

reports to the cargo  
manifests of ships  
calling at mombasa,  
together with a copy  
of a telegram which  
has been sent to the Govt.  
of the U.K. on the  
subject.

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Admiralty  
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146 March  
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Commd. B Whitehouse  
Appln for Colonial re-employment

Submit -

(2-261) H. W. JUST.

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Approved for 222 of [unclear] [unclear]  
30 June '16 [unclear]

Mr. Read.

[I am afraid 20398/11 - as to the need for  
further survey - was overlooked. It does  
not appear in the minutes of the following  
meeting of the Committee - 19.9.11. I was  
not present at that meeting but I was  
responsible for the Agenda paper.]

This letter is an application for employment  
- for the duration of the war - on pilotage work  
in L. Victoria, & especially in German waters.

We have now on the lake 10 executive Officers  
who had more than 15 years service (4 of them  
experienced of German ports) when war broke  
out, and of these four will in the coming  
course of months not be able to have had  
had a letter. There is a good chance  
that by that time other officers will have

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learned German waters, and which have  
not been suitably investigated during the  
operations. I think therefore that we  
shall not need Comdr. Whitehouse for  
relief purposes, though we may.

He seems now altogether inclined to  
let old continuous drops, and there might  
be friction, but we ~~understand~~ could wish  
that - for a temporary abpt. - if we  
find we need him.

? Act: rect. and ask that Comdr.  
Whitehouse may be informed that the S. Off.  
appreciates his offer of his services which  
will be communicated to the Gov. of  
the E.A.S. in order that it may be  
brought in mind should any it be found  
necessary <sup>make special arrangements for</sup> to provide relief for those  
officers of the U.R. Marine who have  
great experience of the navigation of  
the southern portion of Lake Victoria

And copy of Comdr. to Gov. in  
short draft.

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Act: not saying that no appl.  
has been recd. from the ~~the~~ local  
authorities for the services of one  
officer possessing the qualities  
referred to in Comm. D's l.  
and that the S. Off. <sup>therefore</sup> fears that there  
is no prospect of its being possible  
to meet Comm. D's wishes <sup>in that</sup> that  
a copy of the l. will be sent to  
the Gov. - a copy of comm. l. D.F.  
at once. 187/16

In any further communication  
on this subject, please quote

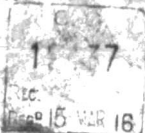
C. W.

and address letter to:-

The Secretary,

Admiralty, Whitehall,

London, S.W.



Admiralty,

14th March, 1916.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to forward herewith, for the information of Mr. Secretary Bonar Law, a letter from Commander B. Whitehouse, R.N., Retired, at present employed on surveying duties at Gibraltar, volunteering for War Service in East Africa.

I am, Sir,

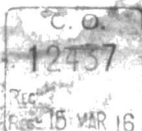
Your obedient Servant,

*Charles Walker*

for Secretary.

Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE.



Gibraltar.  
27th February, 1916

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the following offer of my services for the duration of the war in East Africa may be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I served in the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates, and German East Africa, from 1897 to 1906, being employed under the Foreign Office on the Uganda Railway on the Survey of the Victoria Nyanza reporting on the possibility of trade conditions, and other work entailing extensive travelling over then unexplored country.

I was also in the same countries on private affairs 1908 to 1909. My work in British Territory received the thanks of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and led to my being sent to carry out similar work in German Territory under agreement between the two Governments. This was carried out to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, my work having been turned over to that Department before its completion.

It is owing to my work and that of Mr C. S. Hunter (now District Engineer on the Uganda Railway) who assisted me for some years, that the Victoria Nyanza is now so well known, and compliance with the directions I drew up for its navigation ensured the safety of the steamers working upon it.

I speak Swahili, the language in general use in these countries, very well, and am also an interpreter in Hindustani.

Since the middle of 1911 I have been employed under the Hydrographic Department on surveying duty at Gibraltar, and as I have been on continuous service for nearly 5 years, I am informed my relief could be facilitated should I obtain a more active appointment in East Africa. I think it will be agreed -

agreed that my services for Nyanza pilotage alone, especially in German waters, might possibly save considerable expense. I also trust that after carrying out such a huge work to its completion singlehanded, and being so well known in the Nyanza Districts, my desire to assist during wartime in a country that owes so much" to work so well performed" may now be recognised.

Should the expense of passage out be any obstacle, I would be prepared to meet that myself- as on the suggestion of three of the Members of the Uganda Railway Committee- I did in 1897.

I have the honour to be, Sir.

Your most obedient servant.

( Signed ) B. Whitehouse.

Commander. R. N. Retired.

To  
The Hydrographer,

Admiralty.

Whitehall.

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for Jd

16 March 1916

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The Secretary,  
Admiralty.

Sir,

I am etc to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of  
the 14 of March (C.W.) and to  
~~inform you that forwarding~~  
a copy of a letter from

21/3/1916  
Bottomley 22.3.16 fs.

Commander B Whitehouse

offering his services  
R.N., Retired, ~~volunteering~~  
for employment in connection with the operations  
for ~~war service~~ in East

1916 22.3.16

Africa, and to request  
you to inform the L.C.  
of the Admiralty that no  
appl. has been received  
from the local authorities  
for the services of an

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