

between Mr. Jones and the embryo Native Government I have had to postpone the formation of a normal Native Government on Hull Island, such as functions with marked success on Sydney Island, and organize the island as a labour gang under his direct supervision. This arrangement cannot be maintained for much longer and I would urge that, on the completion of his work on Hull Island, Mr. Jones should be either transferred to Gardner Island or retrenched. From recent conversations I gathered that, having been offered a cocoa plantation in Samoa, Mr. Jones is not particularly anxious himself to stay on in the government service, unless continued employment is likely to lead to a permanent appointment. In any case it is suggested that a period away from the isolation of the Phoenix Islands, where he has lived without a break for several years, would be in the interests of his own nervous health.

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