

series of press copy letterbooks, to muse on the unknown clerk whose hand-work he now treasures. It might be that of another G.B.S.

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1. A splendid cartoon of this conception is on the title page of *Manuscripts and men* (Lond., HMSO, 1969).
2. 'Proceedings of an historical society', in *Meanjin*, vol. XXIII, no. 4, 1964 p.367
3. *Sixteen self sketches* (Lond., Constable, 1949), p.30.

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### DOCUMENTS OF PRINCE ALFRED'S VISITS TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND 1867 - 1871

It is perhaps surprising to find a group of documents relating to Prince Alfred's visits to Australia and New Zealand in 1867-1871 resting in the Department of Special Collections of the Kent State University Libraries, Ohio, in the United States. Nevertheless, here they are.

In 1968 the Kent State University Libraries acquired from Mr. Hector Bolitho a manuscript, based on three volumes of documents in the Archives of Windsor Castle, describing these visits. The manuscript is written in ink on one side of forty leaves measuring 25.5cm. by 20.3cm. and bound in light tan paper wrappers. There are eight illustrations accompanying the text.

With Mr. Bolitho's manuscript are excerpts from fourteen letters, also from the Archives of Windsor Castle, mostly from Lieutenant A.B. Haig to Queen Victoria and relating to the visits, dated from 18th January 1867 to 1st February 1871. These documents are typewritten on one side of thirty-nine leaves measuring 25.5cm. by 20.4cm. and the leaves are unbound. Lieutenant Haig's letters provide valuable background information for Mr. Bolitho's essay and the entire archive helps document an interesting chapter in the history of Australia and New Zealand.

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