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Last previous Paper.
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Second Office for L. Steamers.

Sends letter p. Genl. Manager Uganda Railway
Submitting appln from A. B. Blackman for
appl.

M^r. Butler
M^r. Bottomley

We shall be lucky if

M^r. Blackman turns out suitable and
accepts the applⁿ. For the present there
is nothing to be done, except to tell C.A.^h ^{private}
to get him to make a formal application
to us when he calls on them, and that he
may call here for infⁿ or any particular
points.

Dinner
Ac. 4/17

Ac. 3/1/17

I suppose we shall have to discuss
the Admiralty before we can obtain
a reply here. For the moment, as proposed

W.C.D. 3/1/17

H.A.B. 3/1/17

to Blackman case 7 Feb 17

Next subsequent Paper.

See MD
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Mr. Bottomley

You asked me to

find out from C.A. whether there had been any developments. They tell me that they have heard nothing from Mr. Blackman. The "Gaika" is at present in London and will sail on the 16th. It appears as though Mr. Blackman did not want the app^o now. In view of the shortage of 2^d officers we might write to him of S.S. Gaika and enquire whether he wishes to be considered?

A.C. 6/2/17

W.C. 6/2/17 done

W. Butler
Mr. Bottomley

Nothing in from

Mr. Blackman. I rang up the U.C. Co. and was told that, as at present arranged, he would be sailing in the "Gaika" on 20 Feb.: they said that "of U.C. Co." was the best address for him; that is the one we used. We cannot do any more. Put by.

W.C. 14/2/17
A.C. 15/2/17

Harb.
15/2/17

East African Department,
Colonial Office.

I attach a letter from the General Manager,
Uganda railway, which should, apparently, have been addressed
to you, since you appoint 2nd officers to the Uganda
Railway, Marine service.

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(cas - m)
30/12/16

UNION CASTLE LINE

S.S. "GAIKA"

KILINDINI

October 31st 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. P.D. Rochford informs me that he has mentioned my name to you with reference to an appointment in the Uganda Lake Steamers and as I understand there are now vacancies for 2nd Officers I have pleasure in sending you particulars of my sea services

I hold a Master's certificate, served my apprenticeship in sail, 4 years in cargo steamers, then 14 years in this employ, being Chief Officer of the above Steamer for the past 12 months. Should you require them I shall be pleased to forward you copies of the testimonials I received before joining this company.

I shall be much obliged if you could let me know to whom I should apply for the following information regarding the Lake Service.

What are the prospects of promotion and would my 23 years sea service and Masters Certificate count in any way towards it? What home leave is granted?

I may add that I am resigning my appointment here and shall be free to take another at the end of January 1917.

This ship is likely to remain at Kilindini until November 15th.

Thanking you in anticipation for any assistance you can render me.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully.

Sd/- A. B. Blackman.

The Marine Superintendent,
Uganda Railway. Kisumu.

The "Maiden City" Line of Sailing Ships. 614

17 Royal Exchange Square,

Glasgow, 24th. June 1898.

This is to Certify that Albert Harry Blackman served as an apprentice Seaman on board of our "BLAIRHOYLE" from the 4th. August 1894 on a voyage from Liverpool to Newport (Mon.) thence to Santos, thence to Rangoon (via Anjer for orders) thence to Port Elizabeth, thence to Newcastle and Sydney, N.S.W. thence to San Francisco, thence to Sydney S.W. thence to San Francisco, and thence to London, arriving there on the 8th. April 1898, and thereafter on board in Port for a period of nearly two months, during the whole of which time he conducted himself to our satisfaction, being at all times ~~attentive~~ sober and attentive to his duties.

(signed) Thomson, Dickie & Co.

S.S. "Hazel Branch"
Cardiff, 9. 8. 99

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This is to certify that A.H. Blackman has served as Third
mate of the steamer "Hazel Branch" from 13. 11. 98, until the
9. 99. I have at all times found him attentive to his duties
He is of strictly sober habits) and has had charge of a Watch, I
can safely recommend him to any who may require his services.

(signed) T.R. Hutchinson.

Master.

The "Hazel Branch" of the
Royal Exchange Assurance
Company, Ltd., London, W.C. 2.

This is to certify that Albert Harry Blackman served as
Third Mate of the steamer "Hazel Branch" from the 13th
November 1898, until the 9th November 1899. I have at all times
found him attentive to his duties and has had charge of a
Watch. He is of strictly sober habits and has had charge of a
Watch. I can safely recommend him to any who may require his
services.

(signed) Thomas, Dickie & Co.

The Marine Superintendent,
London Railway.

Barry, February 8th. 1900.

This is to certify that the bearer Mr. A. H. Blackman has served on board the above steamer as Third Mate on a voyage from Cardiff to the West coast of South America and back to Barry a period of Six months, during which time he has had charge of a Watch.

He leaves the steamer to pass his examination for First Mate and I have pleasure in testifying to his uniform good conduct, ~~strict~~ scrupulous diligence and attention to duty and can with confidence recommend him to any one requiring the services of a good and trustworthy Officer.

(signed) M. S. Currie.

Master.

S.S. "Laurel Branch".

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Barry Dock, Nov. 10th, 1900.

This is to certify that Mr. Blackman has been Second Mate from last April up to present date during which time he has been steady sober and attentive to his duties.

(signed) John T. Lee.

Master.

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7 Feb. 1917

Sir

DRAFT.

A. B. Blackman, Esq.
S.S. "Gaika"
Union Castle Mail Steamship Co.

with ref. to your letter of
the 31st of Oct last, addressed to the

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 6/2/17
- Mr. Bottomley 7.2.17
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long.

Marine Dept at Kisumu, E.A.P.

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in the Uganda Railway

Lake Steam Service

(Signed) H. P. READ

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