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26-11-19

Wimpfield
Capt

Priority Passage for Nurse

1919
25 Aug

Last previous Paper.
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Urges necessity for

~~Mr. Calder~~

He called yesterday and told him that he would have support this to medical evidence. He said we would bring round a med. cert.

6/27/19

JH
27-5-19

~~Mr. Calder~~

Please see cert not attached and Mr. Jewell's note & red slip.

Do he says he can get a better cert. I think he should be asked to do so. On the other hand there is no need to get a new cert. unless it is really worth the trouble.

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin, including "17/11/19" and "1/13".

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PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE, LONDON

no doubt that he can get what he wants
I shall tell him that he should try and
get on his feet that his wife will not be
able to travel without a man for some time
C.I. 28.8.19

I think we may accept the certificate & recommend
the man as it does not mean much in any case
they will have to wait some months
P.C.

As Mr. Collier proposes.

Recd
4.8.19

Called, said that Mr. Wathens who was
recommended for priority on 4.8.19/EAR had a wife
and child, having arranged to work his passage. Mr.
Wathens did not use his priority & his family are
not now anxious to go at once. Mr. Wathens had
4 priority passages (to self, wife & 2 daughters) &
Capt. Blomfield wants these four exchanged for
his four. He says he & Mr. Wathens are both in
the employ of the same firm, so that it is not
like transferring priority from one firm to another.
I told him we had nothing to do with how
priority was allotted in the first, but he says Mr.
Bentley would like to know we have no objection & that
think we can do this.

Roan

Write Capt. B. with reference to his call
& say that it is understood that he wishes the 4 priority
recommendations granted him exchanged for the 4
granted to Mr. Wathens, an employee of the same firm, & which
are not now replied, & say that, as the S.F.O. is not concerned
with the actual allocation of letters among those on the priority
list, which is in the hands of the Shipping Conference, it is well to suggest that

Capt. Blomfield rang up on Thursday afternoon and pressed for reconsideration of this matter. He points out that it is a simple matter of exchange between his party and Mr. Watkins' family and that nobody else is affected. I think there is a good deal in this since we have no reason to believe that the Watkins family would sacrifice the priority they have got ^{although} unless they are not now anxious to go at once. It is a little curious that the two gentlemen should be described as being in the employment of the same firm, as Mr. Watkins is to take up the Managership of the Nombasa Club (see 40746), but the intentions of Messrs. Bird and Company (whom we should do well to oblige as far as ^{possible} ~~possible~~) have extended rapidly and Mr. Watkins may now be in their employment.

I think we can go so far as to send a further letter to Capt. Blomfield saying, with ^{our letter} reference to his representations by telephone, that it is the case that the S. of S. is not concerned in the actual allocation of berths among those on the priority list, but that he may use our letter as showing to the Union Castle Company that we have no objection to the exchange of position between Mr. Blomfield's party and Mr. Watkins' family ^{if} they on their part are willing to make the exchange.

27-6-191

I hereby certify that Mrs Blomfield is not at present well enough to undertake a voyage to East Africa with her child without the aid of a nurse.

James Sloan M.D.

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REC'D
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7, GRACECHURCH STREET,

LONDON E.C.3. 25th August, 1950.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 21st instant; Ref. No. M.I.P/43590/19 E.A.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary of State for his very kind permission to place the name of my wife and child on the Colonial Office Priority list with a view to passages to East Africa but I would like to point out that unless I am able to take a nurse that such permission will not be of any avail.

This is due to the fact that my wife has not been for some time, and is not at the present moment, in very good health and it would be quite impossible for her to take charge of a child on the long voyage from the British Isles to East Africa.

I have to-day interviewed the Union Castle Line who informed me that without a Priority it will be impossible for a nurse to secure a passage to East Africa for at least another 12 months and this means that it will be impossible for my wife and child to join me for this length of time.

The consequences of this are:-

- (1) That I should have to start two separate Establishments one in East Africa and one in London which would be quite impossible in view of my financial position, and
- (2) At the moment when I should wish to devote the whole of my energies to the work which I should have in hand in developing the resources of a new country, I should be continually worried about my financial and domestic arrangements.

In view of the above I sincerely trust that His Majesty's Secretary of State may see his way to grant me some form of Priority for the nurse to accompany my wife and child.

I am, Sir,

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Your obedient Servant,

Arthur H. Stamped Capt.

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Sept
1st 1919

am to ask the receipt
letter of the 25th of
Sept to inf you that,
of the med cert, which
was produced, we have
mailed the U.S. mail 3.5.
and the B.T. Smith Co. to
your office to them

Off
Capt P. B. Blomfield

Oct 29 1919

ms letter 29.8/19

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E.A.P.

DRAFT.

The U.C.M.S.S. Co. Ltd.

The B.I.S.N. Co. Ltd.

MINUTE.

Mr. Jeffries 29.8.19

Mr. Cullen 29.8

Mr.

Mr. Grenville

Sir H. Lamberton

Sir H. Boul.

Sir G. Piddes

Col. Anson

Lord Alton

Off. overseas

The U.S. S. for
presents his compliments

The U.C.M.S.S. Co., Ltd.
The B.I.S.N. Co., Ltd.

and with ref to his

of the 31st. of July,

to request that a

may be added to their

members of Capt. P. Y. ...

family for whom passage

passages are recom

1 Sept

1919

M. Caldwell
S.P.E.A.
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& Co
MADE LONDON
1882 AVENUE
LONDON

7, GRACECHURCH STREET,

PB/PM,

LONDON E.C.3. September 2nd 1919.

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3 SEP 1919
COL OFFICE

The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

Reference No. 49345/1919.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st September, and desire to place on record my appreciation of the kind action of the Secretary of State, in granting me permission to place the name of Mrs. Blomfield's nurse in the Priority List of the Union Castle Steamship Co.,

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

Arthur J. Blomfield

B. 292074/100

DRAFT.

Capt P. V. Bloomfield

17th September 1919

MINUTE.

- Mr. Parnery 10 Sept
- Mr. Cardon 15 9/19
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Bond
- Sir G. Fiddis
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

Sir,

With ref to your recent call at the office I am to inform you that it is understood that you wish the four proofs recommended handed to you to be exchanged for the four printed to circulation an envelope of the same form which are not now retained, & to express his regret that as he is not concerned with the actual allocation of letters among those on the personal lists, a matter entirely in the hands of the Shipping Co concerned, he is unable to assist you as you wish

Blomfield 19

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Mr P. V. Blomfield

25th September 1919

Sir,

MINUTE.

with ref to the letter from

M. Bramley 22 Sept

M. Cudde 27.9 J

M. Grindale

S. H. Lamborn

S. H. Read

S. G. Fiddes

M. T. Gory

L. I. Minter

this Dept. of the 17th & to give
further representations by
telephone (same or compare
I'm afraid it is the case as
already stated, that the Hon. Secy
is not concerned wth the
actual allocation of letters
among those on the present
list, but that he may
use the letter to show that
to the Union least the comparison

that so far as the subject
concerned there is no objection
to the exchange of property
between the parties & that if
the bankers provided that
the parties on their part are
willing to make the exchange

~~signed & sealed~~