

exchanging a cargo of coffee for one of gum in Auckland, in 1855. From 1851-59 *HMS Pandora* charted the New Zealand coast. One of the officers, Morton Jones, kept private journals during that time in which he included many maps and watercolours and descriptions of the settlers' society. Regarding these journals and other matters connected in one way or another with this article it is worth quoting a letter, 29 June 1911, written by Alexander Turnbull to S. P. Smith although the letter itself, having never left the Turnbull Library, is hardly a New Zealand manuscript held in Australia.

Dear Mr Smith,

Many thanks for so kindly sending me a leaf of the 'Lyttelton Times', dated 24 inst. containing the article headed 'Early Records'.

The catalogue referred to by the writer of this article was issued by a comparatively new firm of dealers in London who evidently are very enterprising in laying hands on literature and MSS. relating to Australasia, New Zealand and the South Seas: Morton Jones' Journal however must have been a new acquisition because it was not reported to me for sale but I have cabled and trust I may be in time to secure it for my collection. I likewise ordered some original sketches of Auckland but the set of six pictures by G. Hyde Page I had to let go as I did not feel able to pay the price especially in view of the fact that I do not make a point of collecting pictures.

There is nothing much else on Australasia in the catalogue not already in my library.

I told Mr Hamilton [the then Director of the Dominion Museum] about Page's pictures and he interviewed Mr Buddo [Minister of Internal Affairs] who, in turn, saw Sir James Carroll [Native Minister]. I likewise spoke to Mr Buddo and impressed upon him the necessity of cabling at once if the Government wished to secure them. I have not heard what has been done. [Five of the Pages were acquired by the Library by private sale after the Second World War.]

With so many keen and wealthy Australian collectors in the market one has to be 'sly' in seizing opportunities which present themselves in getting MSS. and rare books on Australasia and 'Taihoa - he no good' in cases such as the one I am alluding to.

Private collectors, such as the late Dr. Hocken of New Zealand and the late Mr Mitchell of New South Wales made considerable personal sacrifice to do the work that should have been done by the governments of their respective colonies, without hope or wish for reward, and only those who come after them will know and acknowledge the extent of the services rendered by these two gentlemen.

In New Zealand we have no National Library, no National Museum [apparently Mr Hamilton's institution did not qualify. See footnote 1,