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2 March 1916

Sir,

I have the honour to
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desp. the 17th of the 7th of Janry
and to inform you that,
in accordance with your
wishes, enquiries on behalf
of officers as to the
station to which they will
be posted on return to
the Post will, except
for special reasons, be
discontinued in future.

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4. Moreover, it is usually impracticable to state with certainty what an officer's destination will be prior to the date of his arrival. Conditions here change so rapidly that it is frequently necessary to transfer men at very short notice, and I cannot therefore in any instance guarantee to determine the location of an officer in advance, or give any assurance that he will remain where he is posted.

I shall therefore be obliged if it can be arranged that the reply to such inquiries be to the effect that the information sought is not available.

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Sir,

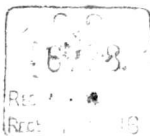
Your most obedient humble servant,

A. Conway Beyced.

GOVERNOR.

No. 17

7th January, 1916.



Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice that there appears to be an increasing tendency on the part of comparatively junior officers of this Administration, when in England on leave, to institute inquiries regarding the stations to which they will be posted on their return to the Protectorate, and in some cases - such as that of Mr Plowman dealt with in your despatch No. 880 of December 1, 1915 - to make application for appointments of a special nature.

2. This practice is productive of inconvenience both to the Colonial Office and to myself. It causes an unnecessary interchange of communication by telegraph or despatch, and I consider that it should be discouraged in all cases where no special reasons exist which, in your opinion, warrant such inquiry or application.

3. Administrative officers are bound by the conditions of the Service to take duty in any station in which their presence may be required, and in almost every case it is undesirable that their personal views on the subject of their destination should be expressed or considered.

