

ABBOT

large small rasp ✓

sayo spoon ✓

hoe ✓

flute ✓

1 set netting impts ✓

3 Kuyaro pants (1 blk) ✓

2 brass tacks = ✓

2 shells ✓

3 needles ✓

1 axe ✓

3 axe blades ✓
? 1 large net ✓

100s money necktie ✓

1 N. S. money, one arm ✓

? 1 sayo beater ? ✓

2, wooden shell horn & arm

by member flt ✓

Chief family

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June 16

Cromford St
Leicester

Dear Sir

I have been a missionary in British
New Guinea & returned home in 1901

I was the first white settler in Collingwood Bay
District. North East Coast.

My people are still Cannibals, & are still in
the stone age, using Flints & Bone Implements.

The British Museum bought an example of
every kind of curio I brought home,
except shields & bags & nets.

What they bought was immediately displayed
in their cases with my name on them &
they can be seen there

~~I brought home sets of tools etc.~~ with the
idea of selling some to pay the cost of
freightage for my own collection & for presents
for my friends.

Mr Henry Balfour Beford Museum, advised
me to write to you suggesting that you might
be able to purchase for the Horniman Museum
I will give 15% discount for £5 purchase

" " 25% " " £10 " "

Please return Price List

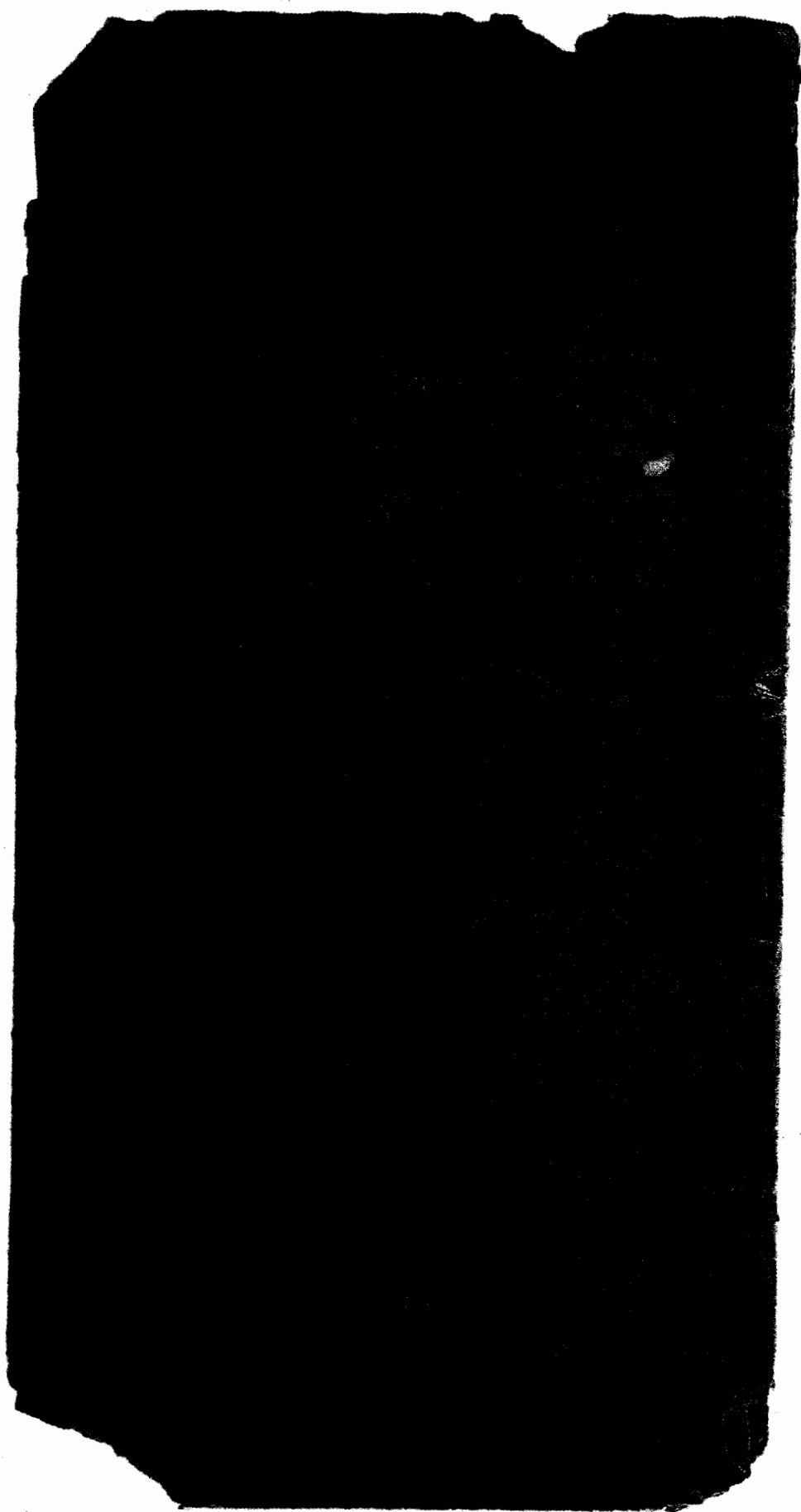
Believe me
Yours very sincerely

Wilfred D. Abbot, M.A.
Senior Curator, St Matthews, Leicester

February 1973.

W. H. Hobbs material
found near Guinea also
in Manchester Museum
collection.

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HORNIMAN MUSEUM—L.C.C.

ACCESSION No. 38

Date Feb 1903

REPORT.

Received from Rev W. H. Abbott

Address 1 Cromford St.
Leicester

To be credited to _____

Gift, Exchange, Loan, Deposit, Purchase.

Collected by Rev W. H. Abbott

Date collected 1900

Locality New Guinea

Museum Nos. 3.51 - 3.69

Description of Objects.

*Ethnographic
specimens.*

Total number of Specimens 27

Feb 21st / Cromford st
Licester

Dear Mr. Hadden

I am much obliged
to you for your letter & I
have sent in my account
to Mr. Braines for £3-14-6.
Please return the nickels,
I am very glad indeed to
have them. I have a very

few left. Your comment
on those I sent the first
time was that they bore
of no use because I had
had them remade with
clean string so I sent
some that had not been
remade -

Believe me

Yours very truly

Wm Lloyd Garrison

2 necklets
1 wooden patch
1 skin saw or surface

returned

Feb 24 1903

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Curios
with
Received
many
the rules

1 Cromford St
Leicester

Dear Sir,

I have no record
of the curios I sent to
the Horniman museum.
The only facts I remember
are that Mr. Gladdon
returned all the necklaces
I sent him & would have
none of them, because
they were too new and clean

when I returned those
curios which he had
~~made~~ marked I put
in some ^{old} necklaces, I
do not remember how
many, but I am quite
sure there was one of
Cowrie shells, you
have returned a
forehead shell ornament
but there is a cowrie
~~old~~ shell necklace that
has not been returned.

I quite admit it is
my own fault, my
own unbusiness like
way of doing business.
keeping no memorandum
of what I sent;
However the mistake
can easily be rectified
Mr. Haddon returned
all my shell ornaments,
I sent back some on
approval, how many
I don't know. I only

remember one distinctly
it has not come back.

If there remain any
in the collection you
have bought. They are
all mine. Mr. Gladdon
did not buy one. and
I am quite certain I sent
a cowrie shell ornament.
Perhaps others.

Please do not imagine I
think you have tried to
steal this necklace. If it
cannot be found, don't think
any more about it.
Believe me yours very truly
Wm. H. Abbott

1 Cromford St
Leicester

Dear Sir

I have exchanged doubtful
large flint for another.

I noticed the marks you
mentioned immediately.

I cannot account for them

I don't know who may
have been experimenting
with it, Gerard had

my curios to sell for

some time, perhaps some
enthusiast there experimented

I have replace Sago beater
handle by one that has
been well used - I am
sure the other part has
been used. I have taken
the cowries off the
string. Undoubtedly they
have been worn, possibly
I bought them off
the mans arm, ~~may~~ tie
them to their armbands,
as a sign of their
relationship to the chief.
Please turn inside

As regards the shell money, The necklace
I sent to you was not re made up
for me, I don't know the string used,
farther it has undoubtedly been worn,
They continually remake their ornaments
for themselves.

They always buy their wives with these
shells - They use them in much the
same way as we do half sovereigns &
five shilling pieces, but I have never
known them divide a necklace -
Most men however can sell you half
a dozen single ones, if you ask
for them -

I believe me
Yrs very truly
Wm. D. Abbott

2 sets of Native tools -
axe drill chisel
not middle
saw knife
flint £1.1.0 each -

2 sets of Nitting appliances
5/- each

chiefs shells - 2/-

Necklaces - 5/- each

2 Ago beaters. 10/- each

2 Cooking spoons. 5/- each

Obsidian Flint 1/-

2 Flates. 5/- each

2 jewsharps 5/- each -

I wd rather have 30/- for the set of
tools I will replace any you discard -
but I will take £1.1.0. I am hard up -
Perhaps you wd be ready to give £1.5.0.

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July 19th / Cromford st
Leicester

Dear Sir

Thank you for your
letter. It is not so crushing
as the first.

Re Questions.

A Shell Money -
a Louisiade Trader
came along my coast
I told me it was shell
money. I paid the natives

very highly $\frac{2}{3}$ ²/₆ Tomahawks
for wristlets of it, My
natives buy them from
the Xai Xai in
exchange for native
cloths & clay pots. I
have often known
them buy & barter with
them but my own
particular natives do not
use them as regular

money but I have always
understood ~~that~~ that
the Luvieri, Chimu Bay
& other natives do so.

B I am sending another
bundle for soap beads
which I am sure you
will not suspect.

C My natives are
continually making
& remaking their ornaments
they like new fibre as
much as I do

The large axe blade has
not been recently
rubbed at the edges
as far as I know. I
am rather amused
at this. My natives only
saw a white man for
about three months
in the year, I have
never known them sell
a stone axe to anyone
except me

I don't think it would
be worth their while
to fake up a stone
axe. They get the
stones from the Hill
tribes, they don't make
them themselves. However
I will send another axe
blade instead, that I
see has been broken
in use - I mean the
edge - Now we have

3 different-kind of axes,

1 Large to cut down trees, cutout-canoe.

2 Medium to make firewood, ~~cut~~ cut off ~~from~~ branches etc.

3 Small. To jag sides of spear wood, before scraping thin & round with horns take.

Now would you like a specimen of each.

as you order is so small I will send you axes & handles that you cannot suspect as fakes.

& it will increase the order,

Also would you like some ornaments not re-made up, but the old sting. I fancy

I have a few.

The fact is my holidays

are coming on, & I
am jolly hard up &
want some cash.

Believe me

Ever very truly

Wm Lloyd Garrison

The stamp of the sago
stick has undoubtedly
been used. I never bought
one until just before I
came away & then bought
up those in use -

Do you like some Womens
mourning ~~ear~~ earrings -

(Innsfail Hills Rd. Cambridge) July 18, 1902

London County Council,
The Horniman Museum.

Dear Sir - I find it is simpler to
(per G.N.R.)
return all the specimens to you
as the prices are not marked on the
objects I have felt some difficulty
in knowing what to do

I have however marked with
red pencil the labels of certain objects
and have wrapped them in paper
marked with red pencil - I
enclose a list of these selected
objects (If the lot is carefully
unpacked the two lots cannot
get mixed.)

Large Red Head - shell is
separate - looks as if it had been
recently rubbed at its edge -
it strikes as unusual & looks
very suspicious.

The shell nucleus being
unmoulded are another in museum
specimens.

To save you trouble I enclose
a list which you can price -

Do not send any specimen
to me or to the Museum till you
hear from me again.

Sincerely you must have a good
deal of information about custom
of Whignon etc that an work
publishing - We would be

Will you please quote me a price
for these objects. I have marked

several with a ? as I would like
more information - (A) & B
really shell money? I mean a
cavities worn a & horn - a specimen
has been lately mounted - have you
an original mounting. (B) The
handle, it all costs, I say to be
look quite new - have any of it
ever been used? (C) Have
any of the white cavities ever been
used? or are they merely
samples?

Charles St
Rutland St

Mr Groves
Mr Preston

A. C. Hedges

Yrs. M. S.

My pleasure you will
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Amers. Rep. at Belfast is
Dept. - a paper in Anthropological
Institute -

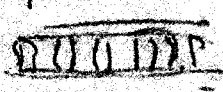
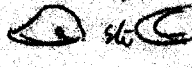
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New Collection
Rev. W. H. Abbott

B N. G.

1. Stone axe, branch of tree, cane band, green & tree 10/-
2. Club or pounder? 10/-
3. Sago spoon for stirring when cooking 5/-
4. Native flute 5/-
5. ~~Asper?~~
6. ~~wood piece~~
7. Hoe, used in garden to destroy weeds & plant potatoes
8. Saw, skin of a small fish, used to ornament spears etc. joined round wood. 2/-
9. Piece of turtle shell, - scraper.
10. Woman's mourning necklace
11. Needle & 5/-
12. Chisels (3) made of Kangaroo's jaws 3/-
Collingwood Bay. Used to ornament barbed.
13. Bone hook (2) native plane. used to make spears, sword etc 2/-
14. Needle to sew bedding, women's cloth dresses, made of bone from wing of flying fox. (bar) 1/-
15. Shell money, worn round the arm 10/6
16. Obsidian, used for shaving & cutting, hair 1/-
17. Shell necklet. 4/-
18. Shell band.  corners? 2/-
19. Shell amulet  2/-
20. Four shells.  2/-
21. Greenstone adze 4/-
22. " 4/6
23. " 2/6
24. " 3/6