

Further alternatives would be to -

- (1) Transport Gilbertese to Gardner Island for four months periods to clear and plant lands which would be subsequently allotted to them, workers to provide their own food. This would entail a good deal of organisation and it is submitted that the cost of transport would be prohibitive.
 - (2) Sell unplanted land on Gardner Island to intending immigrants and pay for the cost of clearing and planting from the proceeds of the sales (For example the Tabiang and Taboiaki Native Co-operative Society on Beru has a surplus of £300 banked with the government which they might be willing to use for land purchase on Gardner Island).
- (h) It is urged that Gardner Island should at all costs not be abandoned as it is likely to prove one of the most valuable assets of the Colony and funds now expended on its development will be eventually returned several times over in direct and indirect taxation.
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