

Bishop. Patteson

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My dear Mr Bullock.

We hope to sail for the islands on the 28th and I am anxious to send you a few words about the last summer's residence here.

We have had a very fine season, no long continuance of hot or cold, wet or dry weather, and with the exception of one lad of great promise - Edwin Leatuwale - who died of low fever some months ago, our party of Melanesians are all with us. One, Walter Hotaswul, is very delicate, and I do not think he will live long. He is a young man for whom we all have a great regard, whose example in his own island Motlav (= Saddle island) one of the Banks Islands has been very useful, and who bids fair to take his place before long as a teacher among his people. He wishes to remain here during the winter with some 24 others who will be under Mr Pitt's charge. "I shall be well taken care of, have medicine and comforts that I can't have in my own country; and here I am taught as I cannot be taught there; if I die here, it is very good". All the rest are well, and great reason we have to be thankful that the summer has been passed with such an

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