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Wilfred Abbot - AIA 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 Ubigla, 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 ran 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 trader

- also complained of little support from Pogwa

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 lend £500