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Wilfred Abbot - AA PNG Col. Box 20:1

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- Letters relate story of why Abbot quit mission
- of interest - Abbot wanted to take people off tobacco, so bought stores of hatchets, jews harps etc. from Samarai (ran up a big bill
  - because people so well paid at Uviga, villagers behind apparently took ornaments apart for trade beads etc. and cleared out his store
  - to bring things back into order, he introduced a mock currency - 1889-90, I believe.

- He asked the Bishop for a loan
- S.W. opened his letters and made inquiries in Samarai, finding that Abbot had run up a bill for £60
  - Abbot, hoping for support from England
  - but also complained the £20 loan was not enough
  - also accused of knocking down a teacher
  - also complained of little support from Pogura

- Tendered resignation - accepted
- Accompanying letter from Bishop in Queensland expressed doubt that he would work again
- I apparently trouble in England
  - sold curios & shells, but made little money

- Wheeler - dealing - hoped to make extra to pay by stuffing birds
- into mission uniforms.

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- He became Organising Secretary of the New Guinea Mission in England in 1916 for a short time
- salary of £200/yr.
  - raised about £1000; with all expenses, could send £500