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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dr. Arthur Grimble,
Resident Commissioner,
Gilbert and Ellice Colony,
Ocean Island.

Dear Dr. Grimble:

So sorry for the delay in answering your most courteous letter of 2nd December.

It was curious that Haddon made no mention in 1923 of your work in the Gilbert Islands. We are delighted to learn of the excellent progress which you have made, and of the bright prospects for future researches by such enthusiastic and capable persons as Mr. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Maude. I have written at some length to Mr. Maude; and we are sending him a number of publications which may be of interest, and of help in his work.

Our desire with regard to papers on Pacific Island ethnology and natural history is that they should be published and thus made available to other workers. We feel that, in times like these, one should make use of any opportunity for publication which may be offered. The volume of our publications is at present somewhat reduced because of tightness of the budget, and we are not able to turn out all the manuscripts we receive. But we would be glad to give favorable consideration to such manuscripts as you would care to submit, especially if their publication could not be assured elsewhere. However, if you have other satisfactory means of publication, you should certainly take advantage of it.

Science is a great common storehouse. "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." And the wherewithal to provide them is even scarcer! It matters little how the harvest gets into the storehouse, or by what door, as long as it does get in, and none is wasted. Our concern is that, on the one hand, as little as possible is wasted; and on the other, that two workers do not try to harvest the same patch, and thus get in each others way. The Gilbert and Ellice "patch" seems to be under careful cultivation, and should yield a rich harvest.

Mr. Emory states that he is following your work and that of Maude and Kennedy with much interest. He has already written Kennedy, and wants you to feel free to call upon him at any time if there is any way in which he can be of help to you.

Please keep us posted as to progress in your work, and also let us know if we can assist in any way.

Yours very sincerely,

E. H. Bryan, Jr.

Acting Director.