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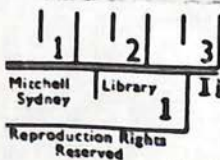
British Legation

Lima March 13 1869.

My Dear Sir.

I conclude ere this you
have received the letter in
which I told you that I
had forwarded the dispatches
you sent me for Earl Russell
to their destination.

I have now something
to



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Peru. Ms

to request of you which
is this. - it is merely that
you interest yourself
that Senor Alexander
Sado, who is on board
the "Serpiente Marina"
detained by the French
at Tahiti, be treated as
a "Coastlers" and not
as a "mariners": He is
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of a Good family in Lima;
His Father being a man
of Fortune & a military
Colonel, retired.

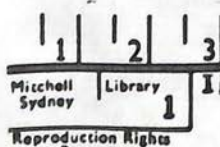
Of course the French authorities
well know how to treat
a gentleman under
any circumstances.

With regard to the rest of
this affair have nothing to say,
as it is the business
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business of the French
to look after "their own
House."

A Peruvian vessel called
Teresa brought about 200
Polynesians reported from
Island of "Independencia"
but one of the crew has
stated from Easter Island.

I think these speculations
will cease even before they are
quashed. - The Islanders don't
do here: want work: get ill & die.
Believe me, Yours very obediently
Dr. P. Y. Shaw.



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Lima, March 13. 1863.

From the Honble

M^r. Jerningham.
H. M. Charge's affairs.

Rec^d. April 14. 1863.

Respecting the scheme
of Polynesian Immigration
into Peru.

Unsuitableness of the
Islanders introduced, for
the service required of
them in Peru. Mortality
amongst them.

Act. in Private Letter
of May 4. 1863.

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Hangai Nov. 2 1863

My dear Sir,

I have just received per Avarai
letters from you dated respectively
June 20th and October 15th. I cannot
easily convey to you a correct idea of the
joy and gratitude awakened in the minds
of the people by the news of the safety of
Davida and his three companions. The
king desires to thank you and the other
gentlemen both French and English, who
have used their influence to secure
the restoration of the Captives. He
is particularly anxious for me to beg
of you to endeavor to procure for
Davida and his friends a
passage from the Marquesas to
Pahiti and thence to Hangai;

and his three companions. We
will also provide some further

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I feel personally indebted to you for
the very prompt and kind interest "Dad"
you have taken in this matter.

I am desirous also to state that
250 natives of the Puvulpa were taken
into captivity. Amongst them were 4
teachers, named ^{native} Thaiaam } of Manzara
Faciti }
Foa } of Atia
Joa } of Rarotonga

From Rakaanga (an island only 26 miles
from Manihiki) 87 natives were taken

From Bukapuka (i.e. Danger Island)
140 were taken; amongst whom is
the teacher Ngahimovari, a native
of Rarotonga. They were entrapped by
a Swissman who goes by the name of
"Paddy" and who has with his Partner

to you for wife lived for years on Danger Island.
 not without "Daddy" is a well known character, being
 married on Tahiti, Fanning's Island for a
 short time only and has even found his
 way to Otaheke and Palmerston &
 Samoa. 80 natives went off in a brig,
 with Hgahimovari somewhere about July
 or Feb. last, not many days after
 a bark commanded by Graves got
 60 more under pretence of going with
 "Daddy" to Palmerston, to make some
 out call for J. Beauden, Esq. The
 use of Mr B's honourable name
 deceived the remaining teacher
 and the people. I have understood
 that these poor Behapuka (Danger
 Island) natives are yet in slavery.
 I hope that you will again early

your influence on behalf of the poor
captives. I have recently visited
all these islands, in the hull,
Bark John Williams, and am witness
to the devastations these unprincipled
men have made on Otago, Tahiti
and elsewhere. I may add that
58 natives of Huene or Savage
Island have likewise been
taken away. I write hurriedly, but
I could not permit the Awarui to go
back without a line of thanks to
you, for the noble exertions you have
made in the cause of freedom and
humanity. I remain, my dear Sir,
Yours very truly,
J. C. Miller, Esq. }
N. B. M. Consul } William Wyatt Gill

Mangaia, November 2. 1863.

From the Rev Mr Gill,
resident British Missionary,
Island of Mangaia.

Recd. Dec. 9. 1863.

In reply to Consul Miller's
letter of October 15. 1863, - Mr
Gill makes known the satisfaction
felt by the King of Mangaia on
learning of the safety of ^{his son} David
and his three companions. Mr
Gill also furnishes some further
details respecting Natives carried
off from the Islands of Rakaanga,
Pukapuka, and Niue, for Sale.

M.

Papeete, November 25. 1862.

My dear Major Woodhouse,

I received two days ago your
Letter of the 15th to 18th inst; and that from Mrs
Woodhouse, inclosed, was delivered to my Wife, who will
send by the "Argente", to sail in two days, the basket
of vegetables asked for, and which were ordered for
tomorrow before we were aware that the "Manoia"
(by which I send this) was to sail for Raiatea
today.

^{Excuse}
I doubt my expectations on your
being no longer on hand in connection with
the affairs of Messrs Madsen and Pringle.

There is at present in this Port,
detained upon suspicion of having been engaged
in unlawful proceedings at the famous Islands,
a Peruvian barque, called the "Sopinto Marina".

This vessel, it has transpired, forms one of a fleet of at least ten or twelve lately fitted out and despatched from Callao for the purpose of collecting natives amongst the Pacific Islands, and introducing them into Peru as Immigrants, under contracts for service in that country.

It appears that a vessel despatched from Callao, and which obtained between two and three ^{hundred} natives from Ponchya Island, disposed of their services in Peru at a very great profit to the Importers, who I understand realized on an average about 100 dollars per head for these poor Ponchya Islanders, under the plea of passage money due for their conveyance. The voyage attended to was performed about the middle of the present year, and its great success, together with the increasing demand for labour in Peru consequent upon the extension of Rice and Cotton planting, seem to have excited the

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capacity of speculators, who look forward to the large profit to be anticipated from the transfer of the term of service which the ignorant Islanders may be bound for in the so-called contracts under which they will be landed, or, in other words, from the sale of these ^{and their} unhappy people into protracted servitude, of a kind which neither their habits nor their nature are likely to permit them long to withstand.

I am credibly informed that even companies, in small shares, have been got up in Lima for the fitting out of expeditions in this new traffic, and that, in the enthusiasm of speculators, several crazy old vessels, long laid up as hulks, have been equipped for voyages to the Islands.

It is not difficult to foresee that much suffering awaits the poor Islanders when evil fate may land them into the power of



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of interested men who will not scruple to crowd them into such wretched ships, and that great abuses will take place in this traffic, in which unscrupulous collectors will find so many favorable opportunities for entrapping their unsuspecting prey.

Contracts ready printed, in Spanish, with blanks for names and dates have been brought in ready for use, and doubtless the marks of the Islanders will be obtained at the foot of such contracts before they reach Callao. Probably too the contracts will be attested by some irresponsible, but paid, person shipped amongst the Islanders and pretending to be a competent interpreter; but it may I think be safely assumed that none of the Islanders obtained will possess anything approaching a clear idea either as to where he is going or as to what length

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length or kind of servitude he
may be dooming himself when making
his crop at the foot of one of these
so called contracts.

There is in fact but too
much reason to fear that this new
system of supplying Terra with labourers
will, in practice, prove little better than
a wholesale system of fraud, abduction
and kidnapping - and I cannot think that
it will for an instant be tolerated by
the British or French gov^{ts} - for besides
the wrong to humanity which will be
sure to accompany it, such proceedings will
eventually exasperate the Islanders and
lead them to retaliate, and thus, endanger the
safety of all (even innocent) traders in the
South Seas.

But some time must of
course elapse before the gov^{ts} in Europe
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can be made acquainted with their state of things, or complete measures concerted for the suppression of the traffic — complained of, which seems to be little else than slave trade in disguise, if not Piracy.

In the meantime, perhaps one of the best things to be done is to Warn all the Islanders against the peril that awaits them in going on board of strange ships, or in consenting to go away with any stranger under any promise either of reward or of being brought back in a certain time to their country. I believe the French authorities here are preparing proclamations or Warnings to be printed and circulated by every opportunity amongst the Islanders. They are not yet however ready, and as

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chance of putting the Natives on their
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particulars by this first opportunity, since
you may have the means, as I am
sure you will have the desire, to
cooperate in saving these poor people
from the sad fate by which they
are now threatened, and from the
snare into which many have already
unwarily fallen.

The Pomare's Vessel under detention
here, had on board two Natives of Easter
Island, who had evidently been retained on
board by force or deceit; these two men
have been taken out of the Vessel by the
French Authorities and set at liberty, but
the Vessel is further suspected of having
committed some illegal act, or attempt to
carry off people from the former Islands
where

where as you know the French Flag is flying.

Yesterday a Schooner arrived from the Paumotu Islands bring intelligence that another Peruvian ship had succeeded in carrying off some 200 natives quite recently from the Island of Faveva and neighboring Islands; in this case, the master of the Peruvian ship seems to have been a person who formerly resided amongst these Islands, and he besides succeeded in finding an agent (a Frenchman) at Faveva to assist him; this agent has gone off likewise, leaving a considerable amount of debts, unpaid, at this place. Both Mr. Prander and Mr. Aort will be losers too, as many of the Natives carried away to Peru were in their debt.

You will readily conceive that this abduction of Paumotu people, from the very Dependencies of Tahiti, has caused a great commotion

sensation at this place, and the War
steamer "La Touche-Treville" was dispatched from
hence this morning for the Paumotu Islands
accordingly.

This letter will be delivered to you
by the Captain of the "Manupai", who has
lately been on the coast of Peru, that vessel
having brought the last mail from Papea.
He will be able to give you further particulars
on the subject of the new traffic which has
unfortunately suggested itself to that country.

I have written this in a private
form so as to be at greater liberty in conveying
to you my opinions and my apprehensions, but
you are at perfect liberty to consider it as
Private Official, should circumstances render
it desirable so to do.

Of course I shall avail myself
of the first mail to report on the matter
to the Foreign Office, and also to the
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Charge & Affairs at Lyma. &c. It seems
to me most important to furnish every information
to those who may be in a position to concur
in the suppression of this odious traffic.

Believe me to remain

Very faithfully yours

J. Miller

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P.S. Mrs. Miller writes and
me in kind remembrance to yourself
and Mrs. Woodhouse. I will
write again by "Cypriote" - when I
shall perhaps know more about the
intentions of the Protestant government
with respect to the American ships.

I am sorry to be obliged to
ask you to be so good as to send
me back "Chitty's Law" - I have
occasion to consult the volume on
several points, and amongst others on
one of great personal interest to myself.

J.P.H.

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February 24. 1863

Sir, I must acknowledge the receipt of your two communications, the last of which arrived from Valparaiso to day. I forwarded the first dispatch you sent me for Earl Russell by the mail of the 19th Feb.; the last will go by the mail of tomorrow for England.

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I have read with great interest their
Contents, as well as the communications
and newspapers which you sent me
for my perusal,

a vessel called the "Meresa", Peruvian,
I believe, lately arrived here from the
Island of "Independencia", with two
hundred and three natives.

our acting Consul at Callao went
on board, but he could not get
any more information about them
than that they came hither of their
own



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own free will.

The Oceanic Government have issued a decree forbidding Captains of vessels and Speculators, bringing these Polynesians and other Emigrants to Pera, to land any of them until the "Commissions" instituted for examining into the Contracts between these Natives and the Speculators, shall have investigated them.

If the Contracts are not duly verified, the Polynesians, or emigrants will be assisted by the laws to do with their Persons as they think fit. If abuse be proved the offenders will be

be submitted to the judicial authorities.
I have no orders yet from Home about
the Business, except to watch proceedings
and to report upon them. Since
my return in January last I have
written to Earl Russell such information
as we have obtained.

The difficulty for us here is to learn
actually what abuses may have been
committed when embarking these
Polynesian, as when they arrive at
Pelles they are all made out to have
proceeded either of their own free will.

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If this trade is to be put a stop to,
it would be more effectually done
so at the Islands themselves, and
a cruiser or two would soon
accomplish the affair.

I don't think it will continue
as the French have taken the matter
up with such alacrity; besides
these Polynesians don't know
how to work like the "Peones"
of Peru, and may not
work at all. The Speculators
will get sick of the business
now they see difficulties facing
them. I must thank
you

Yours for your communications,
and I have the honor to be
Sir, Yours very obedently.

John Stappard Jones
Agent in charge of affairs.

To J. C. Muller Esq.
Honorary Consul
Tahiti.

Lima, February 27. 1863.

From the Honble Mr. Serrano
H. M. Charge's Affairs in Peru

Recd April 14. 1863.

Acknowledging receipt of
Mr. G. C. Miller's communica-
-tions of Dec. 1st and Dec 15th.
1862, respecting the abuses
committed by Peruvian Immigrant
ships in the South-Seas.

Decree of the
Govt of Peru concerning
the introduction of Immigrants.

Acte (officially) April 30/63.

Acte also in Private Letter
of May 4. 1863. }

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Papeete, June 16. 1863.

My dear Major Wedderburn,

I received, three days ago,
your Note of the 1st Inst asking me to
send you my last "Navy List", which request
I should have gladly complied with, did I
possess one of those Lists that would be at all
likely to be of any interest to you. Such is
however far from being the case, for the last
and indeed only "Navy List" I have is that
of September 1858!

Admiral Bugeaud in the
"Fulda" seems to have left Callao in April,
or early in May, for Panama, and the North
Coast of America, unless you also believe
the "Saccanta", and "Topage"; the "Charbon" was
on the Coast of Chile or Peru; this is
all

all I am able to tell you either ^{as to} the
ships on this station, or their whereabouts.

I see by a Lima Newspaper
just received, that on the 28th of April
last, the Peruvian government had decided
upon granting no more licences for the
introduction of Polynesian "colonists" into Peru.
This decision moreover prescribes the
formalities that are to be observed with
respect to vessels bringing to Peru any
Polynesians under licences previously granted,
it is as to ascertain if the Immigrants have
been duly engaged, or if any abuses have
been committed either in obtaining them or
during their passage. The mortality
amongst the ^{unfortunate} South-Sea Islanders who had
been brought to Peru, is alluded to in the
document as having been so great as to
cause as much compassion as astonishment.

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I learn from the Captain of the vessel that brought the last mail from Papea, and which had, en route, called at Callao, - that the Master of the "Empress", the famous kidnapper at the Marquesas, and also it proves the kidnapper of Ota and Manuaia; - as likewise the Master of the "Guillermo", and the Masters of several others of the vessels concerned in the Eastern Island voyages, - had been arrested by order of the Peruvian govt and were then prisoners in the "Cajas-matas" of the Castle of Callao.

As you do not mention having received the "Foreign Office List", which in accordance with the request in your note of April 21st, I sent you about a month ago, I fear it may not have reached your hands. I did not send you the sealing-wax, because the "Lohn

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"John Williams" had then quoted this place
for Karaita, and by her you said you
would be conveyed to you a large
stock of stationery from England.

I send you a few numbers of
"Punch", not very nice ones, though only
just received by me.

Good Mother writes with me
in kind regards to yourself and Mrs
Wodehouse, and.

Believe me always
Very truly yours

Jackson

Major Wodehouse
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