CHIGNELL

HAMPDEN RESIDENTIAL CLUB,
PHŒNIX STREET,
LONDON. N.W.

Mar 2/09

My dear Sir,

I am sending you by parcel post 7 pieces of prehistoric pottery recently dug up at Wangiera and also a piece of a shell which is interesting. There is no knowledge whatever as to age, nor is there any material used for pot making such as was used in this I'm sorry I have

Dont get received any of the "fire lighting" sticks I fear Dry Sun has for-gotten them. = I hope the "cookery" mile be all right, as there is very little in the country & what there is in the B. In Came from the same spot.

Yours faith'

W. H. Chignell

Dr. Harrison

9/74/5

HAMPDEN RESIDENTIAL CLUB,
PHŒNIX STREET,
LONDON. N.W.

Mar 5. 02.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 4th to hand.
The shell was dug up into the, cottage. = Some time ago, in digging the foundations for the house at Wanstead in Collingwood Road, some pieces were found, & were sent to the B.M. = One other small piece was found later, and some 3 months ago, in pulling up some old buildings they came across the pieces sent you. = I cannot fit a piece = I want to find the hitherto hidden, so make me an offer. - My son says that

he has never seen, save by
children, any attempts to light
fires with wood. = The
natives keep up their fire
continually, and birds matches
are so he had, but he tells
~~by the~~ of the policemen from
the interior to see if they
can get any. = He suggests
making a collection of the
present make of earthenware
for it seems that to each
family makes a different
pattern. = She came with
"tappa" cloth, of which the
best comes from his district
at Uiatau. = Sores seem to
have disappeared and trade
tomahawks & knives have
taken their place, but of
course this applies mainly
to the trading stations

66 South St.

307. Leominster.

Nov. 21.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 20th to hand.

My son at Keele seems to have sent you 'samples' and as he has a great objection to being bothered with "bits of pots only fit for the dust heap" it is more than probable that he has sent you just the first bit which came to hand. The small stone axe, was, or is, I thought one of three or four, made for children to play with, and as such should be of use.

Anyhow, I have told him he had better send you what things he has, you can then make selection & I will tell you what to do with the others

= In reference to the posts
I believe there are never
2 really alike, but I'll
get sketches for you. - Don't
forget that it takes nearly
or quite 5 months for the
Spanish reply.

Yours faithfully

W. H. Chignell

65 South St.
Leominster
Dec 3/09

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged for your letter. = It would seem as though mine crossed it. & that there are, or were some more things on the way to you. - If so, & you care to make selections, will you do so, & I will then let you know to what address to send the other. = I send all the things as they come to you, as I much fear that those if any all should be in one collection

Yours truly
W. N. Chignell

Lent 2

Def 2

Lunch 1

Knock 1

Old 1

USA 1

Engl 1

HORNIMAN MUSEUM.

London County Council.

HISTORICAL FILE.

Catalogues of Collections; Letters and Memoranda concerning Specimens.

Accession No. 325, 337, 351/2

Museum Nos. 9-74/75, 9-170 to 184, 9-363/5

Sender Bl Mr. W.H. Chignell - collected by Mr A. Chignell

Date of Accession 1909

Fragments of pottery (prehistoric) modern pots, ornaments, & other objects from S.E. British New Guinea

1909

HORNIMAN MUSEUM—L.C.C.

ACCESSION No. 290

Date Oct 1 1908

REPORT.

Received from W H Chynell

Address Hampden House
St Pancras, N.W.

To be credited to Purchase

Gift, Exchange, Loan, Deposit, Purchase.

Collected by son of W H Chynell

Date collected 1908

Locality Collingwood Bay, Brit N.G.

Museum Nos. 8-307 - 8-319

Description of Objects.

Lime spoons, shell money
nose ornaments &c

Total number of Specimens 14

Coll'n of N.J.
specimen rose ornaments
wasp nests. butterflies
157

Hampden House
St. Lawrence
N. Y.

Sept. 2nd

Dear Sir. Collegiate Bg.

I last night received a small parcel of Maisin & Iburi articles, together with some butterflies. The latter have been sent to an address given me, but if you care to see the other things, I'll be pleased to bring them down on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning on hearing from you.

The rose ornaments, adze & one of the lime sticks are exceptionally good & the little bamboo ornament is peculiar & the 16 ring armlets are peculiar as showing the shape of the particular widows arm. I'm sorry there are not more

Yours faith
W. H. Chignell.

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WANIGERA
January 11 1907

Contents of Parcel addressed to

W.H. CHIGNELL ESQ.
HAMPDEN HOUSE
PHOENIX ST
N W
ENGLAND.

4 string bags of native make
1 [illegible]

Received per Parcel Post.

Mark (35)

Note. The small bag I got on the MUSA, at the village where we struck the river for I have seen nothing quite like it elsewhere.

- The large piece of cloth is nothing very special, I paid 3 sticks for it - the others are ordinary, & just to make up weight.

- with exception specified, these things are the work of

UBIR PEOPLE
at WANIGERA (via RAIN
Collingwood Bay

WANIGERA

January 11 19

Contents of Parcel addressed to

W. MITCHINELL ESQ.
HAMPDEN HOUSE
PHOENIX ST
N W.
ENGLAND

4 string bags of native make
4 pieces of Tapa cloth

Received per Parcel Post.

Mark (35)

Note. The small bag I got on the MUSA, at village where we struck the river I have seen nothing quite like elsewhere.

- The large piece of cloth is nothing special, I paid 3 sticks for it - the others are ordinary, I got to make up weight.

- with exception specified, these things are the work of

UBIR PEOPLE
at WANIGER (i.e. RA
Collingwood Bay

WANIGERA.

Papua

January 13. 1909.

My dearest Father,

ie ORERESAN, near Wanigela

I was in a village this afternoon, dressing an old woman's ulcerated leg — an ulcer about 1/3 the size of this bit of paper. When I saw a man making a net. I stopped & talk w. him, & offered to buy his kit as it was. He named a price (5 sticks) & I closed. And I am sending the entire set to you, since one of yr. museums might care to have it. Here is the bit of wood ⌐ which is stuck in the ground. Sometimes the chaps hitch this between 2 of their toes when doing small work — (or hitch the string direct round their big toe) — and the bit of net already made — & the gauge (it is often of tortoiseshell — I've sent you some of them) — & the bobbin, or shuttle, or what it is — much like the thing we used to make at Silver when we netted hammocks — but pure native, nevertheless. A hank of the fibre from wh. the string is rolled I wanted him to tie the latter up tight for me, but he objected, since the ring into which the stuff is rolled is the ordinary arrangement for hanging it up in the house. If it was worth while, I cd get some more sets like this. And wd. it be worth sending you a set of the different kinds of nets used for fishing. One pattern is v. large, with wooden floats & shell sinkers. I won't write more now, as I sent off a long letter to you this morning.

Your affectionate Son,

Arthur.

For Father

Rev

WANIGERA.

January 13. 1909.

Contents of Parcel addressed to
Philip C Chignell. Esq
Hessle
Hull
England.

means the name for "wood"

(1) One set of net-making tools, viz -
WOODEN HOOK (WENGAR)
PIECE OF NETTING (OOIVAT)
STONE GAUGE (MATAN) i.e. "EYE"
WOODEN NEEDLE (OOWAN)
LOOSE FIBRE (IMOR)

all the work of an UBIR man, living at OYAN, Collingwood Bay

(2) One small fish-net.

each net has special name. The people here have at least 4 different Kinds of net.

By Parcel Post
from
Rev A K Chignell.

Mark 36

For Father.

WANIGERA

January 20 1909

Content of parcel addressed to
Philip Chignell. Esq
Heasle
Hull
England.

3 pieces of pottery (native)
ie

Nos 1 & 2 were found at AIERAM, near Was

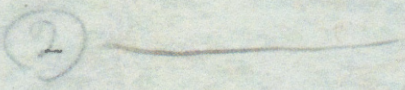
No 3 was dug up morning on Mission at Wanigera (ie K

No 1 is peculiar. Money ha seen one like it before is now in the Mission M at SAMARAI. The th it is a handle

Received

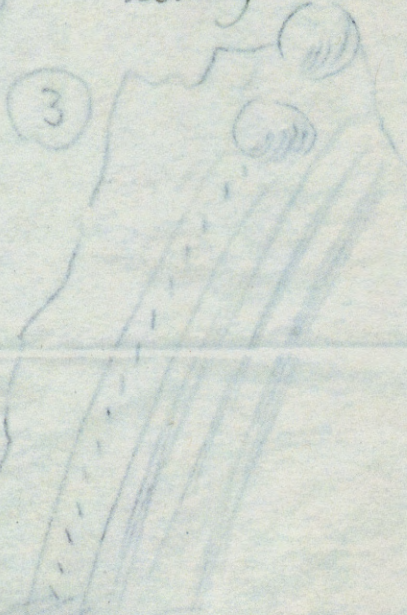
No 2 is rather finely mar

No 3. is typical of "prehistoric" pott The 2 bosses ar common - & bits found w. 3 & 4



All of this "prehistoric" p is unlike, in substance & to pottery now made b natives of present day working about it.

I think you will find specimens in British Museum. Monckton, who was R.M. at TUFI (Cape Nelson) collected specimens at RAINU (ie. Wanigera)



Mark 37

Parcel Post

WANIGERA.

February 1 1909

Contents of parcel addressed to

Philip Lovell Esq
HTSLLE
HILL
England

/ 1 pot of native make — Ubir
/ 7 shell armlets — Taupota
Slash / shell — Pati-pati.
/ 3 native fibre bags — Ubir

(Ubir, name of tribe)

Marks (40) By Parcel Post

I have sent these parcels to Phil, as you suggested. You will tell him what to do w. them.

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WANIGERA.

February 1. 1909

Contents of parcel addressed to

P. Kitchen Chignell Esq
~~Hornsea~~
Hull
England

4 native bamboo flutes UBIR (in Wanigera)
4 " " pipes — MAISIN (in UIAKU)

Mark (41)

Per Parcel Post

C. W. L.

HORNIMAN MUSEUM.

London County Council.

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Accession No. 290

Museum Nos. 8-307 to 8-319

Sender W H Chyall

Date of Accession Oct 1908

New Guinea Specimens

— Nose ornaments &c.

1908

Lordwich Apl

Hampden House
St. Pancras
London. N.
July 28th
1906

Dear Sir.

I have had sent to me by my son, a Missionary stationed at Wanigera, Collingwood Bay Papua, a collection of curios. The country is practically unknown & is still in the "Stone Age" = All the articles are genuine and not made for sale. = The British Museum has recently acquired a collection from near the same place and have given me the name of your Museum as a possible purchaser. = A fine collection of butterflies was sent by him recently to a London collector, & I could obtain more if desired

I should be pleased to show them at any time by appointment, or would send them to you for inspection & offer if desired

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully

W. H. Chignell.

65 South St.
Leominster.
Nov. 14.

Dear Sir.

My son at Nassau tells me he has sent a portion of the things he has, and has written in reference. The one in Papua writes that he has sent 2 sleeping mats, "IRES" which the natives seem to use for every purpose, when travelling. an umbrella, shelter from sun, to rest upon, and sleep upon, and 7 pieces of the 'lappa' cloth

He is also sending some widows ornaments which he has not before been able to obtain a sort of head-dress & petticoat which is tied round under the arms & covers the breast & back.

He writes:- "would Dr. Harrison in this visit to have a series of pots, care to have a case carefully packed & sent home. The carriage would probably be £2 or so, & possibly this would be prohibitive

Will you let me know.

Believe me.

Yours faithfully

W.H. Chignell

Leominster.
Dec 7th.

Dear Sir.

There has come a few more things, & I'm having them sent on to you. = Select what you wish, & when you have done so, I will let you know where to send remainder.

= Try out, when you have had enough.

Yours faithfully
W. H. Chignell

W. Harrison

2 palm sleeping mats
7 pieces of 'Tappa'
2 widows head dress
2 " Breast ornaments

7/6

Hexis.

Oct 25. 08.

Dear Sir.

There is at my sons here, a red clay bowl about 6" across. & which was broken in transit from Papua, was

been joined together by my son. It has a raised bowl ornament on the outside of the particular pattern. These bowls are ornamented in "family" styles & no two families have the same. This one is Daisin.

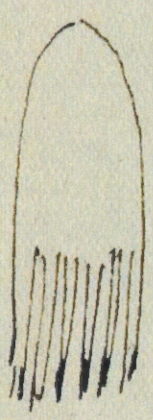
I also find a few pieces of the hammered cloth, and half a doz large bamboo cigarette holders, with burnt.

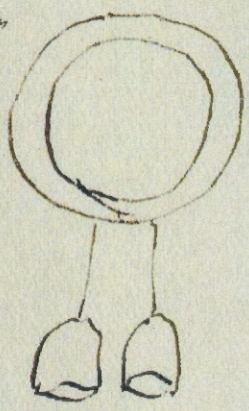
have another "walk"

Yours faithfully

W. H. Chignell

I have just found here a very fine tortoiseshell Comb. about 8" long and a very fine armlet cut from a shell, about 2½" in diam" with nut & bolt.





The Comb & this are about the last things I have got here.

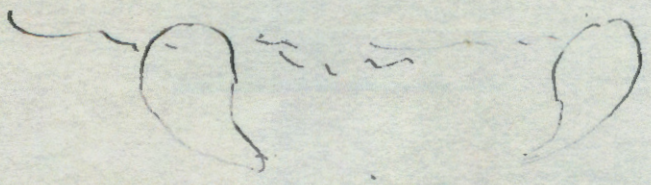
Hampden Club.
St. Pancras
N.W.
Jan 9. 09.

My dear Lee.

Among the things which I am sending on to me are several which can be of no use to you, so my son at Hull, Irwin kept some for himself, thinks it best that we should send them on to Stevens & this has been done. =I take it that as a matter of fact it will be quite as easy for you to see them there, and to buy, as here. =There are a few only which I am myself like.

Two good prints of Ara coeli.
A Lodia water bottle, stoneware.
Oddly marked with a red fibre.

A good ornament of shell disc
One or two more ornaments
A peculiar breast ornament
of Cowrie



2 small lime boards, with
Glyphs & wonderful lines
in them
and the following from the
Doviri (Cannibal) tribe
A very fine cooking pot
cleverly ornamented and three
wooden pillows

One, a very small one
Other things of little value,

Yours truly
W. A. Chignell

14	Kas.	Lizard skin files on wood
1	Kukus.	String bag knitted
1	Kiyaw.	Fishing net, of very fine fibre
	Simadow	Rough tortoiseshell
20	Malau	Tortoiseshell pieces used in net mak[e]
1	Sefef.	" earrings with attachments
1		" single
30	Jarok	Pearl shells used for scraping food
3		Tortoiseshell combs, one exceptionally good
6	Kakoroh	Earrings of studs on coco nuts
	Ford wau	Boar tusks used for forks & ornt
4	Fakau	Shaped shield like shells
3	Gigi	Spiral shell, poor specimens carefully hoard
1	Kurkuk.	Baby's rattle
		Head dress or waist ornament of cuscus skin
2		Cigarette pipes
1		Woven shell belt
8	Tain	- necklaces.
3	Ori	Necklaces with nut shell rattles
1	Iwau	Tattooing needle
2	Malar	Obsidian razors - 1 very fine
7	Saparu	Stone axe heads 1 " "
1		Stone chisel
	Kamera	Wax mixture for fixing heads &c
1	Umara	Lizard skin for drum head
1	Sepals	Hair front worn by men
1	Keri	Fine necklace of shell discs.
18	Emga	Wooden lime sticks
5	Oreg.	Bone needles (wallaby)
	Fifin	Natural gum

8.	Bedo.	Lime sticks of cassowary bone
1	Gerger.	Cowrie necklace
1	Wapunis	Fibre belt like knitted boot lace
1	Pfaiah	Totem.
1	Sfap.	Cork for lime bottle (gourd)
3	Gomai	Woven head dress, very fine
4	Kakuresh	Bracelets of white seeds (widows)
1	Piece of Pottery	pre-historic, pieces in B. M
3	Sogisir	Belts of woven fibre, very fine
2	Khorrhot	Necklace of black seeds.
1	Giasob	" " "
4	Gago	Rattles of nut shells
3	Pfui	Cowries worn on arms by chief
7	Kwasi	Bracelets of woven fibre (good)
2	pieces rough	Obsidian
2	Binar	Coco bracelets (children)
4	Strings of	Cowrie money, worn as necklace
2	Coco nut	Bracelets.

Fine specimens of bark cloth well Coloured.

All from the Wiri tribe at Wanigera, near Mount Victoria

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12/6

65 South St.
Leominster.
July 17"

Dear Sir.

Yours of 16th received. I am in the position of having to get as much as I can for anything my son sends over. His position precludes his 'trading' but any curios he may send, go to augment the Mission funds which are at a very low ebb. I think your offer a fair one, so accept it.

In his letter saying he has sent these particular pieces, he says that one of the fragments seems to have been a handle and that assuredly nothing like it has been found before & he suggests it going to the B.M. as the first specimens which were found at Rainu were sent there and he speaks of a pamphlet

showing photos of these, but it has not come to hand. - Raimu is one of the two villages joining the stations of Wanigela. - The days there are one or two mounds near & which have never been examined, & which he hopes to explore. - There is little doubt but that he sent one of the "Blue Birds of Paradise" just before writing, but these are so strictly preserved that it is never done to get it "except for food". - Average Mortals might say that they wanted food, but he could not.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

W. H. Chignell.

HAMPDEN RESIDENTIAL CLUB,
PHŒNIX STREET,
LONDON. N.W.

Oct 30th.

Dear Sir.

My son at Hessle seems to have come to the conclusion that the bowl is good & desires to keep it. = There are however two on the way, hung up at Samarai as too heavy for post, but they'll get here some day & you shall see them

= Cloth & pipes hardly worth sending I fear

= The things which you did not want I sent to

Stevens & they fetched good prices, but there was no bid for the stone adze - The necklaces fetched the best prices !! = I fear the expedition, being a purely one gave little opportunity for much study of native habits, and as no photographs were taken, only a few sketches were made - They marched some 150 miles, through bush, swamps, rivers, & over mountains ending with long canoe ride down the Musa river in three weeks ! = I hope that my son will at no distant date have another go, with interesting results.

Yours faithfully

W. St. Chignell

Dr Harrison

5 Ribblesford Ter.
Leominster
Dec '18/08

My dear Sir.

I have a list of the following as having arrived from Papua. - I would like to get an offer for the whole if possible - I dont care for some things - the necklaces & one stone tool which you did not care for. - The tools did not sell, but the shell necklaces sold well! -

It gives me the idea that it would be better to send all in to King St. - I shall be here until after Christmas & you will kindly reply here.

Yours faithfully
W H Chignell

Dr. Harrison

4 Native rattles

\+ 1 Quartz ornament.

1 Roll of native fibre

\+ Small earthenware bowl
very small

2 Coconut bowls, used as cups and ladles.

2 Shell nose ornaments.

5 lime sticks

1 rattle containing what my Son supposed were pearls

\+ Nose ornament

\+ Earring

\+ 2 Earthenware pots.

\+ 2 Small lime pounds

\+ Fishing net

2 wooden pillows - one very small

\+ 1 Chiefs Comic

\+ 1 Nose ornament

1 Scent 'sachet'

Pair of breast Ornaments (Seed)