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Caine H.S.

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*Telegraph Engineer*

17 Sept.

Last previous Paper

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in succession to Mr. Creighton transfer to Recommnd to Mr. J. Canning head Dept Malay States - with salary commencing at £450 per annum. Suggest maximum salary be raised to £500 per annum.

Mr. Butler.

Mr. Creighton is not coming home till his family can come too, & he will no doubt be allowed to take some leave before going to the Gold Coast.

Mr. Caine is very easy with his increase of salary - I should be glad if an increase could be awarded in this case.

? First to Eastern Dept. to advise as to Mr. Canning's leave, his being available for transfer, & his experience.

Best 21/4/17

*Handwritten vertical note: And also 3/11/17*

Next subsequent Paper

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Eastern Dept.

Can you give the information

Rob

27.4.17

~~Mr. Coull~~  
Mr. Butler

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B. J. F.

27/4/17

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Tell Mr. Cowell that Mr. Cumming cannot be released from the F.M.S.

service at present, ask who  
has any other recommendation to  
make.

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at once.

Room 3

Mr. Cumming has asked to be  
considered when he can be spared from  
the F. M. S. ( $\frac{C}{28087}$ ).

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17th April, 1917.

REC.  
No. 17.4.17

Sir,

Telegraph Engineer for East Africa.

With reference to the accompanying application from Mr. J. E. Cumming, Assistant Telegraph Engineer, Malay States, and the attached recommendation from the Consulting Electrical Engineers, I have the honour to inform you that I have had an interview with Mr. Cumming, with a view to his being transferred from the Malay States to East Africa, to fill the appointment of Telegraph Engineer, which, I understand, will be vacant on the transfer of Mr. Creighton to the Gold Coast.

(2) If the transfer can be arranged with the Government of the Malay States, I would suggest offering Mr. Cumming £450 per annum (the maximum salary of the post, and the sum which Mr. Creighton was drawing) which, together with the duty allowance of £35, attached to the post, would bring his total emoluments to £485, as against £495, which he is now drawing from the Malay States. I would also suggest that the maximum of the appointment be raised to £500, which is the commencing salary of the Chief Telegraph Engineer. I understand that the maximum of Mr. Cumming's appointment in the Malay States is £500, so he may not consider it worth his while to transfer unless he can look forward to a similar maximum.

(3) Mr. Cumming would, I consider, be very suitable for the post of Telegraph Engineer. The appointment is an important one at the present stage of affairs in East Africa, and should be filled by an engineer of some experience.


experience in the Colonial service such as he has had.

(4) I therefore strongly recommend Mr. Cumming's application on the above terms, but it will first be necessary to ascertain from East Africa whether the appointment is actually vacant, and also from the Malay States whether the transfer can be effected. I beg to suggest that this be done by cable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Dy. P.M.G. & Chief Tel. Engineer  
East Africa & Uganda.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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PREECE, CARDEW, SNELL & RIDER,  
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8, QUEEN ANNES GATE,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

13th April, 1917.

J. E. Caine, Esq.,  
Chief Telegraph Engineer,  
East Africa & Uganda.

Dear Mr. Caine,

We have much pleasure in handing you the enclosed application from Mr. J. E. Cumming for the position of Chief Assistant Telegraph Engineer in the East Africa Protectorate.

We are able to confirm that Mr. Cumming has, during the past four and a half years, held the post of Assistant Telegraph Engineer in the Federated Malay States, where he has had charge of the telegraph & telephone systems in the Ipoh district. These comprise a Telephone Exchange at Ipoh, equipped for 600 lines with lamp signalling and automatic clearing, and complete with petrol engine, motor generator, and secondary battery. The distribution from this Exchange is by means of dry core underground cable. There are seven other smaller exchanges in the district. This station is also equipped with a secondary cell central battery telegraph installation.

installation. The Telegraph system under his charge also comprises C.B. omnibus circuits, and Morse-duplex and simplex circuits. 471

During the time he has had charge of the District he has carried out the reconstruction of the whole of the Telephone system, and most of the Telegraph.

We may state that we have heard Mr. Cadman, the Chief Telegraph Engineer of the F. M. S., speak very highly of Mr. Cumming's capabilities, and we are of opinion that he is fitted in every way for the vacant position in East Africa. If you also consider him suitable, and are prepared to recommend him for the post, you will no doubt agree that it is desirable that the Government of the F. M. S. should be asked by cable whether they have any objection to his being transferred to East Africa.

Yours faithfully,

PRETCE, CARDEW, SNELL & RIDER

Enclosure.



67 Stamford Avenue  
Brighton  
12th April 1917

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Gentlemen

I understand that there is a vacancy in British East Africa for a Chief Assistant Telegraph Engineer. I have the honour to apply for the appointment.

I am at present on leave from the I. M. S.; presumably therefore, it would be necessary, in the event of my securing this appointment, for me to be transferred.

My salary is £420 p.a. with £75 duty allowance, & I understand that the salary in B.E.A. would be approximately the same.

My chief reason for wishing the transfer is that the climate in the I. M. S. does not agree with my wife & children (2 small children).

I have had several years experience in the engineering Dept of the British Post Office; followed by two years in the Sudan Govt Service, where I had charge of the Railway Telegraphs & train signalling apparatus; for the last four & a half years I have held the appointment of Asst Telegraph Engineer in the F. M. S. Govt Service.

My leave expires on 23rd July next, but I would be willing, if required, to forego the part remaining & proceed forthwith to B. E. A.

I would feel very grateful if the application could have the support of your recommendation.

I have the honour to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

J. E. Curran

2 Messrs Messrs Curran, Small & Rides

Queen Anne's Gate

S. W.

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To go today -  
to leave leaves on  
Saturday

Ans'd 23461

3 May 1917

Sir,

I am to ask the rest of

your letter of the 17th of April,

in which you recommended Mr J.L.

Cunning, Post Telegraph Engineer

Post Telegraph Dept., F.M.S.

for the post of Telegraph Engineer

in the E.A.P., as to inform you

that it is not possible at present

to release Mr. Cunningham from

the F.M.S. Galt. service.

Mr. Long will be glad to

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E. S. James Esq.

MINUTE.

Mr. Jewell 3/5/17  
Mr. Bottanley 3.5.17

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Road.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Long.

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