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Thompson, H.

APPT. MANAGER OF ILLINOIS RURAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM

1914

October

Request for information.

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10/5/14

Oct. 30th 1914

It will be necessary for Mr. Thompson to put all these questions to the Director of Agriculture, D. C. F. and that we shall receive recommendations from the Dept. on the subject.

The questions are (a) timber (b) climate

(c) accommodation can be best answered by the D. C. F. which will then be put to the Dept. of the Interior to D. C. F.

I think we may tell him at once that the narrow roads and short cannot be put to him and that no firm can be given for carrying of lumber or board ship but that ^{carriage} 1120 lbs is allowed per sq ft on R.R. and 2000 lbs by road in the West.

Letter to Gov. Wood

my desk of Dept No 835 (11035)

Thompson has written to D. C. F. for particulars of post. please give full details and say whether post would be left open if beyond D. C. F.

Subsequent Paper
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formed, with no passage for staff and child
and for transport only in Post.

Receipt

and to Gov Gen. Pretoria

Your tel of 9 Nov. Please inform Thos. pass
for the passages cannot be granted for staff and child
and for transport only in Post. E.A.P. 1120
Nov by road 2040 lbs by road to Gov. of E.A.P.
Have been asked to
send further particulars of post.

Receipt

H.F.D. 19 11 14

I would leave the whole reply to the E.A.P.
Govt of Bombay

Del. to Governor General

Your tel of 9 Nov. Thompson please
specifying whether all the points raised
in letter of Oct 20th were covered by his
reply to D. of E.A.P. If so I will arrange
for full reply to be sent them from E.A.P.

I wait for a reply to our tel.

Utd. 19 11 14

as proposed by Mr. Bottomley
at once

H. J. R.

19/11/14

Have informed him no passage for wife and child
and free transport only in Post.

Harcourt

to Gov Gen & Pretoria

Your let of 9 Nov. Please inform Thompson
that no passage can be granted for wife and child
and free transport only in Post E.A.P. 1120

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Harcourt

H.F.D. 19/11/04

Justice leave the whole reply to the E.A.P.
Govt of South

Col. Governor General

Your let of 9 Nov. Thompson please
mention letter to all the points raised
in the letter of 1.1.04 and covered by his
reply to S of A & AP of 20 I will arrange
100 full reply to be sent to him from S.A.P.

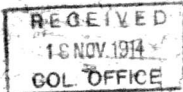
What for a reply to me let.

W.A. 19/11/04

as proposed by Dr. Bottomley
at once

H. J. R.

19/11/04



C/o H. A. Woodruff Esq
Old Road
Moore River

Natal

Oct 20th 1914

Honourable Secretary of State for the Colonies
London

Sir

In reply to my application to you for an appointment
a receipt of the Government of Natal in Durban
Office I have just received a communication from
the Secretary of Agriculture for the Union of South Africa
stating that he had been requested by you to offer
me an appointment of Manager of the Union Govern-
ment Experimental Farm, East African Province with
Salary at the rate of £550 a year & that if
I am prepared to accept the appointment a first
class passage will be provided.

These are the main particulars which I am
provided.

I therefore refer to the Secretary of Agriculture
asking for further particulars stating to him that
I am a married man with one child & that I was
anxious to know all particulars with regard to
the post since I do not wish to make a decision
like this without a fair amount of certainty that
I am likely to secure a success of the course I
adopt.

I asked what the exact nature of the duties would be, whether stock, crop, or both,

I also enquired about the climate since I have no wish to go unless the district is healthy.

I asked about accommodation as to whether there was a house provided on the farm and whether there were any further allowances in addition to the mere salary.

A further great consideration is whether the Government would be prepared to grant me a free passage for myself, wife & child and a free warrant for my furniture.

I would point out in this connection that I am particularly anxious to take a good deal of my furniture which consists of many pieces of old family bedchambers, and it is practically impossible for me to do so unless I am granted a free warrant. To reposit it in the name of the salary offered is also practically impossible.

The Secretary replied to my questions that he was unable to give me particulars with respect to the appointment as to the work contemplated. He states that from occasional references in a fairly recent report on Agri' operations

in British East Africa. He gathers that considerable attention is paid to stock. As to the climate, he states that seeing the District name Gushu is generally referred to as the Gushu Plateau he thinks the climate will be healthy enough.

He states that he thinks it probable that a free passage for my wife & child will be granted.

Now is all this there - nothing definite & yet I am asked by the Secretary to state at once whether I am prepared to accept the appointment.

I therefore appeal to you to hold the appointment open for me until such times as I am able to obtain definite information.

Surely to accept the appointment without public information would be neither satisfactory to the Government nor to me.

If the Secretary for Agriculture in South Africa has to make the appointment he should be able to place full particulars & conditions in front of me before asking me to accept the appointment & signing an agreement.

I am anxious to obtain an appointment but I wish to make quite certain of all factors.

in connection with it before I accept it.

I have just suffered under the War Department of a year's delay through such unsatisfactory arrangements & cannot afford to be led astray a second time.

I should be most grateful if you could furnish me with full particulars regarding the post & also hold the position open for me.

Supposing I am engaged with the South African forces will the appointment still be kept open?

What are the requirements with regard to leave?

I may add that I have written to Mr. R. Macdonald the Director of Administration for the East Africa Protectorate but have not yet had time for a reply.

I regret having to trouble you in this way but I think that you will acknowledge that it is necessary.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant
H. Thompson.

I beg to submit it appealing for the free transport of my
furniture, that if such is done money would be saved
on our passage money since our passages would then
be paid from South India to De Cade Bay to Bombay
instead of from England which is the usual case &
which would naturally be the same with me because
it would be necessary for me to proceed to England
& make certain arrangements about my effects unless
I can take them with me.

I do hope that in view of these facts that
special concessions might if necessary be granted in
my case.

J. 45494/1914 E.A.P.

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Your tel^m of 9th Nov
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DRAFT Telegram

Thompson please

For Genl
Pretoria

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- Mr. Harper 19/11/14
- Mr. Bottomley 19/11/14
- Mr. Griffiths 19/11/14
- Mr. ...
- Sir G. Frides
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Inslington
- Mr. Harcourt

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reply to be sent to him

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