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VACANCY FOR NURSE VICE MISS THOMLINSON

Requests recommendation for re engagement may be cancelled and successor appointed with sanitary training.

W. Butler
Mr. Bostonley

The Gov. ought surely to have telegraphed about this as soon as he got D. Small's letter & decided not to cancel the recommendation of Miss Thomlinson's re-engagement. As it is, she has now ~~been~~ entered into a fresh agreement and we shall have to cancel it and pay her a month's salary (Clause 10 (1) of Schedule to agreement).

D. Small's letter makes it clear that she is unsuitable, and we had better write to C.A. at once & tell them

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them to cancel the agreement, paying her a month's salary. She has been drawing retium leave pay since 25-Nov., and she will, I suppose, be entitled to keep it in view of her having signed a fresh agreement.

And send copy of doc. & encls. to C.N.A., asking them if they recommend a candidate with the required qualifications.

When we write to Govt., we might point out the waste of time & money involved in his failure to let us know about this before.

A.C. 28/12/16

This was a new & very special appoint., but the P.H.O. saw fit to recommend Mrs. T.'s re-engagement without attempting to find out from her chief - the M.O.H. - how she had discharged her duties.

I incline to telegraph to the effect that she signed the new agreement on Oct. 7 & that it would be difficult to cancel it now - see what they say.
Wed. 29/12/16

W. Read.

This is rather worse than the

know that they
very understaffed
to treatment
will, some
of comment
have been
necessary.
H. J. R.

two medical officer cases (Drs Walch
& Wunderdale) in which the Govt let us
down so badly. 11

I would telegraph that she signed
a fresh agreement early in October
that it is therefore necessary that she
should return for another tour. At
the same time I would take the
C.N.A. into my confidence, & let them
know of this adverse report: ~~and~~
explaining why we are letting her go
back in spite of it.

H. J. R.

29. 12. 16

Minister of Health

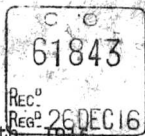
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H. J. R.

29/12/16

East Africa Protectorate.

No. 554.



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September 4th, 1916.

Sir,

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With reference to my despatch No. 453 of July 22nd in which I asked that the Crown Agents might be instructed to enter into a fresh agreement with Miss M.A. Thomlinson of the Medical Department of this Protectorate I have the honour to inform you that the Principal Medical Officer has now requested that his recommendation to that effect may be cancelled owing to a report he has received from the Medical Officer of Health, Mombasa, a copy of which I enclose for your information.

2. Under the circumstances I should be glad if another trained nurse, with a sanitary training if possible, could be engaged in place of Miss Thomlinson.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your humble, obedient servant,

H.C. Balfour

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 554 of 4/9/1916 Health Office,
Mombasa,
17th August, 1916.

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Confidential.

To,

The Principal Sanitation Officer,
Nairobi.

Sir,

re: Nursing Sister attached to
Health Office.

I have the honour to state my opinion that it is undesirable that the appointment of Miss Thomlinson to the above quoted post should be renewed.

My reasons for my opinion are as follows:-

(1) Miss Thomlinson after a prolonged tour of duty in this country and considerable previous tropical experience did not display any aptitude for studying the habits and customs of the natives among whom her duties lay.

(2) She appeared unpossessed of the physical energy necessary to make a success of her very trying and novel duties in the tour.

(3) She had failed to become sufficiently conversant even with colloquial Kiswahili to be able to obtain an accurate knowledge of the habit of mind of the natives and so to be able to acquaint them with the objects of this office and to gain their confidence.

2. I have the honour to invite your attention to a letter written by me at the time when this appointment was mooted. Since that letter was written a number of women have been trained as sanitary inspectors and I am of opinion that from among these a candidate could be chosen more likely to fulfil the requirements than from among trained nurses.

I have etc.,

Sd. R. Small, M. O. H.
MOMBASA.

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~~E.A.P.~~

Telegram

Governor Nairobi

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Governor Nairn

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H. Bostomby 1/1/17

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she should return for another

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[Handwritten signature]

4 Jan., 1917.

Sir,

With ref. to ^{your} letter

of the 7th of March, 1913,
relative to the selection of
Miss M.A. Thomlinson for
service as a ^{Nurse} ~~Warrant Officer~~
(Sanitation Division)
in the Medical Dep^t of the
E.A.P., I am &c to transmit
to you, for the information of
the Committee of the C.N.A.,

~~the~~ the accompanying copy of
a report
despatched with enclosures from

the Gov. of the P^{ro} ~~concerning~~
~~letter addressed to the~~ ^{Principal} ~~Sanitation~~
a copy of a report by the P^{ro}
officer by the M.O.H. at Mombasa
M.O.H. on Miss Thomlinson's
reporting

services.
2. This report was received
despatched from the Gov. of the P^{ro}
reported that, in the event of
Thomlinson's selection

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The Hon. Sec. Y
C.N.A.

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A.C. 1/1/17

Mr. Bollenberry 2/1/17 *fr*

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

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re-engaged, but, as she had
already entered into a new agreement,
in accordance with an earlier
request received from the Gov,
the 22nd of July, 1884.

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Belgild had requested that
Miss Thomlinson might be
offered re-engagement for
further term of service, and
that she ^{she} had accepted the offer & had
entered into a ^{new} agreement before the
receipt of the Gov's letter
of the 22nd of July. The S. of S. has
decided that ~~in these circum-~~
~~stances~~ it is necessary that
she should return to the Gov for a
further term of service in E.A.

3. At the same time, Mr. Long

(3) ~~The question of the~~
Considers it his duty to bring
revelation of a substitute for
this advice report to the
the Nursing Sister does not
notice of the Committee.
~~There is no one at present, but~~
the accompanying copy of the
Gov's despatch is enclosed for the
Committee's information

H. J. READ