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Termination of appeal as East AFR. PROT

1914

19 May

Report approval 17 May refers to
cases come with permission of agreement
made for full pay under terms of agreement
of transfer to another Colony

W. B. M. M. M.

ask - tell him frankly that
the local Govt does not
regard him as competent,
that the finding of the
Board [does not exonerate him
from responsibility for the
recapit cost of the work at
Mombasa] but that points to
extreme care also have
justified the Govt in not waiving
any amount of the recapit
cost from him - that
the question of him is being

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taken up with the fact that
a further commⁿ will be sent
to him that says reports
that he cannot consider him
for further employment unless
Ed Price in view of the
generally unsatisfactory nature
of the reports from him
from the local Govt -

x

Send copy of cover^g to
Gov for comment & advise as in
of minute on Gov 1624 as to
leave & ask whether Gov
concerns & interfere as at
① - ③ at end of my minute
on that paper.

In message we see this paper
as to re-employment of
on his rectifying his report,
there is going to be any
working in our attitude,
I wd much rather not write as
to X above.

Acc^t
21/5/14

His time is up

I do not see that we need give
reasons for not re-employing him

W.A. 21/5/14

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If we are driven to it we must say
that he was not found competent; and if
Mr Parkinson's reply (ad int.) is accepted
that will be sufficient notice to him. So
I agree with Mr Bottanley's modification.
It will be noticed, however, that the matters
alleged against him are capable of
a great deal of argument, and we should
tell any enquirer who may ^{inquire} to
employ him exactly what the allegations were.

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29 May 14

Sgt: person
at once
to J.R.
28/5/14

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From
C. S. Wright, A. E. F. S. E.,
Assistant Engineer,
E. E. Africa,
78A Margaret Street,
London, W.

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To
The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S. W.

May 19th, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I proceeded to E. E. Africa on August 23rd, 1911, as an Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, under an agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and have the honour to report my arrival in England on 17th ultimo.

On December 27th, 1913, I was informed that correspondence had been passing between the Secretariat, Nairobi, and the Secretary of State relating to over-expenditure on certain Government buildings under my control, and that the Director of Public Works had suggested withholding the privilege of leave pay, subsequent to the termination of my work, and had not recommended my continued retention in the Department. On this I applied to His Excellency the Governor for a Board of Inquiry, which he was pleased to grant. The findings of this Board has not yet been conveyed to me officially but as I believe the finding to have been in my favour,

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I have the honour to request that the Secretary of State
may see his way to grant me:-

(i) Full leave pay in accordance with the terms of
my agreement.

(ii) A transfer to another Colony under the Colonial
Office, as my return to E. E. Africa as an Assistant
Engineer under Mr McGregor Ross has been made impossible
by the recent proceedings.

I have the honour to give you the above address
where I shall be for the next 14 days, during which time
I should be glad to call at the Colonial Office should a
personal interview be considered desirable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chas. ...

W/ Wright Esq

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C. G. Wright Esq

29 May 1914

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- Mr. Acl 29/5/14
- Mr. Keen 29
- Mr. G. Fuller 29
- Mr. H. Just
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- Mr. Harcourt

I am etc. to ack: the receipt
 of yr. ltr of the 19th of May
 reporting yr. arrival in this
 country and departure from the East.

2. With regard to the second
 para. of your letter, I am to
 inform you that the Govt. of the East
 do not consider that you are
 competent for the work of an
 Assistant Engineer in the S.W.D.,
 & that the "proceeding" of the Board
 of Enquiry to which you refer
 was that the cost of the work
 at Mombasa is carried
 out

back that is copy
 of Wright's letter
 & the reply sent
 to him by Mr. J.

Copy to Emmott
 Copy to Harcourt
 Copy to G. Fuller
 Copy to H. Just

not by you was exclusively
high but ~~not~~ there were, however,
certain extenuating circ^s wh^{ch}
have justified the Gov. in not
making any refund of the ~~cost~~
cost from you.

3. The question of leave
wh. you have raised is being
referred to the Gov. for comment,
& a further comm^{nt} will be sent
to you on the receipt of his
reply.

4. As regards your request
to be transferred to another (Party),
Mr. Hammond regrets that he
is unable to consider you
for further employment
in the (Colonial) ~~service~~

CHERRY-LAMBERT

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DRAFT Cal Conf
for Mr. H. Selfield

29 May 1914

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- Mr. ~~McClellan~~ 29/5/14
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- Mr. G. Fullerton (1820)
- Sir H. Jast
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Lord Rammell
- Mr. Harcourt

Mr. W. Wright 29 May 1914
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Letter of to you (draft conf.) of 29th
29th of April in the subject
of Mr. C. G. Wright's employment
& work in the Cal. I have
the honor to transmit to you
for your comm^{nt} a copy of
circ^{lar} with Mr. Wright's
to request that you will
advise me as soon as possible
whether you are prepared
to consider the question
of the grant of leave to this
Officer.

2. In my conf. disp. of the 10th Feb. I agreed that Mr Wright should not be granted leave on full pay in respect of his service in the East; but I now receive from para 9 of the report enclosed in yr. disp. under ref. that a promise of three months' leave appears to have been made to Mr Wright by the acting D.C. on the 14th of Jan 1913 if he completed 30 months' service. If this statement is correct, some of the opinion that leave with full pay for that period should be granted, for I think you will agree that, as Mr Wright's employment was continued by the Govt for a considerable time after his responsibility for the caps exp. on work was known, it wd be difficult to refuse to carry out an understanding of the existence of which I had no knowledge when

when my disp. of the 10th Feb. was written. 557

3. There are two points which arise incidentally out of the report of the Board of Inquiry, both of which I have to invite your attention:

(1) It is stated in para 2 that Mr Creswell reported very adversely on Mr Wright on Jan 10th 1912, - that a proposal made by the acting D.C. that Mr Wright should have a chance of replying to Mr Creswell's charges was not approved of. I should be glad to be informed why Mr Wright was not allowed to hear & answer Mr Creswell's charges, & at the same time a copy of Mr Creswell's report or reports should be sent to me.

(2) It appears from para 8 of the report that in

a letter dated the 14th of Sept 1911
the D.P.W. suggested to Mr. W.
that he shd. make application
to the D.P.W., Uganda, for
employment in that Protectorate.
It is ^{obvious} clear that Mr. Ross regarded
Mr. W. as an unsatisfactory officer
of ~~the~~ in para 6 of your report
of the 9th Jan it is stated that
Mr. Wright's comparative incapacity
had been clearly expressed for
some time, & early in 1912 he
was inf. that his engagement
shd not be prolonged beyond the
21st of Feb 1913. I wish you
to obtain from Mr. Ross, ~~an~~
an explanation of his action
in suggesting to Mr. Wright
in Sept 1911 that he shd
apply for a Govt. appt.
in Uganda, when he did not
regard him as an officer
fit for employment in
the P.W.D. in the East

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(Signed) I. HARCOURT.