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1. ASSISTANT GOV. KENYA.....31 CONF.....18.2.37. 2
 Prefers to await final decision on Capt. Ritchie's future before taking steps to recruit a successor and, in the meantime, recommends promotion of F.H. Clarke to fill new post of Senior Asst. Game Warden, w.e.f. 1.1.37, on conditions indicated, adding that, for the resulting vacancy for an Asst. Game Warden on Local Civil Service terms, Capt. C.R.E. Leake could be considered together with other candidates in due course.

The O.A.G. does not wish to fill the substantive post of Game Warden until it is certain that Captain Ritchie will not elect to revert to his Kenya appointment on the completion of his year's secondment to Malaya. In the meantime Mr. F.H. Clarke will act as Game Warden. He is at present the senior of the Assistant Wardens with a salary of £600 per annum.

In the Estimates the post of Game Warden has been placed in abeyance during 1937 and a saving of £840 has been made possible. But with the concurrence of the Standing Finance Committee provision has been made for a new post of Senior Assistant Game Warden - £720.

On Captain Ritchie's recommendation the O.A.G. proposes that Mr. Clarke should be promoted to the new post and that he should be informed that his promotion is made on the understanding that he will retire in May 1938. I annex a copy of the Standing Finance Committee's Report in which all this is discussed (see pages 9 and 10).

The O.A.G. is satisfied that the Game Department can be left in Mr. Clarke's care for the next year. So we can approve Mr. Clarke's promotion to the post of Senior Assistant Game Warden - £720 with effect from the 1st of January, 1937, and that he should be informed that his promotion is made on the understanding that he will retire in April or May, 1938.

Appointments Department should see the

papers after action in regard to paragraph 4 of the despatch.

C.A. Firmwille

19.3.37.

J. J. Bassin
19/3

Yes: approve

J.C.O. Hand

19 send

(Mr Clarke is 54 1/2 for that & they want a younger man. But Capt. Ritchie is only 40 & it seems fair to let Mr Clarke have the reward of his past work.)

Lord de La Warr

I sent you a note recently about the Kenya Game Wardenship. The present proposal about Mr Clarke does not affect the main position - namely that the filling of the wardenship will not arise unless Capt. Ritchie elects to remain in Kenya.

S.J.P.P.

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Done by the Viceroy

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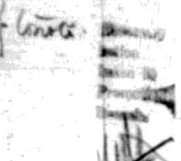
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2 To Kenya Conf - (Transd)

24/37

Info ca mail 2/26
R. J. J. Jones

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G. GOV. KENYA..... TEL. No. 90 Conf..... 23.4.37.

(Ref. No. 1) Enquires whether promotion of Clarke is approved.

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No 2 missed the mail of 1st April.

? Telegraph in draft

C.A. Firmwille
24/4

4. To Gov. Re. 94 Conf.

3 annex. - 24/4/37

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0 App. right to see
N.A. 1/19/3

See marginal note at 2 above
Thy inform
C.A.

Inform C.A. that Mr J.H. Clarke, Asst. Game Warden, Kenya has been promoted with effect from the 1st of January 1937 to be Senior Assistant Game Warden, Kenya, with a salary at the rate of £ 720 per annum.

C.A. Firmwille
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R. J. J. Jones

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Mr. Gent.
Mr. Flood.

H. J. Hill
Sir C. B. B. B.

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Will you please advise as to the reply to be sent to the attached letter from Lord Onslow regarding game preservation in Malaya and Kenya.

C. Constantine

10.6.1937.

The references to Malaya are rather incidental to the position in Kenya. We have had no report from the FCS on Capt Ritchie's ideas or plans for Wild Life Preservation in Malaya but there is no need to press them yet. Capt Ritchie's trial year there will end about the end of this year 1937.

(M. J. Gent)

The position with regard to the Kenya Game Department is a trifle uncertain. Capt. Ritchie has been seconded to Malaya and it is not known whether he will elect to stay there or go back to Kenya. Meanwhile Mr. Clarke has been definitely appointed Game Warden to succeed him. Mr. Clarke however is 52½, so can retire any time. There is a definite understanding with him that his promotion

promotion has been approved on the undertaking that he will retire in April or May next.

There used to be a Game Warden in charge of fish, but this post has not been filled consequent upon Sir Alan Pim's recommendation that it might be done away with. Sir Alan Pim pointed out that the good fishing rivers were privately owned and that there were enough people in the local fishing associations to control the trout fishing properly. The unofficials, in their zeal for economy, had suggested the reduction of one Asst. Game Warden but Government did not accept that. The Department has, however, been reduced by the Fish Warden.

They have got quite a few local candidates for any posts of Game Warden which come along, for which local Civil Service terms are now suggested, and one of these, Capt. Leake, is under consideration to replace Mr. Clarke. We don't know whether any of the other Wardens are thinking of retiring. They are not, of course, any too young. Capt. Whittet is 49, Mr. McArthur is 42, and Mr. Clarke, as I have said, is 54. I don't think, however, that there is any particular need to consider appointing a temporary Game Warden unless the need arises. We must be careful not to give the idea that we have to do everything that the Society for the Preservation of Fauna asks us to do, and I

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don't like their interference in staff matters.

Apparently Lord Onslow does not think very much of these ~~adviser~~ ^{is} aspect of affairs either. Capt. Leake.

S.S.O. Hand

15.6.1937

I attach the Glynns covers^{cc} about the mouflon and give to the draft as it now stands in this hour.

The herpages from the covers^{cc} about the mouflon should be attached to 90322/37 Glynns.

Done.
Dec. 1937
18-0-37

H. J. M. 15.6
If Mr. Clarke goes before Capt. Ritchie makes up his mind it will be well worth asking the Government if he would take on Capt. Caldwell for a time. But Capt. Caldwell will not then be nearer death than when he left.

Henry a week he & we showed
to with 15 miles more that he
is got enough work for the
temporary post. It is very odd
but, I fancy, had not quite
Captain Ritchie's gift of making
everyone like him.

W.B.

16.6.37.

7. To Lord Onslow (6 Ans.) 5/0 ——— 16.6.37

8. Lord Onslow (5/0 to 5 of 5.) ——— 17.6.37
Acts. 7 with comments.

R.H.G.

C. H. G. Smith

1/2/37

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Extent as they can - but I
fear that the Augusta
Commission may prevent them
as it does us to do as
much as we would like!

Yours

Richard

Copy sent to R.S.S. for reply on 90322/37 Cyprus 7

C. O.

For the Secretary of State's signature.

Mr. Flood.

Mr. Dawell 15.6 (for list here)

DOWNING STREET.

Mr.

Sir C. Parkinson.

June, 1937.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley. 16.6

Sir J. Shackleton.

Sec. Onslow,

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Secretary of State.

Thank you very much for

your letter about the Game Warden

position in Kenya. At present

Ritchie, as you know, is in Malaya

and we don't know what his intentions

are. Clarke has been appointed as

Game Warden in Kenya, but that is on

the distinct understanding that what-

ever happens, Clarke will retire

sometime next year. He is already

well over 50 and it is doubtful whether

he would have been appointed Game

Warden if it had been a case of

filling the vacancy in the ordinary

way, but as it was, in view of his

long and good service, and the

uncertainty of Ritchie's movements, the

Governor felt, and I feel, that he

could

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THE RIGHT HON: THE EARL OF ONSLOW.

FURTHER ACTION.

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However I shall no doubt get an official letter from your Society (on this question) in answer

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FURTHER ACTION.

Yours sincerely,

W. Armitage Gore

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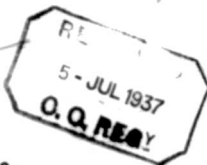
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Your sincerely,
W. Murray Gore

Private & Confidential



7th June, 1937.

My dear Ormsby Gore,

I hate to seem interfering, but I hope you will forgive me. I was told to-day, as President of the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire, that the Game Warden organisation in Kenya was not working very well and there was some doubt as to the future. I was told that Ritchie may or may not go back at the end of the year. I hear from Malaya that he is doing admirably there and I think they will be very sorry to lose him. But Mrs. Ritchie doesn't like the climate, though Ritchie himself does, - and the Kenya climate doesn't suit Ritchie but suits Mrs. Ritchie. Personally, I hope he will stay in Malaya, because one feels that if he is doing the job well there and thoroughly re-organising preservation, it would be a pity for him to interrupt his work.

I was told that the present Acting Warden Clarke is shortly retiring and one or two of the other Wardens also, and that there may be some difficulty in finding a knowledgeable man to take over if Ritchie doesn't go back. It was suggested that perhaps you might consider the idea of getting someone who knows the job to take over temporarily with the new permanent man so as to help him get to know the run of things. I believe that Caldwell, who knows Kenya well and was a Game Warden, would be willing to take over for a year or six months, and perhaps this suggestion might be of use to you. I haven't mentioned it to the Council of the S.P.F.E. as I don't want them to pass any formal resolutions or write officially to the Colonial Office. But I send you the suggestion for what you may think it is worth. The

7th June, 1937.

question of preservation of moufflon in Cyprus was discussed to-day, on receipt of your official letter.

I am afraid that we have not got the money to provide £700. for fencing - but apart from that, the experts doubted whether fencing would be satisfactory in keeping the herd in, as a fence is only useful so long as there is no break in it and, consequently, they did not think that an area of 120 acres would be sufficient to maintain the herd. They fear that the ground might get foul and the beasts not thrive.

The suggestion was made by me that Lord Mersey's Committee exists to preserve the antiquities of Cyprus, and they might help. The moufflon could hardly be described as an antiquity but he is an indigenous animal and perhaps the Committee might be willing to do something to preserve him. It was suggested that perhaps some of the shepherds who know the habits of moufflon well might be employed to act as watchers to keep the moufflon under control. I don't know whether this would be possible.

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The Rt. Hon.
W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, M.P.,
Colonial Office,
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C. O.

Mr. *Worthington* 243
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- Secretary of State.

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I have etc to acknowledge
the receipt of your Confidential
despatch No 31 of the
12th of February regarding
the arrangements for
staffing the same Dept
during the initial period
of Captain A.T.A. Ritchie's
secondment to the Federated
Malay States, and to
convey to you my approval
of the advancement of
Mr F.H. Clarke, Assistant
Prison Warden, to the new
post

FURTHER ACTION.

Post of Senior Assistant
Jame Warden. (H. P. W.) with
effect from the 1st of
January, 1937.

2. I agree to your
informing Mr Clarke that
his promotion is made on
the understanding that
he will retire in April
or May 1938.

I have etc

KENYA.

NO. 31

CONFIDENTIAL.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

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8-MAR 1937

O. O. REGI

12 February, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 18 of the 7th January regarding certain applications for appointment in the Game Department of this Colony, I have the honour to inform you that the following arrangements for staffing the Game Department during the initial period of Captain Ritchie's secondment to the Federated Malay States are proposed.

2. As you are aware, the period of Captain Ritchie's secondment in the first place is only for one year, at the end of which time he may elect to revert to his appointment in Kenya or transfer to the permanent establishment in Malaya with effect from the date of his secondment. In these circumstances I would prefer to await the final decision on Captain Ritchie's future before taking preliminary steps to recruit a suitable officer to succeed him in a substantive capacity as Game Warden. In the meantime

(11703) Mr. F. H. Clarke has been appointed to act as Game Warden. Although it was originally intended in Sir Joseph Byrne's Confidential despatch No. 142 of the 22nd November, 1935, that Mr. Clarke should be retired in November next in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the European Officers' Pensions Ordinance, 1927, he has been informed that he will be allowed to extend his present tour until the spring of 1938 subject to the production of a medical certificate of fitness

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
W. OMSBY-GORE, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON S.W.

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4/11 of Capt. T. W. Godkin
5/1/37

fitness on the completion of 36 months' residential service.

(10) or 33008/36
"Ests. 1937"
in case.

3. In my despatch No.44 of the 16th January I referred to the creation in the 1937 Estimates as passed by the Legislative Council of a new post of Senior Assistant Game Warden. To fill this post I recommend the advancement of Mr. Clarke with effect from the 1st January, 1937. Before his departure for Malaya Captain Ritchie very strongly recommended this promotion in view of the seventeen years diligent and meritorious service that Mr. Clarke has completed in the department and during which he has acted as Game Warden on numerous occasions.

Subject to your approval of Mr. Clarke's promotion I propose informing him that his promotion is made on the understanding that he will retire in April or May 1938. This would open the avenue for carrying out the second recommendation of the Standing Finance Committee contained in paragraph 98 of their Report upon the Draft Estimates for 1937, namely that the officer ultimately holding the new post of Senior Assistant Game Warden should have a knowledge of trout as well as game and thus compensate to some extent for the abolition of the post of Assistant Game Warden (in charge of Fish).

I take this opportunity of stating that the question of Mr. Clarke's advancement on the above terms were discussed by the Standing Finance Committee of which I was Chairman and had its full support.

4. On the assumption that you will be prepared

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(No P. F.)

to approve Mr. Clarke's promotion there will be a vacancy for an Assistant Game Warden on Local Civil Service terms on a salary of £400, £400, £500 x 20 to £600 per annum for which Captain C.R.B. Leake, M.C., could be considered together with other candidates in due course. In the circumstances the form (P/1A) enclosed in your despatch under reply is not being transmitted to Captain Leake, to whom will be forwarded in due course the appropriate form of application for entry into the European Local Civil Service of this Colony.

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Edward D.B.

5. As regards paragraph 5 of your despatch I would invite reference to correspondence terminating in my telegram No.14 of the 19th January from which you will be aware that Commander Blunt has now been selected for appointment as Officer Commanding the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

Ed. Wade

ACTING GOVERNOR.