO PITCAIRN ISLAND

FROM 16TH APRIL TO 22ND MAY, 1966

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31 August 1966

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Ratu George Uluilakeba  
Executive Officer

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SOUTH PACIFIC OFFICE  
Suva, Fiji.  
August, 1966



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Administrative Visit to Pitcairn by,

Ratu George Uluilakeba

16th April - 22nd May, 1966

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31st August, 1966

The Commissioner,  
South Pacific Office.

Sir,

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On your instructions I paid an official visit to Pitcairn Island from the 16th April to 22nd May as representative of His Excellency the Governor. The purpose of my visit was as follows:

- (a) to consult with the Island Magistrate in Council on the proper discharge of the executive functions
- (b) inspect the offices and organization of all permanent officials and coach them in the adequate conduct of affairs.
- (c) investigate thoroughly all aspects of the development works and draw up a development plan for the period 1966/68
- (d) Study and report on population, trade and general agricultural problems.

My recommendations are summarized in Appendix "A"; the official instructions are contained in Appendix "B"; and a list of the people on Pitcairn is given in Appendix "C".

I now have the honour to submit my report for your consideration.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(G.L. Uluilakeba)  
Executive Officer,  
South Pacific Office.

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## Chapter 1

### Introduction

I left Suva on the first stage of my journey to Pitcairn Island on the morning of 4th April and arrived at Mangere Airport, Auckland at noon. While in Auckland I called on Mr Halliwell of Burns Philp and Co. Ltd., to consult him on the supply of goods for Pitcairn Island. I called also on Dr. A. Johnson, Pitcairn's Consulting Physician; Kempthorne and Prosser on medical supplies; and Yates and Co. Ltd., on agricultural items recommended for Pitcairn by Fiji's Department of Agriculture.

2. I arrived in Wellington by plane from Auckland on the morning of 6th April and called on Mr. O.A. Daly of Shaw Savill and Albion Shipping Co. Ltd., with whom I held discussion on shipping in so far as it affected Pitcairn. There were others I had to call upon while awaiting my departure, and I am indebted to Mr. Daly for his assistance in arranging my meeting with Mr. Selwyn Wilson of the Department of Island Territories, Mr. R. Davies, Officer for Islands Education and Mr. Bourdillon of the United Kingdom High Commission. I reported my discussion with the aforementioned to you by telephone.

3. I departed for Pitcairn on the afternoon of Easter Saturday 9th April, by the S.S. "Gothic" and after an uneventful eight days at sea we sighted and eventually hove to, off Pitcairn early on the 16th April. I was met on board ship by the Island Magistrate, Mr. John Christian; the Government Adviser, Mr. Jack Forster; Pastor Leslie Webster; and other islanders who were not busily engaged in trading or preparing cargoes for off-loading.

4. When all cargoes were off-loaded into the three small boats, I descended into one of them by way of a Jacob's ladder. One by one the small boats pulled away from the mother ship and headed for Bounty Bay, where awaiting me at the landing was the usual round of handshakes and "how do you dos". In one of the nearby boatsheds my very kind hostess Mrs Millie Christian (wife of the Acting Postmaster, Mr. Warren Christian) served me with a cup of beautifully brewed tea. The tea was most welcome but as the Pitcairners are adherents of the Seventh Day Adventists Church, this kind gesture mildly surprised me since other Adventists of my acquaintance do not drink tea.

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a 5. The day of my arrival was Pitcairn's Sabbath, therefore manual activities were restricted to mere essentials. Operation of the flying-fox winch was taboo between sunrise and sundown, hence cargoes of perishable nature had to be carried on shoulders from the landing to the Edge, a small grassy platform overlooking the Bay about 300 feet up.

b 6. The ascent to the Edge was as to be expected hazardous especially on a track made slippery by the overnight downpour. However the Edge was finally reached and after resting a while we continued along Adamstown's main highway to the other end of the town where my home for the next five weeks was situated.

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c 7. I began work on 20th April. The first 3 days were spent in settling in and generally familiarising myself with the local conditions. Also during those first 3 days I held informal talks with the Island Magistrate, the Government Adviser and the Chairman of the Internal Committee. I convened five special Council Meetings during my stay to deal with the drawing up of the 1966/68 Development Plan, enactment of legislations, modification of the Compassionate Grant Scheme, Souvenir Agency and other miscellaneous matters mentioned under my terms of reference.

d 8. Prior to each meeting much spadework was involved to ensure that information was available to members. At all times I was accessible for discussions with members of the community and I am grateful to those who were able to come forward, individually and collectively.

e 9. The weather during my five weeks sojourn on the island was not good. Continuous rain hindered outdoor activities. In all 17 ships passed by the island during those five weeks (the majority were Norwegian) but, though only 3 stopped, they all responded to radio calls from the shore.

f 10. I left Pitcairn for New Zealand on 22nd May by the S.S. "Ceramic" and arrived in Wellington on 31st May. I stopped for two days in Wellington for further consultation with those referred to at §2 and also with Mr Abey of the Department of Ministry of Works and Mr George Lang of George Lang and Co. Ltd. I spent a further two days in Auckland for further talks with Mr Halliwell and Dr Johnson before returning to Fiji on Saturday 4th June and reporting to the office on the following Monday.

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Chapter II

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

11. Island Secretary's Office. At first glance it seems clear that the office procedure introduced by my predecessor Ratu David Toganivalu was never adopted. My first task therefore, was to go through the procedure with the Island Secretary and the Typist and to make sure that they both understood it before we proceeded further. Registration books, files and other official records were checked and chronologically rearranged for ease of reference. By the end of the first week I was certain that both officers had familiarised themselves thoroughly with the procedure and in the weeks that followed merely kept a close supervision on their work.
12. Efficiency and pride of work were definitely lacking in these officers which I felt to be attributable to the absence of close supervision of the office by the Island Magistrate. Routine office matters like receiving, registration and filing of correspondence could be handled by the Typist who should spend more time in the office. The Council was unanimous in the proposal to raise the Typist's hours from 22 to 40 per month and salary from £48 to £72 per annum with the understanding that she render full assistance to the Island Secretary.
13. Police Officer. In view of the extra duties imposed on him by PART II of the Justice Ordinance, 1966, the Council decided that his salary be increased accordingly from £90 - £96 p.a. w.e.f. 1st April, 1966.
14. Sufficient provision has been made in the contingencies vote (P.I. Estimates 1966/67 Head I-A-1) to meet this increase and also the increase in the Typist's salary (§12).
15. Library. I found that some sort of a Library had been established in the Souvenir Agency room, but no proper record kept on cataloguing, indexing, and on books loaned out. Books that were ordered through the British Council in London have in fact reached the island, but on cross-checking with invoices handed to me before departure for Pitcairn by the British Council, Suva, I discovered that a great number were missing, especially those in the "do it yourself" series. An appeal to the general public to return the books for recording brought a certain amount of success. However, the proposal to establish a proper Public Library was fully supported by the Council and it also approved the appointment of Mrs Nola Warren (nee Young) as a full-time Librarian at a salary of £36 p.a. w.e.f. 1st April, 1966. Cataloguing and indexing of books began at once under the guidance of Miss Norma Hall of United States, and, from the

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a progress made, it was evident that the Library when fully established would be a real asset to Pitcairn. But I would suggest that consideration be given to providing at some future date a separate room for it. The proposed Museum could well be a possible sight.

b 18. Thursday October Christian Museum and Park. The house and the land were purchased from their owners, Messrs Roy Clark and Christie Warren. Clearing and levelling of the park site, and renovation of the house, were to begin as soon as practicable. The question of donating historical items of interest to the museum is to be dealt with once the renovation has been completed. A second piece of land belonging to Mr John Christian was purchased as possible site for a new administrative building. The Council fully endorsed our proposal that the ownership of these properties be vested in the Council itself.

c 19. Compensation for Eric Young. The Council approved the payment of one month's salary (£10) to the late Eric Young's family, and have authorised the Island Secretary to make payment from Compassionate Grant Vote. The Council also resolved that in future it would recommend to the Governor that compensation be awarded from public funds to the family of any Public or Elected Officer who should die in the course of duty.

d 20. Retiring Age. Although the Council agreed in principle that retiring age for Public Officers should be 65 years, it decided it would be imprudent to call for a firm decision on it, in view of the acute shortage of men. Public Officers should, therefore, continue working after attaining the age of 65 years if deemed fit to continue by the Council; but they must retire when a suitable replacement has been found.

e 21. Decimal Currency and new Postal Regulations. It was necessary to find out how much money there was on the island so as to give the New Zealand Decimal Currency Board some idea of the amount of Dollar currency that would be required on the island on the date of changeover. As I expected the majority of the islanders were reluctant to reveal their total private savings. However, an appropriate form was prepared which the islanders were requested to complete without signing. These forms revealed the total holdings on Pitcairn (Private and Government) as at May, 1966 to be in the vicinity of £4,000.

f 22. Postal Regulations: The new Postal Regulations were read and explained in detail to the Council and passed without amendment. The Island Magistrate was requested not to sign them until he receives gabled instruction from the South Pacific Office early next year.

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23. Telephones. The Council approved the use of the old Government line by those families not already connected with a phone and also authorised the Electrician to employ limited labour in clearing branches of trees that overhang the telephone lines. a
24. Passports. I reminded the Council that all passport applications (for a new one or renewal of old one) must be channelled through the Government Adviser for onward transmission to the Passport Office, United Kingdom High Commission in Wellington. A notice explaining the procedure was posted on the Public Notice Board. b
25. Annual Reports. The Island Secretary would continue to compile the required information for reference to the United Nations. There was the usual problem, however, in obtaining from the people statistics on exports and imports. I advised the Island Secretary therefore, that if accurate figures could not be obtained no entry should be made. c
26. Local Government Regulations. There was much deliberation on this matter particularly the Traffic Regulations. However amendments were made where necessary and approved by the Council after consultation by cable with Commissioner, South Pacific Office and the Hon. Legal Adviser for the Pitcairn Island Government. The local wooden wheelbarrows have now a prominent place in the regulations. d
27. Notes for Guidance of Island Magistrate and Council. It was obvious that these notes have been lost sight of. Extra copies taken down by me were distributed to all Councillors and I have requested the Island Magistrate and Government Adviser to draw the attention of the Council to them from time to time. e
28. The Island Magistrate in Council. The collective responsibility of the Island Magistrate and Council with regard to their proper discharge of the executive functions appears to be well understood. However, it was apparent that the deteriorating condition of the Island Magistrate's eye sight and general health has kept him away from the office and that a great deal of his administrative and executive responsibilities have been transferred not to the Chairman of the Internal Committee, as it should be but to the Government Adviser. This has given rise on several occasions to open criticism by Council members who felt that by taking on these extra responsibilities the Education Officer has had to neglect his school duties. g
29. The problem as I saw it revealed clearly the need (a) to request the Island Magistrate to resign on health grounds and make way for a more active Magistrate as laid down in Part II Subsection 4(2) of the Local Government Ordinance No. 1 of 1964 and (b) to separate the h

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a posts of Education Officer/Government Adviser as the latter post is proving to require full-time attention.

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### Chapter III

#### EDUCATION

b 30. The Education Officer appears to be tackling his work well, though he admitted that, on many occasions, he has permitted his duty as Government Adviser to take precedence over his teaching responsibilities. He endorsed the solution suggested in §29(b).

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c 31. The school roll in May was 22 (13 boys and 9 girls) and in discussing education in general with Mr Forster, he pointed out that he has been carrying out routine standard testing with norms based on New Zealand standards, and it confirmed the wide variance of attainment levels. The older group (mainly girls) and the junior section (again mainly girls) appeared to be making the best progress with the middle group of boys mainly below the desired level. A forecast of possible candidates for secondary education is as follows:

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end 1966 - Nil  
1967 - Two girls  
1968 - Two girls and perhaps one boy  
1969 - Two boys  
1970 - Two boys and perhaps two girls.

f 32. Assistant Teacher. Miss Margaret Young's keenness in her work generally compensates for the little practical teaching experience she has had and, as she has been spending well over 50 hours each month teaching, the Council unanimously approved that her salary be increased from £48 to £72 p.a. w.e.f. 1st April, 1966.

g 33. Misses Diana Clark and Carol Christian. I only had a very brief discussion with Diana's parents (on holiday in Wellington) and both of them were in favour of Diana's continuing either at Fulton or training in New Zealand in some specialised field. Similar views were expressed when speaking to Carol's parents. From these discussions one thing is apparently clear. The parents of the two girls though in favour of their continuing at Fulton or receiving training in specialised fields in Fiji or New Zealand, genuinely feel that there is very little future for their daughters on Pitcairn. The Council has agreed to meet fares and fees of both Carol and Diana in whatever training they would be doing next year and also fares and fees for Julie Christian and Olive Brown whose parents have consented to their going to Fulton in the new year.

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35. Two boys Steve Christian (who has just turned 15 years) and Noggie Young 17 years need serious consideration for some special training overseas. Steve is showing an aptitude for electrical work and could be well worth our while sending to an established firm like Inderland where he could be trained under the supervision of Mr Trevor Templeton.

36. Although I did not discuss this possibility in Council. I spoke at length informally with Steve and Noggie's parents and also with the members of the Island Council who, in view of the shortage of trained men on the Island, welcomed the idea.

Replacement for Education Officer (see §65(IV))

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#### Chapter IV

##### MEDICAL

37. Medical Treatment Overseas. The Council approved the new Compassionate Grant Scheme w.e.f. 1st April, 1966. The only amendment of note was the increase in the period of absence in New Zealand from 6 to 12 months. The Council felt that considering the wide gap in shipping 6 months was far too short. Furthermore given the extra 6 months one could find employment, and the money so earned could go towards the 1/3 share of fares and hospital fees.

38. The Council also approved w.e.f. 1st April, 1966 that any old age pensioner still repaying monies under the present scheme should be released from outstanding obligations for which he would have been liable after 31st March.

39. Instructions have been given to the Island Secretary to check carefully all application and recommendations for a compassionate grant and to make quite certain that they have been properly completed. Each application should be supported by the Medical Officer's certificate of recommendation.

40. I have obtained from the Medical Officer for our record Certificates of recommendation which were not sent with Nola Young's and Vernon Young's applications.

41. Water Seal Closets. The Council approved the erection of a toilet of this type at the Edge as a try out. I have ordered the moulds from Fiji Health Department to be shipped to Pitcairn via New Zealand by first shipping opportunity.

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a 42. Dr. Johnson. I fully discussed with Dr Johnson the question of getting Mr John Christian down to New Zealand for an eye operation. Through Dr Johnson a contact was made with the Eye Specialist Dr. Calvin Ring who has agreed to attend to Mr. Christian on arrival in New Zealand. I have already arranged passages from Pitcairn Island/New Zealand for Mr John Christian and have informed him of travelling and accommodation details.

b 43. Dr Johnson is negotiating with a colleague of his in Wellington to treat Pitcairn patients who arrive there.

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c 44. Medical Supplies. Kempthorne and Prosser consider it is time consuming to send orders for medical supplies through Burns Philp and suggest we send orders direct to them copying to Burns Philp for the settlement of the account.

#### Chapter V

#### MISCELLANEOUS

d 45. Pitcairn Island Map. The Island Council has approved the setting up of a committee to look into the question of preparing the new official map of Pitcairn. This committee will also look into the possibility of reproducing it in postcard size.

e Mr Halliwell (see §1 and 10)

Mr Daly (see §2)

#### Chapter VI

#### POSTAL

f 46. "Official Paid" Stamp. The stamp was unearthed after a thorough search in the safe by the Island Secretary. I examined all the Post Office cancellation stamps and found two to require replacement. I found stamping pads to be in a rather dilapidated condition and reminded the Postmaster that he was wholly responsible for the maintenance of his office equipment.

g 47. Stamp Covers (a) The Island Council and members of the general public were most impressed with the photographs of the Bi-centenary issue and were unanimous on our proposal to print Special Covers for the occasion.

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## (b) Distribution of covers

Pitcairn Island	700
Suva	500
Bureau	<u>1,000</u>
Total	2,200

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48. General Philatelic Sales. I told the members of the Souvenir Agency Committee of the nature of complaints received from several of our stamp customers. I explained and demonstrated to them how philatelic orders should be handled as advised by the Postmaster-General.

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49. The Island Council and the Souvenir Agency Committee thought it prudent to appoint an extra helper at the Post Office to be styled Assistant Postmistress. Her duties should mainly be replying to philatelic enquiries and assisting the Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster during peak times such as in the release of new stamp issues. Miss Pauline Young was appointed to the post at a salary of £20 per annum. Estimate Head V-Posts A-1 must therefore be increased to meet this extra amount and H.E.'s approval to introduce a new sub-head "Assistant Postmistress" should be obtained.

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50. New Definitive Issue : 1969. The Island Council welcomed the proposal for Miss Jennifer Toombs to visit Pitcairn and prepare designs for the new definitive issue. Mr and Mrs Elwyn Christian have offered Miss Toombs the kind hospitality of their home. The Council also unanimously approved our proposal for overprinting the current stamp issue which we are hoping to release on the day New Zealand changes over to decimal currency.

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51. Franking Stamps. I have obtained from the Postmaster for our record the impression of First Day Cover stamp of the Churchill Issue, authenticated by him and the Island Magistrate. Instructions have been left behind to forward to South Pacific Office authenticated First Day Cover impressions of all future issues.

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Chapter VII

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## RADIO

Broadcasting. (see §69 b).

52. Radio Receiver. With the help of Mr Bourdillon of the United Kingdom High Commission in Wellington I was able to locate the Island receiver sent down for repair and arranged for its shipment back to Pitcairn on "Gothic". The receiver that was loaned by the

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a New Zealand Naval authorities to Pitcairn Island Administration was returned to New Zealand by the "Amalric" addressed to S.N.S.O., H.M.N.Z. Dockyard, Auckland.

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Chapter VIII

b WORKS AND MARINE

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c 53. Fuel. I reminded the Chairman of the Internal Committee of his responsibility for receiving Government fuel, its distribution and the return of the empty drums. The two 500 gal. overhead tanks purchased early this year have already been installed at the Edge and fuel is stored and distributed from here. Since the installation of the tanks, empty 44 gal drums have flowed back to New Zealand much more quickly.

d 54. Navigational Instruments. The Council agreed to order charts, tables and charge cost to Estimate Head VII B-2.

e 55. Blockmaking Machine. The Island Magistrate has placed an order direct with Crown Agents for a Liner Blockmaking machine, which Mr Templeton considered to be the ideal one for Pitcairn.

e 56. Sugar Cane Mill. An order has already been placed with the Crown Agents, for the Simon Barron 9 x 9 Horizontal Roll Mill without engine. The 7.5 h.p. Lister diesel spare at Pulau has been put aside to belt-drive the unit. This would usefully employ this engine and yet at the same time leave it reasonably accessible in the event of a major breakdown at Taro Ground or Pulau.

f 57. Tractor Implements. I have brought back for our record (now on C.6/1/10) a list of tractor implements on the island checked and authenticated by Mr Templeton.

g 58. Cinva Ram. Tests have already been carried out with most disappointing results. The mixes recommended 9 : 1 and 7 : 1 were just too weak even after drying in the sun and in the shade. Candidly, I think we have wasted Government money in making such a purchase.

h 59. Mini Moke. The Council agreed that this type of vehicle would be ideal for Pitcairn but they were not slow to point out the difficulty in obtaining petrol. An alternative suggestion was a landrover type vehicle (diesel) which Morris Car Manufacturers are turning out. The Council decided, therefore, that we should make further enquiries and report on results.

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN

60. The development plan for the period 1966/68 was fully discussed in Council and the following schemes were approved.
- (a) The purchase of a Stone Crusher (Parker Monarch model) to provide gravel for surfacing Pitcairn roads and suitable aggregate for concrete buildings.
  - (b) The establishment of a Broadcasting Station and training of the Radio Officer in the United States.
  - (c) The purchase of a new Diesel Generator.

We already have details on (a) and (c). For (b) we are awaiting advice from the Seventh Day Adventist establishment in the United States which has offered to arrange training for the Radio Officer (Mr Thomas Christian) in one of their Broadcasting stations. The Council has further agreed to meet extra cost in fares to and from the centre of training in the United States for both the Radio Officer and his wife to be met from Island funds.

61. The following possibilities were also discussed in Council (i) Plastic lined dams (ii) Overseas Education (iii) Land Tenure (iv) Co-operatives. The Council felt no great urgency for (i) but would agree to the construction of a pilot dam. However should finance be available from C.D. & W. sources (ii) should be given first priority, providing of course potential scholars or trainees were available. On (iii) the Council agreed that nothing further should be done until Land Legislation has been drawn up. On (iv) the Council approved the visit to Pitcairn of a Co-operative Officer next year to advise on cooperatives. Finance for this visit should come from Island funds. Several Councillors doubted the success of such a visit and referred to it as a waste of Government money, but I was far from convinced that the islanders would refrain from patronising a cooperative store when established.

Chapter X

SOUVENIR AGENCY

62. I found the management of the Souvenir Agency to be rather chaotic. The accounting system introduced by Mr Reginald Boyan (former Cooperative Specialist on the South Pacific Commission) was thoroughly checked and brought up to date. A proper filing system was



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a introduced. The Secretary and members of the Agency Committee whom I found most cooperative were thoroughly coached on the handling of stamps and souvenir orders. I impressed upon them that the Agency is becoming well-known and that it is their duty to see it become more efficient and business-like in its operations. Apart from the foregoing there are several recurring problems which I feel to be hampering the progress of the Agency

- b (a) The best carvers prefer to sell their items to passing ships for prices well above what the Agency can offer.
- (b) One of the islanders has an established market in the United States and he has control over a great number of carvers on the island.
- c (c) Obvious reluctance of the committee to reject carvings, for fear of offending the makers.

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63. The Council was reminded of its responsibility to the Souvenir Agency under the provision of the Souvenir Agency Ordinance, but as I have mentioned in (b) and (c) above the Agency now has to accept second-class souvenirs. I feel it should, at some later date, consider purchasing proper carving machinery (lathe machine etc) and employ someone full-time to turn second-class souvenirs into first-class ones. Orders for carving are increasing by leaps and bounds and there are orders outstanding from as far back as June and July of last year.

e 64. Auckland. (i) Dr Johnson (see §42 & 43)  
(ii) Medical Supplies (§44)

65. Wellington. (i). Mr Daly (see §2)  
(ii) Mr Clark (see §33)  
(iii) Mr Selwyn Wilson. The tests on the different samples of sand sent down, revealed that they were not suitable for concrete making. Five more different samples taken from the following areas - Issaacs, Tedside, Bounty Bay, Oeno, Gravel Pit - and were brought down by me for scientific testing. Word has since been received from Mr Abey of the New Zealand Ministry of Works, that the Bounty Bay sand would be the best for concrete making.

g (iv) Island Education Officer. Mr Davies confirmed that arrangements should be made for the Education Officer Pitcairn to return to New Zealand in November as it would not be possible to hold out a position for him if he were to defer his arrival back in New Zealand to February 1967. I did not raise the question of Mr Forster's replacement, but I understand Mr Davies has seen you since and recruitment for a replacement is proceeding.

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Chapter XI

## AGRICULTURE

66. I was most impressed with the work done by the Agricultural Officer/Forester Mr Jacob Warren and his Assistant Wallace Warren. The money allotted for their work has been well spent. Practically all of St. Paul is under cultivation; miro, pine and other assorted trees are thriving beautifully which means that Pitcairn is assured of a most prosperous future in raw material for souvenirs. Goats no longer frequent St. Paul but the odd chicken strays into the area, damaging newly planted seeds. Soil erosion is still a great source of worry and a lot of work has been done to try and stop it from spreading. Pandanus have been planted along the edge of the affected areas and one or two other methods, recommended by Mr Magnus Sinclair of the Otago University Expedition, have been tried out with partial success. I have spoken with Forestry Officers of Fiji Forestry Department since my return and they recommend that we should try planting sesbania grandiflora round the edges of the eroded area. This has been tried out in several parts of Fiji with a certain amount of success.

67. Apart from St. Paul, several other places have been discussed as possible areas for re-forestation, but Tedside could be the most suitable area of all once the goats in the area have been completely exterminated.

Chapter XII

## SUMMARY

68. Pitcairn, as I see it, seems to be heading for a bright and most prosperous future. Though few passenger ships now call on the island, the economy remains stable and public finance is sound. Pitcairn souvenirs are finding their way further and further into other parts of the world and so is the backbone of Pitcairn's economy - stamps. An adventurous stamp policy is in the making which should assure Pitcairn's financial position for several decades to come.

69. The general administration is sound. I could find no evidence of administrative mismanagement on the part of the Government Officers or for that matter much evidence of regulations being broken by any member of the population. Leadership seems to be passing down to the younger people who are more active and progressive in ideas. This to my mind enhances Pitcairn's future administrative and economic stability.

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a 70. The development works are progressing steadily in spite of  
the acute shortage of man-power. Roads are being extended (by tractor)  
to open up little pockets of arable land that could be put into  
cultivation. The experimental dredging on Bounty Bay reveals that  
the Bay could probably be developed to accommodate an ocean-going vessel.  
A development plan has already been drawn up for the next two years - for  
b metalling roads, erection of a Broadcasting Station and extension of  
the power supply. Also a housing scheme is envisaged. In the  
agricultural field an order for a small sugar extracting machine has  
already been placed.

c 71. In the main, the people of Pitcairn are happy and contented.  
The general health of the entire population is satisfactory. Apart  
from the usual and trivial family misunderstandings, the relationship  
between different family units and between the Government Officers and  
the people is harmonious.

d 72. On the land there is much scope in the agricultural development  
and afforestation and Pitcairn is most fortunate in having a man like  
Mr Jacob Warren as its Forester/Agricultural Officer. With the  
extension of roads into pockets of cultivable lands and the new land  
legislation to sort out the land problems, Pitcairn's agricultural  
future seems bright and with the leadership passing down gradually to  
the younger and progressive minds, agriculture on a co-operative basis  
could well be implemented.

e CONCLUSION

f 73. I should like to record my deep appreciation to His Excellency  
the Governor and the Commissioner, for the opportunity given to me in  
undertaking the visit to Pitcairn. The experience gained has greatly  
exceeded all my expectation. Also I wish to express my appreciation  
to the entire Pitcairn Island Community for the way in which they made  
me welcome, took me into their homes, shared their food with me and  
in general made me feel, in some ways, part of each family unit. I  
offer special thanks to the Island Magistrate, Mr John Christian; the  
g Government Adviser, Mr Jack Forster; and Members of the Island Council  
for their co-operation and tolerance; and, finally, to my host and hostess  
Warren and Millie Christian and their daughter Betty for their splendid  
hospitality in sharing their home and their friends with me.

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APPENDIX A

Summary of Recommendations

The following is a summary of my main recommendations with the relevant paragraph of my report indicated in parenthesis in each case. Action taken or proceeding has been noted.

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1. Approach should be made to London for the Tonnage Committee to negotiate direct with the Norwegian Shipping Companies about the possibility of their cargo vessels calling at Pitcairn (9).
2. Working hours of Typist should be increased from 22 to 40 hours per month and salary from £48 to £72 p.a. w.e.f. 1st April, 1966 (11). Action already taken.
3. In view of extra duties imposed on the Police Officer by PART II of Justice Ordinance, 1966 his salary should be raised from £90 to £96 p.a. w.e.f. 1st April, 1966 (12). Action already taken.
4. Proper letter of appointment should be sent to Mrs Nola Warren (nee Young) (15).
5. No further order for Library books should be placed until such time as the Council reports that the present stock has been catalogued and indexed. (15).
6. The one month salary (£10) as compensation to Eric Young's family should be met from Compassionate Grant Vote (19). Action already taken.
7. In view of the poor health of the Island Magistrate, an official approach should be made to him requesting him to retire upon health grounds (28). Action proceeding.
8. The joint post of Education Officer/Government Adviser should be separated (28). Action proceeding.
9. The salary of Assistant Teacher be raised from £48 - £72 p.a. w.e.f. 1st April, 1966 (32). Action taken.

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- a 10. Specialised training should be considered for Misses Diana Clark and Carol Christian (33).
11. Arrangements should be made for two more girls to attend secondary education either in Fiji or New Zealand next year (34). Action proceeding.
- b 12. Consideration should be given to provide scholarships for electrical and marine or mechanical training in New Zealand for Steve Christian and Noggie Young (35 & 36). Action proceeding.
13. Medical Supplies to be ordered direct from Kempthorne and Prosser (44). Action already taken.
- c 14. To advise Crown Agents on total number of Bi-Centenary covers to be printed (47). Action already taken.
15. Two more overhead tanks for storage of fuel should be purchased before end of present financial year (52).
- d 16. Consideration should be given to provide Pitcairn with two vehicles - Mini Moke type would be ideal (58).
17. The construction of a pilot dam should be included in the work programme of the next Otago University Expedition (61-(1)). Action proceeding.
- e 18. A co-operative officer should visit Pitcairn and advise on working of co-operatives (61-(iv)). Action proceeding.
19. The Co-operative Officer should investigate on the working of the Souvenir Agency, advise on its functions and decide whether a full time Secretary is warranted (61).

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Instruction to Ratu George Uluilakeba  
Executive Officer, South Pacific Office

You will proceed to Pitcairn Island as the representative of His Excellency the Governor by s.s. "Gothic", leaving Wellington, New Zealand on 9th April, 1966. You should leave Pitcairn by the "Ceramic" about 21st May.

The usual travel costs between Suva and Pitcairn will be met by the South Pacific Office and while you are on Pitcairn you will receive a subsistence allowance at the approved rate.

The purpose of your visit to Pitcairn is:

- (a) to consult with the Island Magistrate in Council on the proper discharge of the executive functions. In this, you should keep in mind that the executive authority of the Magistrate and Council are derived from Part II of the Local Government Ordinance 1964, and that His Excellency may vary or annul any authority he has delegated. This is of particular importance in the spheres of finance, staff, organization and discipline which constitute the essence of the executive authority. In practice His Excellency expects the Magistrate and the Council to exercise collective responsibility;
- (b) inspect the offices and organization of all permanent officials and advise and coach them on the adequate conduct of their affairs. In particular, you will examine existing office procedures and make such amendments as may be desirable (in this you should use the South Pacific Office Instructions as a guide); and ensure that the Magistrate and all permanent officials understand and conform to the Pitcairn Island Financial Regulations.
- (c) investigate thoroughly all aspects of the development works.
- (d) study and report on population, trade, social and general agricultural problems.

An amplification of this Instruction is contained in the Appendix.

Throughout your visit you should work in close cooperation with the Magistrate, the Island Council and Adviser.



(Reid Cowell)

March, 1966.

Commissioner, South Pacific Office.



APPENDIX C

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a Population on Pitcairn as at 16th April, 1966  
(By families)

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	Fred Christian	Anderson Warren	Henry Young
	Flora "	Royal "	Floss "
	Tom "	Melva "	Norris "
		Michael "	Noggie "
b	Warren Christian	Calvert " (Senior)	Glenda "
	Millie "		Donald "
	Betty "	Christie Warren	Alice "
		Mimmie "	
	Ivan Christian		Vernon Young
	Debroah "	Waynard Warren	Lillian "
	Steve "	Lilly "	Margaret "
	Brenda "		
c		Virginia Warren	Albert Young
	Elwyn Christian	Reynold "	
	Nurse "		
		Jacob Warren	Fred Brown
	Ben Christian	Mavis "	Laura "
	Irma "	Jay "	Ian "
	Julie "	Miralda "	
	Denis "		
d	Marlene "	Morris Warren	Len Brown
			Thelma "
	Melville Christian		Olive "
	Ninette "	Bruce Young	David "
		Nancy "	Kay "
	Charles Christian	Tony "	Clarice "
	Charlotte "		Yvonne "
		Vincent Young	
e			Roy Clark
	John Christian	Theo Young	May "
	Bernice "	Lila "	
		Nola "	Violet McCoy
	Edith Christian	Berry "	
	Cairn "		
		Pervis Young	
f	Leslie Christian	Marona "	
		Darryl "	
	Ethel Christian	Janette "	
	Parkin Christian	Sam Young	
		Vula "	
		Pauline "	
	Lloyd Christian	Elsie "	
		Brian	
g		Terry	
		Ann	

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Expatriates

	Jack Forster	Paul Smith	John Lindsay
h	Zelma "		
	Ian "	Pastor Webster	Norma Hall
	David "	Mrs Webster	
		Graham "	
	Mr. Forster (senior)	Rosemary "	
	Trevor Templeton		



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(T.R. Cowell) to  
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SOUTH PACIFIC OFFICE,  
Government House Grounds,  
Suva, Fiji.

21st November, 1966

*Dear Magistrate,*

You will remember when I was on Pitcairn last that I said I might be leaving the South Pacific Office shortly. The time has now come and I am writing this last general letter to you and the people on Pitcairn to say goodbye. We shall be leaving Suva on 15th December, taking a short holiday in the Isle of Man and, at the end of January be returning to Canberra where I have accepted a new post with the Australian National University. One of my colleagues there will be Mr Maude and you can be sure we shall often talk about Pitcairn.

Towards the end of my last visit I spoke to everyone in the hall and should like to recall some of the things I then said and add a few more words to them.

First and most important, I hope you will always remember that the Government of Pitcairn Island consists of the Governor and Members of the Council working together. Here in Suva, the Governor and Council have the South Pacific Office to help them and it may be that it will soon be possible to send an experienced man to Pitcairn to be full time Adviser there. By strengthening our teamwork in this way there is no reason why the excellent work done by the Council in the last few years should not continue and even improve. Our common objective is that the Council should increasingly become responsible for conducting the ordinary affairs of Pitcairn.

In the last few years, we have, between us, and with the valuable help of Mr McLoughlin, completely recast the basic laws of Pitcairn. The new Local Government Ordinance and Regulations have given the Council wider authority; the Justice Ordinance provides a new and modern basis for the criminal and civil law and procedure; and, shortly, perhaps even by this mail, we shall be sending a Lands and Estates Ordinance for your consideration. This Ordinance is based upon the long discussions we had on my two visits. Together these four Ordinances provide a solid basis for the effective government and development of Pitcairn and place much responsibility on the Council and Courts which I am sure they will be ready and willing to assume and discharge.

In our development program we have had generous assistance from Britain. We have installed a new Radio Station; improved the landing and facilities at Bounty Bay; created a basic network of roads; carried out some agricultural surveys; and re-engined two of the launches. In the next phase of our planning, from 1966-1968, we shall be purchasing a mobile rock-crushing machine; increasing the electric power capacity; and installing a local Broadcasting Service. I hope, too, we shall make some progress towards turning the Souvenir Agency into a properly run co-operative society. Furthermore, the Ministry of Overseas Development in London has shown interest in further work at Bounty Bay and we hope to send a Harbour Specialist to Pitcairn in April next year to make a

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a thorough survey. If his report shows it will be possible to make Bounty Bay a safe harbour we shall then investigate whether an inter-island vessel can be stationed at Pitcairn. Among the other advances of the past few years we can record the building of the new Post Office/Dispensary; the Dental Training Course taken by Mr. Elwyn Christian; visits by Doctors; the Old-Age and Medical Benefits Schemes; the liaison with Otago University; and the institution of scholarships overseas for children to further their education. We are, too, looking into the possibility of drawing up a re-housing scheme to help with the improvement and modernization of housing standards. Even though we have had help from Britain in making some of these improvements, a great deal of the progress has been dependent on our own financial resources. The more progressive program of stamp issues of good quality, which have won us a larger philatelic market, have increased our public revenue and it is vitally important that our good name in the stamp world should be kept untarnished.

Commissioner  
(T.R. Cowell) to  
Island Magistrate  
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c What we have done has grown out of our combined efforts to make Pitcairn a happier place to live on. Some projects have yet to be completed, some will need to be expanded and new ideas and efforts will be required. I have noticed recently that some of your friends and relations in New Zealand are showing renewed interest in returning home. This is all to the good, but I do hope that the possible development on Henderson is not the whole attraction. We still do not know for certain whether that island will be developed or not and it would not be wise to take it for granted that it will be.

d I wish to say a special word about land. I have mentioned that the new Lands and Estates Ordinance will soon be ready for consideration by the Council. It follows, as I have said, very closely the lines of discussion we had on my two visits which were accepted by the Council in Resolution 5 of its meeting of 11th March 1965. I believe this to be a very important piece of legislation for it will give the Lands Court, composed of Pitcairners, a chance to straighten out the muddle of ownership which has slowly accumulated since the return from Norfolk. But this is not the only purpose of the legislation. It will also give the Council, Courts and all the people a chance to ensure that land on Pitcairn is safe-guarded and used according to the wishes of its people and for their benefit. I earnestly hope that this law will receive your approval and support for I am sure that, as the years go by, you will find it a very valuable instrument for promoting the social and economic welfare and advancement of all.

f Before I close this letter, I wish to offer a special word of thanks to the Church and School and all those who have served in them during my 8 years of office. They are an integral part of Pitcairn and both have played vital roles in the progress of the island outside of their usual activities - the Pastors and their wives in the health field and the Education Officers as Advisers to the Council.

g Finally, we send our sincere thanks to everyone for the many kindnesses we have received when we have been with you and our best wishes for your happy and prosperous future.

Yours sincerely,  
*Reid Cowell*  
(Reid Cowell)  
Commissioner

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To see r. lru. 22.12.66. *Re. 22.11.66.*



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## EDITORIAL: WITHDRAWAL OF A GUIDING HAND

It was with sad feelings that we learnt in the last mail about the retirement from office of our Commissioner and friend, Mr Reid Cowell, who both from his office in Suva and here on Pitcairn has done so much to achieve the recent vastly improved conditions and amenities on this island. Mr Cowell, with his wife Margaret, is shortly to move to Canberra, Australia to take up a position as assistant to the Registrar of the Australian National University. After a holiday in the Isle of Man, he will assume duties at the University in the new year.

We offer Mr and Mrs Cowell our sincere congratulations on the new appointment and trust that they will enjoy life in Canberra to the fullest extent. Naturally we are sorry to sever connections with people who have done such a tremendous amount for this place. We have heard it expressed that during his term as Commissioner, more has been done for Pitcairn than in its entire history. Perhaps there is a measure of consolation for us in the fact that Pitcairn's loss is the Australian National University's gain.

Mr Cowell took up duties late in 1958, since when he has worked unceasingly for the betterment of this small community. Under his guidance and administration several Colonial Development and Welfare Schemes have been completed, and further projects implemented, thus bringing about what could be described as a social and economic revolution on Pitcairn. Virtually the majority of the Pitcairn way of life is steadily changing and improving, until to-day it could be modestly claimed that Pitcairners are prosperous.

To Mr Cowell fell the task of modifying Pitcairn's economy in order to combat the decline in shipping started initially by the withdrawal of the N.Z. Shipping Co. "Rangi" passenger boats, which in their day were virtually the life blood of the island economy. Closely linked with the economic problems was depopulation which continued steadily till it was arrested a year or so back, until now the once imminent threat of a third and final evacuation is a thing of the past.

So great a personal interest did the Cowells take in the affairs of Pitcairn, that on two occasions, at no small inconvenience to themselves, they visited here to obtain background data and first hand information. These visits brought them far closer to the people, until to-day there are few here who would not regard them as personal friends and confidants with the interest of each and every Pitcairner at heart.

Finally, as one who for three years has been privileged to work as Government Adviser on Pitcairn and thus directly responsible to the Commissioner, may I say that Mr Cowell's patience, understanding and untiring energy have been a real inspiration. Having one in Suva who had been here and understood the problems of Pitcairn both in their local and broader senses has been of immeasurable value and given confidence at times when one most needed it. For these, and many other considerations we wish to say thank you.

From the Magistrate, Council and People of Pitcairn, "Miscellany" is honoured to express appreciation for all that our Commissioner, Mr T.R. Cowell and his wife have so willingly done for us here. We hope and pray that they will enjoy being reunited with their children again, and be granted many happy years in Canberra with the University of Australia.

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Legal Adviser's Chambers,  
Suva, Fiji.

21st December, 1966.

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Ordinance 1966

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WILLS ORDINANCE, 1966

(NO. 2 OF 1966)

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The law in force in the Islands in relation to wills is by section 7 of the Judicature Ordinance, 1961, that for the time being in force in England. The provisions of the Law of England are not, however, readily accessible to or capable of being understood by many of the inhabitants of the Islands and are therefore seldom observed in practice. The purpose of this Ordinance is, accordingly to declare in a manner more capable of being understood by the Islanders the existing law in force in relation to the preparation of wills with minor modifications designed to make such law more readily applicable to the Islands.

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2. The Ordinance is designed, not as a statement of the entire law in force in the Islands in relation to wills but only of that portion of such law to which resort is likely to be made by the Islanders for the purpose of determining the validity or otherwise of purported wills of persons dying within the Islands.

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3. The provisions of the Ordinance have been submitted to and approved by the Island Council.

4. There has been no previous correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies in relation to this Ordinance.

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5. In my opinion it may properly be enacted by His Excellency the Governor.

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(D. McLoughlin)  
LEGAL ADVISER



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*39* A REGULAR ISLAND COUNCIL MET 13th JUNE, 1968 AT 2:15 P.M. *270*

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PRESENT: All Island Council Members with Com. Bain and Heads of various Government Departments, in attendance.

TERMS OF

REFERENCE: To discuss various Govt. Business.

Island Magistrate told the members of the Internal Committee that if they wish to query any matters discussed in Council Meeting they are free to ask permission to speak.

WELCOMING OF COM. BAIN:

The I.M. welcomed Com. Bain into Council Meeting. Com. Bain extended many thanks to the I.C. for the invitation to attend the I.C. meeting.

OPENING OF MEETING:

Island Magistrate declared the meeting open with a Prayer by Pastor W.G.Ferris.

MEETING TURNED OVER TO COMMISSIONER:

*No. I declined to take the Chair*

Com. Bain in the chair. Com. intimated that the Queen's message will be read at a later date as well as one from the Governor.

BUSINESS:

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International Marine Preserve in Oeno Area. The Commonwealth Office in London asked to check with U.S.A regarding assurances such as fishing etc. This matter still awaiting decision from Washington. Com. stated that the possibility of interferences with natural life was remote. Tom stated that there were many Japanese fishing boats in the area and that there were less fish in the lagoon on the 1965 visit. Christie said that it was suspected that the Japanese had also visited Henderson Island. Com. asked that he be informed of any infringements of British Territorial Rights, but nothing could be done about vessels outside of 3 miles limit. Com. also stated that such vessels were to be found all over the Pacific and that many Governments were having similar problems. Also Com. said to

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report if any boat is found to be within 3 miles limit.

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VISIT OF  
AMERICAN PARTY:

This matter was discussed and agreed by the I.C. when Mr. Warner was here. The I.C. queried the arrival of the said party. The following were brought before the I.C. by Com. Bain.

1. Likelihood of visit in November.
2. Need for someone from Pitcairn to accompany party.
3. Installation - two Radar Reflectors. Unmanned equipment.
4. Will not interfere with Pitcairners visits.
5. Advice will be given as early as possible from Suva.
6. Party size and ship unknown.

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FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS:

This proposed tests were to take place as from 25th June to October 1968.

Com. said that strikes had disrupted life throughout France and this may hold up the operations.

FRENCH GOVT:

1. Same arrangements regarding communication from Test centre Tahiti to Pitcairn.
2. A French Naval Vessel will be within 24 hrs distance to cope with any emergency.
3. R.A.F Party (Messers Jones & Wauten) arriving to Monitor the tests on Icenic.
4. Tests to be of higher intensity.
5. Daily fall-out tests will be taken immediately after an explosion. The above is being done to safe guard the people of Pitcairn Island. No problems expected according to previous report from Military Authorities there had been no fall-out and reaction nil (1966-67) Com. requested that the people of Pitcairn should remain on Pitcairn during the tests. The said U.S. Party is probably not arriving until the completion of tests. Information had been received from the French Govt. that this is the third and last test.

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SURVEY OF HENDERSON:

S.P.O. pursuing this with the Americans, however U.S have no present plans development of the Island.

QUERY: Tom asked if the S.P.O. had obtained any Official photographs. Com. said yes the photographs were released to S.P.O in the U.S. Official report of the visit.

NEW ZEALAND VS A'S:

1. Present Position.
2. Estimates contains financial provision for the above. This matter is being dealt with through N.Z Govt. because of its closeness, contact with Pitcairners in N.Z and also it would be a good deal cheaper.

REQUEST INTO VS A'S IN N.Z. For -

1. Agriculturist.
  2. Engineer.
- S.P.O will informed the I.C. when two suitable Applicants are available.

SHIPPING:

Efforts were made by S.P.O to ensure regular shipping calls on cessation of calls by S.S Lines - conference Lines (Blue Star) New Zealand Shipping Co. Shaw Savill and Port Line.

SHIPS AND SAILING PORT:

Amalric and Canterbury Star will sail from Auckland each seven weeks.

CANTERBURY STAR:

No passenger accommodation.

AMALRIC:

Can accommodate 4 passengers but no unaccompanied women , both ships only calling Northbound.

SHIP STH BOUND:

About once every 8 to 10 weeks. Com. asked Overseas Shipping Owners for weekly advice to S.P.O and Pitcairn if any changes are made in schedules.

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RETIREMENT OF MR. O.A.DALY:

a Mr. O.A.Daly plans to retire from his Office mid July. He may visit Pitcairn Amalric Sept. voyage. With Daly's retirement S.S.ships will no longer be sailing out of Wellington some changes will need to be made regarding agents and forwarding of supplies.

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AGENTS IN N.Z:

b Lang and Daly had previously worked well enough together but -

1. Daly is retiring.
2. Auckland S.S.Office unable to undertake personal services.

c 3. Ships leaving from Auckland. From Govt. View:-  
Agents have been Burns Philp.

13 June 1968

d *Extract to A4/3 11.22/7/68*

Various instances were given by members of the I.C. regarding BP's inefficiency. Com. had authorized Mr.Warner to pursue New Agency with L.D.Nathan. Commissioner proposes to follow through with L.D.Nathan Agency which they are prepared to accept at \$200 Agency Fee. Details will need to be arranged - Advice will be sent later as to when Govt. orders to be sent to Nathan. G.A suggested that it would be easier for private orders to be made through the Co-Operative Store from Shippers view point and for the peoples benefit. Com. agree with this suggestion.

FUTURE STAMP ISSUES:

e a) New definitive Sept. 1969.

b) Probably a special Issue of WHO Omnibus Set in late 1968. Com. intimated deficit of 20% on estimates - Plans for future Stamp issues were explained.

f Greatest importance to deal efficiently with Stamp dealers.

VISIT OF M.O:

g Difficulty of arranging M.O. to visit Pitcairn. Com. informed I.C. that Dr.Alexander was on holiday when the call was made. He was given 6 days notice and Dr.Alex willingly agreed to come.

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Com. also said that he appreciated the work that Sister Ferris had done.

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minutes, 13 June  
1968, including  
statement for U.N.  
Committee on  
Colonialism

AGE OF MAJORITY:

Excluded to  
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+ CS/6/2  
J. 22/7/68

Inconsistencies in ages shown in Marriage and Adoption of infant ordinances require amendment so that all laws are consistent. The named give 21 as age of majority other 18. Age of majority to be considered at next meeting. Moved Christie sec Tom that 18 to be the age of Majority for marriage and for adoption of infants. This will only become law after it has been approved by the Governor and after it is placed on the Public Notice Board.

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ARMS AND FLAG BADGE:

13 June 1968

Design - Simple.  
Commonwealth Office asked to enquire from Garter King of Arms for permission from Miss Toombs to design New Stamp. Crest Garter King of Arms says he would consider any design by Miss Toombs but he would prefer to do them himself.

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- b) Coat of Arms cost £157.  
This will already exceed estimated cost.  
Defered to S.P.O to pursue cost of £157.10. and will refer back for consideration and approval.

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COMMITTEE ON COLONIALISM:

The Commissioner told the Island Council that the Status and future of Pitcairn Island had been discussed by the United Committee on Colonialism. After discussion the Council invites the Commissioner to draft a suitable declaration for incorporation in the minutes as follows:-

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DECLARATION BY THE PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL.

Excluded to  
U/2/1 (C)  
J. 22/7/68

The Pitcairn Island Council, having noted the discussions which have taken place from time to time in the United Nations Committee on Colonialism about the future status of the remaining smaller colonial

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territories and having also noted that the British Colony of the Pitcairn Islands is one of the territories considered by the Committee.

Island Council  
minutes, 13 June  
1968, including  
statement for U.N.  
Committee on  
Colonialism

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The Council declares that it has no present wish to seek to change the nature of the relationship between the Government and people of Pitcairn and the Government and people of the United Kingdom; but, if, at any time, change should be desirable, the Council has full confidence that this can and will be negotiated satisfactorily by free agreement between those whose sole concern it is.

13 June 1968

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The Council further declares that independent statehood would be administratively and economically impracticable for the small, isolated island community of Pitcairn.

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CLOSE: Meeting closed at 5:15.P.M.

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Pitcairn Armorial Ensign (Exhibit "P" to Gilbert Affidavit)

This is the Assignment of the Amorial Ensign marked with the letter "P" referred to in the affidavit of MARY JEAN GILBERT

Elizabeth R

Sworn at Auckland this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2003

Before me: G.M. FORD A Registrar of the Supreme Court of the Pitcairn Islands



4 November 1969

Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor Bernard Marmaduke Duke of Norfolk, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Earl Marshal and Our Hereditary Marshal of England, Greeting

Whereas for the greater honour and distinction of Our Territory of Pitcairn Island We are desirous that Armorial Ensigns should be assigned for that Territory

Know Ye therefore that We of Our Princely Grace and Special Favour have granted and assigned and by these Presents do grant and assign the following Armorial Ensigns for Our said Territory of Pitcairn Island that is to say: Azure on a Pale in base Vert fimbriated Or a representation of the Bounty Bible proper and in base of the Anchor of H.M.S. Bounty Or and for the Crest Or a wreath and Vert On a Mount Vert a representation of the Pitcairn Island Wheelbarrow in front of a Slip of Miro leaved and fructed proper the same are in the painting hereunto annexed more plainly depicted to be borne for Our said Territory on Seals, Shields, Banners, Flags or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms

Our Will and Pleasure therefore is that you the said Bernard Marmaduke, Duke of Norfolk, to whom the cognizance of matters

a the end that Our Officers of Arms and all other Public Functionaries  
whom it may concern may take full notice and have knowledge thereof  
in their several and respective Departments And for so doing this shall  
be your Warrant

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Pitcairn Armorial  
Ensign (Exhibit "P"  
to Gilbert Affidavit)

b Given at Our Court at St. James's  
this Fourth day of November 1969;  
in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign

4 November 1969

c By Her Majesty's Command

Michael Stewart

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e Recorded in the College of Arms, London

A. Colin Cole

f Windsor Herald and Registrar

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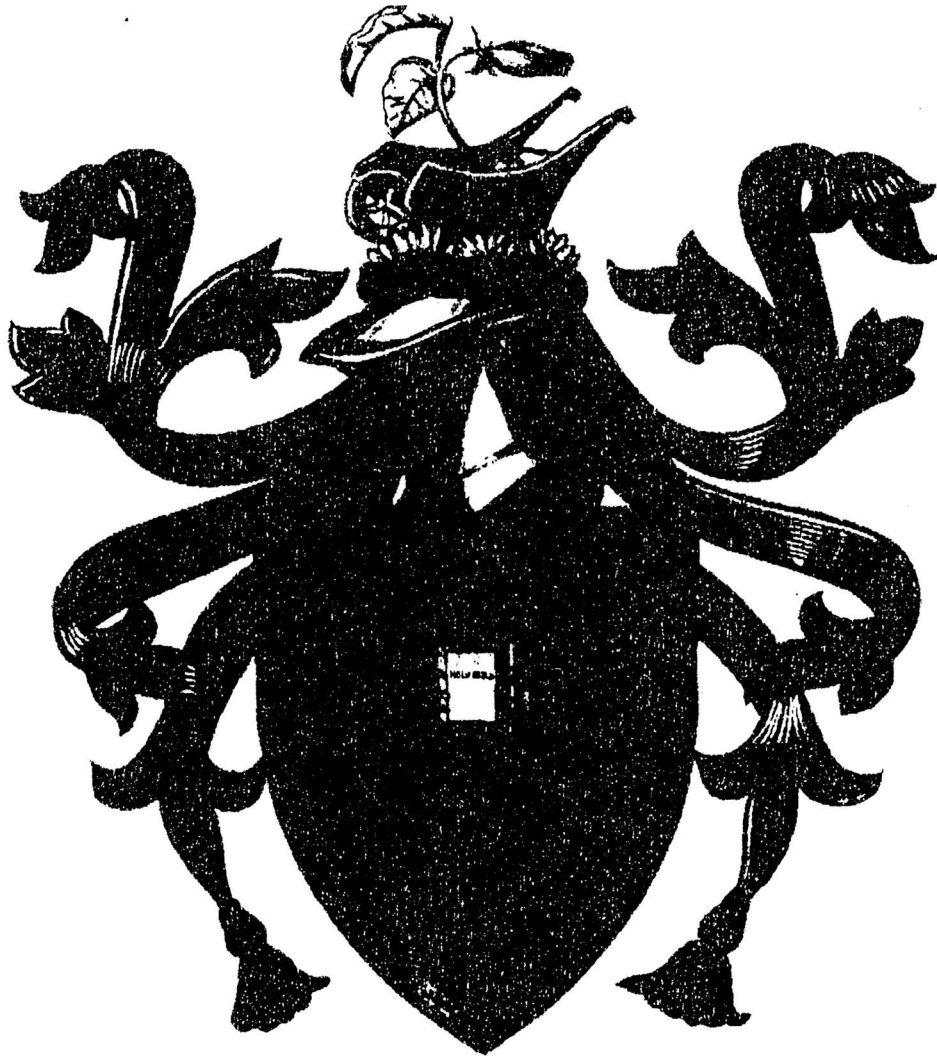
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ARMS  
 PITCAIRN ISLAND



## DESCRIPTION

Azure on a Pile in base Vert fimbriated Or a representation of the Bounty Bible proper and in base of the Anchor of H.M.S. Bounty Or And for the Crest On a Wreath Or and Vert On a Mount Vert a representation of the Pitcairn Island Whealbarrow in front of a Slip of Miro leaved and fruiced proper.

Granted by Royal Warrant dated 4th November 1969.

## 434. Minutes of Island Council Meeting held 10 November 1969

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Minutes of Island  
Council Meeting  
held 10 November  
1969

10 November 1969

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MET 10th NOVEMBER, 1969 AT 7:30.P.M.

PRESENT: All Council Members bar Henry Young. a

PURPOSE: To discuss Govt. Business.

OPENING OF MEETING:

Island Magistrate declared the meeting open with a prayer by Pastor Parker.

Committee

Minutes Read:-

Business arising from Minutes - b

Tom commented on the Public Work that was mentioned in the Committee Minutes. He also questioned as to how many roads are involved in Public Work. Oscar said tracks such as Charles Outy, Tedside etc, Again he said that the trackways cut by the Tractor and are not being cared for are only waste of money. Christie remarked that the road to the Landing is covered with gravel and it should be cleaned immediately. c

COUNCIL MINUTES READ & DISCUSSED:

G.A reported that the books "Guide to Pitcairn" were sent to Australia to be published. Moved Christie sec. Tom that the Minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

SCHOOL REPORT: Anderson asked the Education Officer if he needs an Assistant to help with the school work. He said he is able to manage the work alone, and that he is not prepared to employ an unqualified teacher. Moved Christie sec. Tom that this report be accepted as read. d

RADIO STATION:

Tom queried the price of an Air Compressor. G.A said it varies from \$50. Moved Christie sec. Oscar that this report be accepted. Carried. e

POST OFFICE REPORT:

The F.D.C Orders which came in late, was discussed at some length but nothing was done. Moved Christie sec. Tom that this report be accepted. Carried.

POLICE REPORT: 1.

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G.A. the ...*

G.A said that the Police Officer told him about the complaints that came in regarding him being slack in his work. The Police also told him that he could not take action on hearsay. Moved Christie sec. Tom that this report be accepted as read. Carried. f

VARIOUS REPORT: - Comments arise from Report.

1. Tom commented on the making of ~~the~~ New Rudder recorded in Landing Supervisor's report.
2. *|||* Island Magistrate said that the Elect.I records different work done during the month but according to observation the Elect.II does most of the work. G.A reported that Elect.I said in Committee Meeting that he refused to do two jobs for the present salary he is earning. (\$14.) After a discussion nothing done. Moved Christie sec Anderson that this report holds as a true record. Carried. g

Other reports were moved and seconded by Council Members.

*As above*  
GENERAL BUSINESS:

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N 13/1  
G.A. ...*

WORK SHEET: G.A. put the above before the Meeting for their view and approval before distributing a copy to each member to report at the end of each month. After checking the sheets moved Christie sec Oscar that the above be approved. Carried. h

435. SPO (F.E.M. Warner) to Government Adviser (R.S. Henry) regarding minutes of Island Council meeting held 10 November 1969

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SPO

(F.E.M. Warner) to  
Government Ad-  
viser (R.S. Henry)  
regarding minutes  
of Island Council  
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15 January 1970

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Dear Mr. Henry,

PP 367  
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I refer to the minutes of the  
Regular Council Meeting held on 10 November.  
The wording of the items headed 'Police Report'  
and 'Rent Concerning the Geodetic Team' is  
rather obscure.

15 January 1970

2. We should be grateful if you could let  
us know what these two Minutes actually mean and  
the circumstances to which the Minutes refer.

Yours sincerely,

*F. E. M. Warner*  
(F.E.M. Warner) *la*

The Government Adviser,  
PITCAIRN ISLAND.  
via New Zealand



436. Government Adviser (R.S. Henry) to SPO in response to letter of 15 January 1970

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Government Adviser  
(R.S. Henry) to SPO  
in response to letter  
of 15 January 1970

14 March 1970

YOU REFERENCE: O. 3/3/1  
PLEASE QUOTE: Letter No. 24 (1970)



PITCAIRN ISLAND GOVERNMENT

14th March, 1970.



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The Commissioner,  
South Pacific Office,  
Government House, Grounds,  
Suva, Fiji.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter Number 8 dated 15th January, 1970 concerning two items in the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held here 10th November, 1970.

(a) Police Report.

From time to time unofficial complaints are heard concerning the Police Officer and the way in which he carries out his duties. Vernon is aware of these complaints and has stated that they are groundless as the majority of them presume that he should take action upon hearsay. At the meeting of the Council in question a number of the members were criticising the Police Officer for not taking action when school children damaged a building in the care of Lloyd Christian. Prior to this Vernon had mentioned in conversation that he had approached Lloyd about this matter and had been asked not to take action. It seemed appropriate to point out to the Council Members the true facts of the matter and to remind them that the Police Officer cannot be expected to act upon hearsay. Vernon appears to carry out the duties expected of him. He does his rounds conscientiously in the evenings, checks the doors and windows of the Co-Op and Public Buildings and keeps an eye on goods from the time they are landed until they are under lock and key. On one occasion at least stores were landed on Friday night and Vernon spent the night and the best part of Saturday at the Landing to make sure that nothing went missing.

(b) Rent concerning the Geodetic Team.

Complaints were heard from both the Islanders and the Geodetic team about the excessive rent that Pervis Young was charging the Geodetic Team for the use of his house. He was in fact charging US\$20.00 per person per month a total of \$100.00 per month. On the face of it this seemed outrageous. Pervis was questioned and a meeting was arranged immediately attended by the Island Secretary, Pervis Young, the Adviser and all members of the Geodetic Team except Lt. Soli who at that stage (September 1st.) had not arrived. Discussion at the meeting was loud and on some sides heated. Sergeant Anderson said that he had agreed upon \$100.00 and that he was not prepared to go back on his word so nothing was accomplished.

Further enquiries revealed that "rent" was an unsuitable word to use on this occasion as it not only included the use of the house but all bread (15 loaves or more per week.) all house cleaning including dishes, bed making, floor cleaning etc., all personal laundry and bed linen, all ironing and firewood for hot water to mention the main items. Even by Pitcairn standards US\$20.00 per person per month is not unreasonable.

When Lt. Hansen arrived he visited the Adviser to discuss this matter and a further meeting was arranged. Rent and the other services were tabulated and a price for each agreed upon. The figure arrived at was US\$20.00 per person per month but an understanding was reached that the members of the Geodetic Team were free to make their own arrangements for laundry and ironing if they wished and this some of them did which satisfied the locals who had been complaining that the Magistrate had used his position to "corner the market."

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It was decided to put an end to further complaints by bringing the matter before the Council where it was agreed that US\$5.00 per person per week was a reasonable amount to charge for the rent and services mentioned.

No further complaints were heard.

Yours faithfully,

*R. S. Henry.*

R. S. Henry. (Adviser.)

Government Adviser  
(R.S. Henry) to SPO  
in response to letter  
of 15 January 1970

14 March 1970

*A sensible outcome*  
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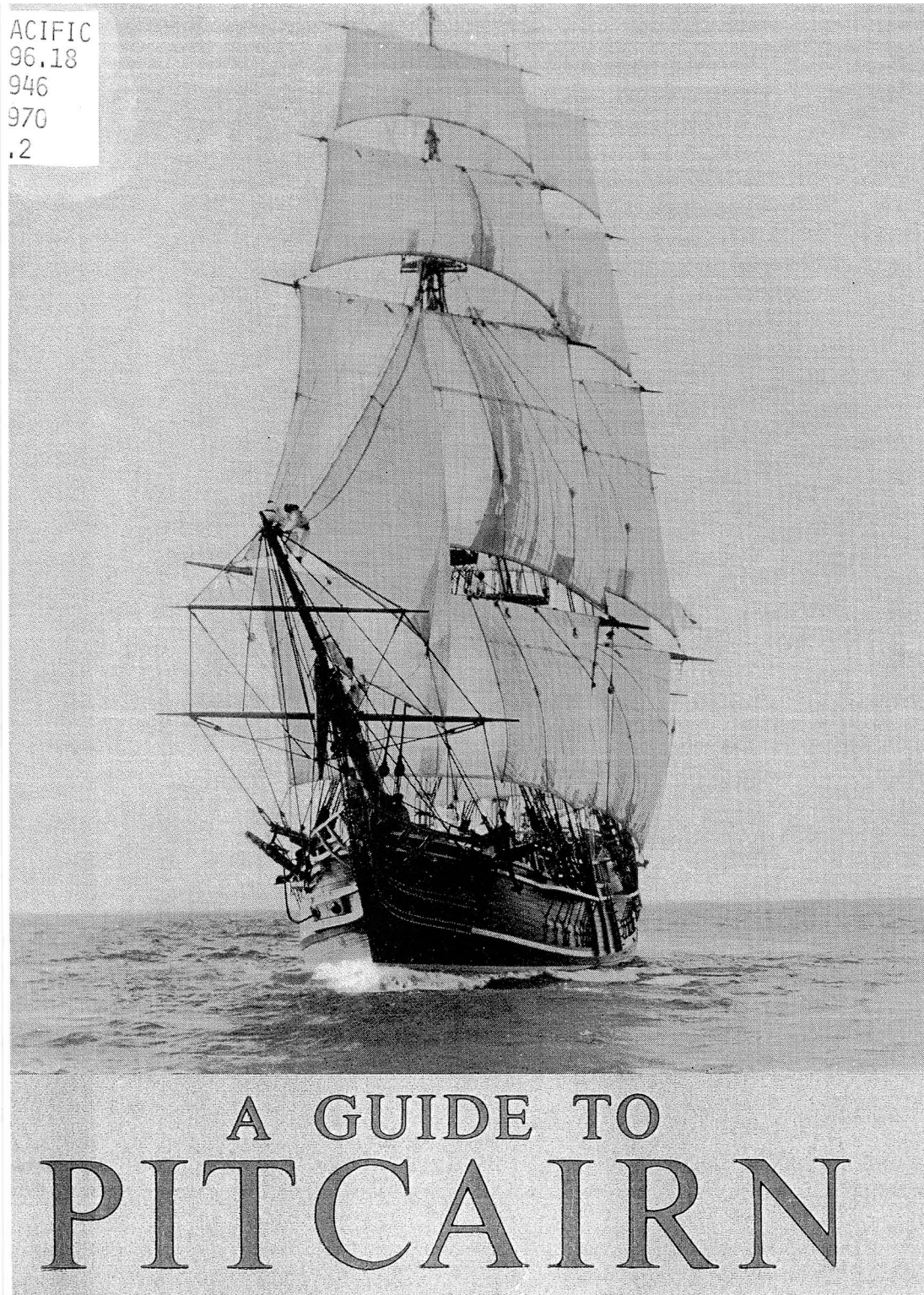
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# A GUIDE TO PITCAIRN



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**PREFACE**

The first edition of this Guide was published by the British South Pacific Office in 1963. In his Preface, the Commissioner for Pitcairn, Mr T. R. Cowell, wrote—

*A Guide to Pitcairn* has been written partly for official record and partly so that up-to-date information may be readily available to those who are interested in the history and present life of Pitcairn Island. Much of the material has been gathered from letters, reports and observations that so often lie dormant in files after their immediate use has passed but which, discovered, correlated and re-written, have a lively story to tell. To all who have contributed to this store—and they are too many to name—I hope the editing does justice.

For the coherence of the historical chapters I am indebted to Mr H. E. Maude, O.B.E. of the Australian National University, for access to a much fuller account which is shortly to be published in *The Pitcairnese Language* by Andre Deutsch of London. And, finally, I wish to thank the Chief Magistrate of Pitcairn, Mr John Christian, and members of the Island Council for checking the text, and Miss Miriam Orna of the Colonial Office for her assistance in editing it.

Part I remains virtually as it was in the first edition; but even on isolated Pitcairn, life does not stand still. Part II has therefore been revised to reflect changes in the Pitcairn way of life over the past seven years.

I am grateful to all who have contributed to the text of the present edition; and for the photographs which appear in it for the first time.

KENNETH BAIN  
 Commissioner

British South Pacific Office,  
 Suva, Fiji.  
 January 1970.

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## **ADMINISTRATION AND THE LAW**

Pitcairn Island was brought within the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific in 1898, and in 1952 the Pitcairn Island Order in Council transferred the responsibility for administration to the person of the Governor of Fiji, following separation of the offices of Governor and High Commissioner.

By Ordinance No. 2 of 1952, the Pitcairn Island Government Regulations of 1940, which provide for local government by an elected Council and limited jurisdiction for an Island Court, were given the force of law under the new Order in Council, and the legislation was revised in 1964. The Island Magistrate, two Councillors, the Chairman of the Internal Committee, the Island Secretary, three nominated members (one appointed by the Governor and two by the elected members), and two advisory members (one appointed by the Governor and one by the Council) and the Education Officer in the rôle of Adviser, constitute the Island Council, which is charged with the management of internal affairs, and which normally meets in the first week of each month under the chairmanship of the Island Magistrate in whom are vested executive as well as judicial powers.

The Council has authority to enact rules of the nature of by-laws which must be notified to the Governor, in whom resides the power of revocation and alteration. In practice, it is rarely that the Council exercises its legislative functions without consulting the Governor beforehand and, when it does, alteration is usually confined to textual amendment to make the meaning and intention of the rules legally exact. An internal Committee, consisting of the elected Chairman and other members appointed annually by the Council, is responsible for arranging and supervising the performance of the traditional public work for which all adult and able-bodied men are liable.

The qualifications required for voting are three years' residence and eighteen years of age, and candidates for the posts of Island Magistrate and Councillors must have had twenty-one years' and five years' residence on the island respectively. The electoral roll is prepared by the Island Secretary in December of each year and, except



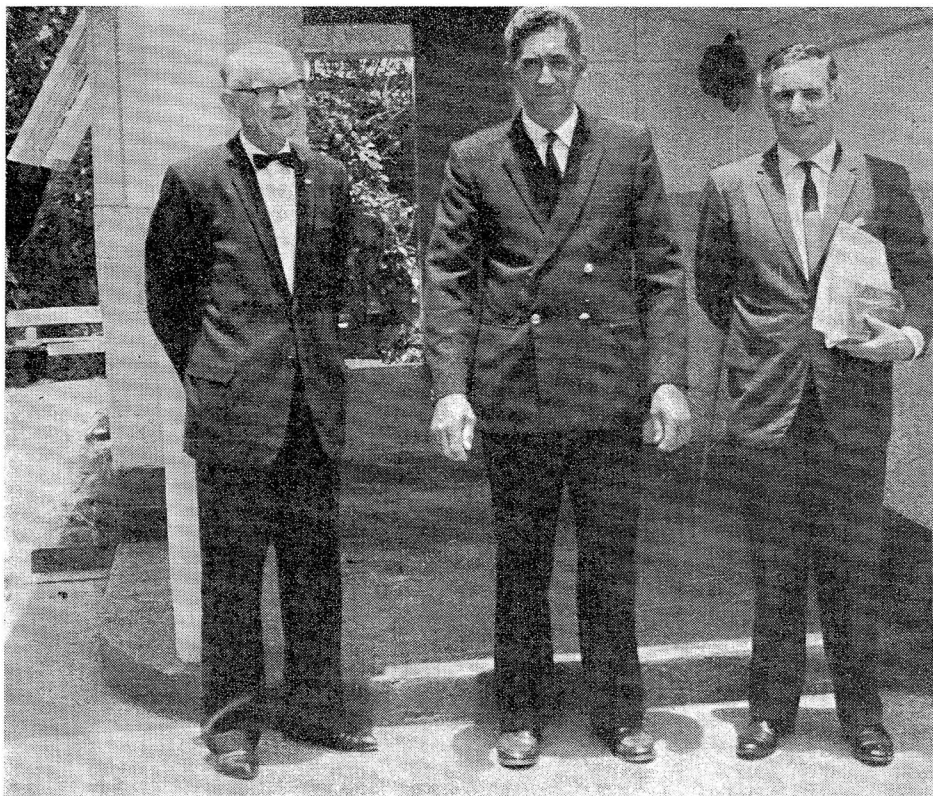
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Pastor Walter Ferris, Pervis Young (Island Magistrate) and Sir Derek Jakeway, Governor of Fiji and Pitcairn, 1964-68.

for the Island Magistrate, whose term of office is for three years, elections are held annually on Christmas Day.

The Island Secretary and other non-elected officials of the local government, including the Postmaster, Radio Officer and Police Officer, are appointed by the Governor, invariably after consultation with the Council. For the size of the population the number of official posts is large, but this diversification is traditional and in direct descent from the family type of organization bequeathed by John Adams. The principal holders of public offices from 1956-69 are listed in Appendix III.

To assist the local government in its duties the Education Officer holds the appointments of Government Adviser and local Auditor *ex officio*, in which rôles he is expected to advise when requested and to tender advice when the public good requires it. He attends sessions of the Island Council but has no voting powers.



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The Island Court consists of the Island Magistrate and two Councillors. Its jurisdiction is limited to offences under the island code committed by, and civil actions between, residents of the island or which arise within territorial waters. The maximum punishment in criminal cases is a fine of \$50 or imprisonment, on the island, for 100 days, and in civil cases jurisdiction exists only if the amount in dispute does not exceed \$200 (or \$400 with the consent of all parties). The Island Magistrate has powers of summary jurisdiction in criminal cases when the penalty does not exceed a \$10 fine, and in civil cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed \$10. When the Court is sitting with Councillors the verdict is decided by their vote, the Island Magistrate exercising a deciding vote if the need arises. Sentence or judgement may be passed by the Island Magistrate only.

There is provision in the 1952 Order in Council for appeal to the Supreme Court of Fiji, which also has jurisdiction in cases outside the competence of the Island Court, and by Ordinance No. 1 of 1961 a court, subordinate to the Supreme Court but distinct from the Island Court, was also established.

In instances where there is no local law, the law of England is applied so far as circumstances permit.

Only one case, which resulted in a conviction and a fine, has been tried before the Island Court in the last three years.



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## APPENDIX I—POPULATION STATISTICS

### Births and Deaths

<i>Years</i>	<i>Births</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Increase</i>
1864-1933 (average per decade)	43	16	27
1934-1943	36	21	15
1944-1953	26	24	2
1954-1963	30	17	13
1964-1968	4	2	2

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### Composition of Population

<i>Year</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Boys (under 16)</i>	<i>Girls (under 16)</i>	<i>Total</i>
1936	81	67	29	23	200
1954	52	45	14	25	136
1955	55	46	18	24	143
1956	60	50	25	26	161
1957	56	46	22	28	152
1958	50	39	21	26	136
1959	49	40	24	33	146
1960	47	40	24	33	144
1961	38	36	21	31	126
1962	39	41	20	28	128
1963	29	31	15	11	86
1964	34	29	14	13	90
1965	34	31	14	9	88
1966	37	32	13	14	96
1967	35	30	12	10	87
1968	29	26	10	11	76

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### APPENDIX III—OFFICE-HOLDERS IN PITCAIRN, 1956-1969

#### Island officers (elected)

	<i>Island Magistrate</i>	<i>Chairman of the Internal Committee</i>	<i>Councillors</i>
1956	Parkin Christian	Arnold Christian	Fred Christian and Warren Christian
1957	Parkin Christian	Pervis Young	Vernon Young and Ivan Christian
1958	Warren Christian	Oliver Clark	Ivan Christian and Jim Jacobsen
1959	Warren Christian	Wilks Young	Ivan Christian and Elwyn Christian
1960	John Christian	Len Brown	Elwyn Christian and Henry Young
1961	John Christian	Jacob Warren	Henry Young and Ivan Christian
1962	John Christian	Ivan Christian	Vernon Young and Henry Young
1963	John Christian	Radley Christian	Ivan Christian and Elwyn Christian
1964	John Christian	Pervis Young	Christy Warren and Wilkes Young
1965	John Christian	Pervis Young	Christy Warren and Ivan Christian
1966	John Christian	Pervis Young	Christy Warren and Ivan Christian
1967	Pervis Young	Henry Young	Christy Warren and Ivan Christian
1968	Pervis Young	Henry Young	Christy Warren and Ivan Christian
1969	Pervis Young	Henry Young	Christy Warren and Ivan Christian

#### Other principal officers

*Island Secretary:* Andrew Young; Ben Christian (since 1962).

*Postmaster:* Roy Clark; Oscar Clark (since 1960).

*Police Officer:* Floyd McCoy; Vernon Young (since 1963).

*Radio Officer:* Thomas Christian (since 1958).

*Forester:* Jacob Warren (since 1964).

*Education Officers:* A. W. Moverley 1949, R. Sanders 1951, G. Allan 1954, A. Wotherspoon 1956, E. Schubert 1958, M. D. Howse 1960, S. A. Kinder 1962, J. H. Forster 1964, A. A. Reeves 1967, R. S. Henry 1969.

*Resident Pastors of the Seventh Day Adventist Church:* L. Hawkes 1956, R. E. Cobbin 1959, D. Davies 1961, W. G. Ferris 1963, L. A. J. Webster 1965, W. G. Ferris 1967.





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MAY, 1970.

"OUR BANNER."By Pastor Ferris. - ex Pastor of  
Pitcairn Island.

Here on Pitcairn Island we love the UNION JACK and are very happy to be classed as one of the fortunate countries to come under the rulership of Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Pitcairn is a little colony but it is one just the same! With apologies to Canada I use their flag poem: -

"I'm proud of Pitcairn!  
Is Pitcairn proud of me?  
What she wants are citizens  
Loyal as can be.  
I love my island, and Britain's Flag  
that waves from sea to sea.  
O, I am proud of Home and Motherland  
and I'll make them proud of me."

The Union Jack was constructed under the direction of King James I who signed his name "Jacques" from which comes the abbreviated name "Jack". The "Union" comes from the uniting of the English Banner of St. George or Red Cross with the Banner of St. Andrew of Scotland, a white X shaped cross on a blue base. In 1801 Ireland joined the Union and her X shaped red cross on a white base was added making up the present Union Jack. The Irish cross was known as the St. Patrick-cross and as Patrick, Andrew and George were all good Christian saintly men and missionaries we have indeed inherited a very noble and honoured Flag. It is proper to know how to fly the Union Jack and when to fly it. There is a difference between the White, Blue, and Red Ensigns that should be known in each country of the Commonwealth. Simply stated the White Ensign is for the use of the Royal Navy and the Blue is for Government ships whilst the Red is for all others.

Each country in the Commonwealth has a distinctive badge or Coat of Arms to represent it on its Flag or Official papers. This Coat of Arms is placed in the centre of either the Blue or Red portion of the Flag. This Badge is also used on Official documents and is recognized as the mark of authority. A Coat of Arms has finally been prepared for the Colony of Pitcairn and the Council has seen it and accepted it. When signed by our Governor and registered in London it will then be available for use by the Government and people of Pitcairn. It will then be placed on our own Blue and Red Ensigns and proudly flown. It is a very beautiful Coat of Arms and is decidedly Pitcairn in every way.



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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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The Pitcairn Order  
1970

**1970 No.**  
**PACIFIC ISLANDS**  
**The Pitcairn Order 1970**

*Made - - - - 30th September 1970*  
*Laid before Parliament 6th October 1970*  
*Coming into Operation 10th October 1970*

30 September 1970

At the Court at Balmoral the 30th day of September 1970

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the British Settlements Acts 1887(a) and 1945(b) or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Pitcairn Order 1970 and shall come into operation on the appointed day.

2.—(1) In this Order unless the context otherwise requires—

“the appointed day” means 10th October 1970;

“the Governor” means the Governor of the Islands and includes any person for the time being lawfully performing the functions of the office of Governor;

“the Islands” means the Islands of Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Order the Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply, with the necessary adaptations, for the purpose of interpreting this Order and otherwise in relation thereto as it applies for the purpose of interpreting and in relation to an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) The Pitcairn Order in Council 1952(d) and the Pitcairn (Amendment) Order 1966(e) are revoked.

(2) The revocation of those Orders shall be without prejudice to the continued operation of any laws made thereunder and having effect as part of the law of the Islands immediately before the appointed day; and any such laws shall have effect on and after the appointed day as if they had been made under this Order and (without prejudice to their amendment or repeal by any law made under this Order) shall be construed with such modifications, adaptations, qualifications and exceptions as may be necessary to bring them into conformity with this Order.

4.—(1) There shall be a Governor of the Islands who shall be appointed by Her Majesty by Commission under Her Sign Manual and Signet and shall hold office during Her Majesty's pleasure.

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54. (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.  
(d) S.I. 1952/459 (1952 II, p. 2307). (e) S.I. 1966/1459 (1966 III, p. 3959).

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