

Mr. J. W. Jones.

- (a) It is estimated that Mr. J. W. Jones has about 2 to 3 more months work to perform on Hull Island in connection with the Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme and he is anxious for information as to his future employment. Until the departure of Mr. C. Harlen, Mr. Jones was largely employed in work in connection with ^{the} inauguration of the air Service. Subsequently he prepared a survey of the cultivated and uncultivated land on Hull Island. He is now engaged on the partition and demarcation of native lands and the construction of buildings on the Government Station.
- (b) Subject to political considerations it is recommended that, on the completion of Mr. Jones' work on Hull Island, he should be either -
- (1) Transferred to Gardner Island, where his services would be most valuable in supervising and speeding up the work of clearing and planting, or
 - (2) Retrenched. He is himself not anxious to stay on Hull Island unless plenty of work can be found for him, as the extreme isolation is only bearable if coupled with continuous distracting employment.
- (c) Without detracting in any way from the value of Mr. Jones' services it must be stated that he remains essentially a Plantation Overseer. While thoroughly at home in charge of a labour gang, he appears unable to re-orient himself to the advent of free settlers and the establishment of a system of Indirect Rule through a Native Government. Through friction between