

Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, an organisation of research libraries whose whose main function is the location of manuscript and rare printed material dealing with the Pacific and the arrangement of its microfilming for the benefit of member libraries. Turnbull's membership is as part of the National Library. Mr R. Langdon, the executive officer of the Bureau who is in Canberra at the Australian National University, reported on the negotiations in *Pambu*, no 11 June 1969, in which he quoted a librarian as saying that the negotiations had been 'a quite successful exercise in interlibrary and international co-operation'. The complex series of consultations in fact involved two last-minute calls by the Chief Librarian to Canberra and Sydney. Competition was very strong and many items wanted by Mitchell, The National Library of Australia and Turnbull went to other buyers. The Library's own purchases included letters by William Wilson, John Jefferson, John Harris, Henry Nott, Samuel Tessier, John Davies, and John Youl, all dealing with the establishment of the Tahitian mission. This acquisition matches a prized possession of the Library, the original journal of William Puckey, who landed at Matavai Bay in 1797. A Pacific log kept by Henri Jouan and Tahitian imprints were also acquired. The cost, approximately \$3,000, will be met by the Alexander Turnbull Library Endowment Trust.

Mention of the Endowment Trust reminds us that in this issue members will find the Annual Statement of Accounts of the Friends of the Turnbull Library. Although as part of the National Library the Alexander Turnbull Library has an increased allocation available to it for the purchase of library materials, the escalating prices of books, paintings and manuscripts still place it at a disadvantage in competition with overseas institutions. The capital of the Endowment Trust which began with a £100 donation by Sir George and Lady Shirtcliffe thirty-five years ago, has been added to over the years by donations and bequests, but most substantially by profits from the sales of Library prints published by the Trust. These funds, which total at present approximately \$45,000, need to be both husbanded and increased if the Library is to buy what it needs. Members, by encouraging the purchase of prints and other Library publications, will assist greatly in adding to our resources. The funds of the Friends of the Turnbull Library are used primarily to support the *Record*, the cost of which at the present time is a little in excess of our subscription income and returns from sales of the cards and other publications sold in the name of Friends. While the large increase in membership and worthwhile exchanges has been most gratifying, members are urged to widen still further the circulation by drawing the *Record* to the attention of friends and colleagues, and so enable at least three issues a year to be published, as originally planned two years ago.