

1927

Kenya.

No. 10349

SUBJECT

CO 533/370

Coffee Mealy Bug.

App. of entomologists and  
establishment of Field Stations.

Previous

See Gov. 4805/26

Subsequent

See 15101/28



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1 ——— Mr. C. Deaneham ——— 30 May, 1927  
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Stable grain menace in the form of mealy bug is threatening the coffee industry and also, in the form of stalk borer maize. With advice of, see. Let, recommends appt of 2 additional entomologists and establishment of 2 mobile field stations.

The Gov<sup>r</sup> appears to have been unduly optimistic when he said, on X 440-126, that the Mealy-Bug was being controlled by its natural enemies.

This telegram does not state whether the new staff we required for the control of the <sup>mealy bug</sup> ~~mealy bug~~ in the field, or for research. Presumably it is the former, & these have already been com<sup>d</sup>. (see paged despatch on 26/5/27) as to whether entomologists for the control of <sup>coffee pests</sup> ~~mealy bug~~ should be employed by the Gov<sup>r</sup> or by individual planters or by associations out of their own pockets. Mr. Marshall holds strongly the latter view, but Mr. Holm disagrees.

I do not think we can well raise this controversy again at the moment. The matter is no doubt an urgent one, but it might ~~more~~ be considered before the "further increases in connection with the 1925 Estimates" are considered.

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100-1000

So down the Ketchikan of T<sup>r</sup>  
the same staff of the planters  
and set up can for the planting  
in the year 1927

(Mr. Holm has  
to leave with  
the planters)

I expect the difficulty will be to  
find the man, & it may not be  
as well to agree with Capt. Day  
the pursuing at X before the  
proposed tel. goes off, in case  
he thinks that the scarcity of  
men is not sufficiently  
emphasized.

Acc. Sackin

2.6.27

Off. Day through Capt. Day, drawing  
his attention to this point.

[At least one copy of the letter]

Day. told me that it was now  
impossible to find any  
trace of [unclear] boy.]

W. Sackin

2.6.27

We have a report for Apr. 1927 reports in  
Malaya which have nothing of advertising  
kind (unless perhaps private contracts) that we might advertise  
there at the same time. It never comes with a notice to advertise  
similar ones in the same series of publications. - We S. say  
that if Malaya or Kenya was definitely not be filled for 3  
months. The Tel. is, he will write while as contracts already  
is, he almost sure to advertise there at home.  
It will be impossible to get men for Kenya at £2000

June 27

2 Tel. to you. ————— 3 June 1927

From B. have no one to find forward  
except to Day, who was retrenched from Kenya  
9 years ago, & has not officiated.

W. Sackin  
June 8, 1927

Promotions  
Special Dept

The last I heard of Mr. Box leaves with Pearson's  
in Demara. The Bureau of Entomology and Plant  
Quarantine has left. I hope that he was very pleased  
to work here a fortnight. Since in general I  
don't think he would want to go back to Virginia I  
have put up an advert unless we about 2  
Calayan ones. I think he did refer (with  
to Dr. Marshall of course) on doing so we  
might ask if he would think it worth while to  
suggest to Mr. Box that he might like to  
apply.

July 9 1927

You are pl. return to me, what I  
get Dr. Marshall to look at the advert. (I have  
received by 24th 7:30 A.M. Dept.)

I agree Edmond  
7/10/27

Mr. Colthamley

I spoke to you about the  
draft advert herewith. Mr. Doy  
must prefer to keep in the sentence  
about one post not being filled until  
30th Sept. as he does not think  
that we shall get 2 good men before  
then anyhow, and unless we put it  
in candidates overseas (where there  
is the best chance of getting good men)  
will not think it worth while to  
apply. You could only agree  
provided we telegraphed to Kenya

(An agreement with  
first instance)

explaining I would a draft herewith  
The off. to C.A. should wait till we have  
a reply.

Edmond 24.6.27

W. S. D. M. M.  
24.6.27

3 Tel com to Gov 24th June, 1927

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE OF C. Penham  
July 14/27

Proviso in proposal that in advertising the  
vacancies statement shall be made that  
the vacancy will not be filled before 30th  
September.

I have now passed the draft  
to C.A.

Edmond 4.7.27

5 To C.A. (w/ draft advertisement) 7/10  
7 JUL 1927

My. Hunter: To take extra copies of  
advert - I think I have some. I think  
we have registered a job for our census  
if we can go back to XEA?

J. H. M.

CR (Private)

to see No 5  
not  
CR/M

XEA

to do as suggested but would  
not do it unless it were possible  
I should have thought that the candidates

After pre-aid on his file 13562.

W.H. Miller 2/9

6 To Gov tel cons - 3 Sept 1927  
C. G. ...  
File 13562  
Wilkinson

7 \_\_\_\_\_ Gov. Linn \_\_\_\_\_ 11 Oct, 1927  
L.H.

States J. W. P. Entomologist, Sth. Africa,  
is prepared to accept appointment and is recommended  
by Harrison. Askers Holm be consulted.

See note by Mr Blaxter on 2nd  
copy of No 7.

Dfr submitted on file 13562 CA (b. H. H. H.)

Recie. to P Sec: Appts as to 2nd vacancy

(The offer to James has been stopped)  
J. Bell  
13.6.27  
J. H. H. H. 13/6/27

8) To Gov telegram 14 October 1927  
File 13562 CA  
Wilkinson

Mr James has now been sent on again for  
the second vacancy, as W. H. H. has heard from  
S. H. H. that he has accepted a post elsewhere.

K. W. Blaxter  
24.10.27

Mr James has signed a service agreement with the C.A.  
as an Asst Entomologist, Kenya. - see file 31025 CA (James)

File prepared on file 13562

W.H. Allen 2/9

6 To Gov del cons - 3 Sept 1927  
Copy annexed

File 13562  
Wilkinson

7 ——— G. H. Gress ——— 11 Oct, 1927

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Offices 13/6/27

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VACANCY FORM.

X 2d copy  
(1) H. Wilkinson (transferred from Inspector of Plantations)  
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MR. Seel 2.6.17

REFERENCE X 10349/2/Kenya 17/12

(1) PROMOTIONS BRANCH. See memo on 17 June 18

(2) PRIVATE SECRETARY (APPOINTMENTS).

COLONY. Kenya.

VACANCY. <sup>Amintant</sup> Entomologist (2 appointments)

CAUSE OF VACANCY. New appointments.

EMOLUMENTS.

including any special notes as to £490-20-20/6-13 -£720, subject to efficiency bar at 2500.

(a) Terms of appointment 1/3rd agreement in the first instance.

(b) Allowances.

(c) Quarters. Free quarters or an allowance in lieu at the discretion of the Government.

(d) Passages. Free first-class passages.

REMARKS.

including any special notes as to

Room 2  
to note appts on regd pp. if not already here. Then attach H. Wilkinson's report at once.

(a) Married Candidates.

no objection but duties involve unmarried candidates much preferred, considerable travelling and Gov would have to be consulted before a married man could be given permission to take up his wife to undertake work in connection with the mobile bar (coffee, beer and still) borer control pest.

(b) Duties.

(c) Qualifications required.

The Acting Governor

prefer

13583 S.S.

Telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
to the Governor of Kenya.

Sent 3.15 p.m. 14th October, 1927.

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Your telegram 30th September 301. I approve  
appointment of Wilkinson to fill one vacancy of Assistant  
Entomologist. As in consultation with Helm as to  
other vacancies, see your telegram 11th October No.314  
Do you wish me to select Inspector of Plantations in  
place of Wilkinson candidate available considered  
suitable by Helm and Director Imperial Bureau of  
Entomology.

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MEMORANDUM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 11th October 1927.

(Received Colonial Office 2.45 p.m. 11th October 1927.)

314. 11th October.

By telegram No. 259 of 10th July, Entomologist.  
F. W. Peckey Entomologist Elementary School of Agriculture,  
South Africa, is prepared to accept the post at 2500  
pounds in L.T.S.C. He does not ask for transfer.  
Further requirements appointment. shall be glad if you  
will consult him if the post not filled.

*My first impression is well  
my regards as a technical expert  
and of course what I get at post*

*and all as in the above list  
I will report to Mr. Peckey  
at his own risk. Also I*

*Mr. Peckey  
Should this  
be considered before  
action is taken?  
JF 12/10*

*Mr. Peckey has seen this telegram  
and in any case like Walker  
for one of the entomologist posts, but  
I like to stop the offer to Mr. Jones  
who has been submitted for the  
other posts (I have asked Registrar  
to stop this) until the position  
regarding Peckey is*

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TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 11th October 1927.

(Received Colonial Office 2.48 p.m. 11th October 1927.)

314. 11th October.

*Helm*  
My telegram No. 239 of 10th July, Entomologist,  
F.W. Petzey Entomologist Elsenburg School of Agriculture,  
South Africa, is prepared to accept the post at £600  
rising to £720. He does not ask for transfer.  
Harrison recommends appointment. Shall be glad if you  
will consult Helm if the post not filled.

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Copy

13852 E.A.

Telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Kenya.

Sent 1.30 p.m. 3rd September, 1927.

3rd September.

Does Wilkinson Inspector of Plantations wish to be considered in connection with vacancies for Entomologist. If so do you recommend him? Telegraph reply as soon as possible.

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For Signature in Colonial Office.

Saturday 10.6.27

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.

Mr. ~~John~~ ~~Edwards~~ 10/14/27  
Mr. ~~John~~ ~~Edwards~~ (Mr. Marshall has seen 22.6.27)

Mr. Chatterback 22 (ref. in 10975 M/LG)  
Mr. Jefferson Beckett 28/6

Want

June, 1927  
7 JUL 1927

Mr. J. Shuckburgh  
Mr. G. Grindie  
Mr. C. Davis  
Mr. S. Wilson  
Mr. Ormsby-Gore  
Earl of Clarendon  
Mr. Amery

Mr. Jeffries  
4/7



DRAFT.

The Crown Agents for  
the Colonies.

Advertisements  
insert herewith

Gentlemen,

I am etc. to request you  
to arrange for the enclosed notices  
to be inserted in the next (monthly)  
issue of "Tropical Life" and in two  
consecutive (fortnightly) issues of  
"Nature" and in three consecutive  
issues of the "Times", "The Scotsman"  
and the "Manchester Guardian" in each  
of two consecutive weeks.

The cost of the ~~Advertisements~~  
should be charged ~~(1) to Kenya funds~~  
in due proportion ~~(2) to the funds~~  
of Kenya and to those of the Federated  
Malay States and Straits Settlements.

I am, etc.,

*Pl make 2 sets copies  
then stuff 7 30 extra  
copies then finally address  
S*

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ADVERTISEMENT

KENYA

The services of two Entomologists are required for the Agricultural Department of Kenya <sup>primarily</sup> to undertake work in connection with the mealie bug (coffee) pest and the stalk borer (maize) pest.

Candidates should <sup>hold</sup> possess a degree or diploma in Natural Science or in Agriculture and possess special qualifications in Entomology.

Salary scale £480 <sup>per annum</sup> a year rising by annual increments of £20 to £600 (efficiency bar) and thence by increments of £80 to £720 <sup>per annum</sup> a year; but an experienced candidate might be offered an initial salary in the scale not exceeding £600.

*at present*  
There is no income tax in Kenya. Free quarters <sup>are</sup> provided or an allowance in lieu. Free first-class passages provided on first appointment and when proceeding on or returning from leave. Liberal leave privileges in accordance with the regulations. Appointment on agreement in first instance for one tour of service of from 20 to 30 months.

*60/12/6*

Candidates should apply in writing for fuller particulars and for forms of application to the Private Secretary (Appointments) Colonial Office, 38, Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1. Completed applications should be sent in as soon as possible. One appointment may be made at an early date, but the other not before the 30th of September. A candidate abroad should submit full particulars of his career and qualifications, with testimonials or references, direct to the Private Secretary (Appointments); unless he is resident in a Dominion or Colony, when he should apply for a form of application to the Governor General or Governor.

\* I can only refer to the provision in telegraph to  
Uganda explaining I should send her for the  
now if it can be done. Oct 23/6

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Kenya.

Mr. Jeff is 24/6  
Mr. Bobbsey 24/6 come

- Mr.
- Mr. E. J. Harding.
- Sir C. Strochew
- Sir J. Shackburgh
- Sir G. Granda
- Sir C. Davis
- Sir S. Wilton
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Earl of Oslarendon
- Mr. Amery

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Codes & Seal  
3.0 pm  
26 June 27

26 JUN  
27

(No 2)

My tel. 30 June &  
Sinterlogies  
am advised that in  
order to get best men

for career  
please mention.

DRAFT.

Tel. code

Governor

Nairobi

it is desirable to give  
candidates overseas  
opportunity of applying  
I propose therefore in  
advertising vacancies to  
say that we will not  
be filled before 30th  
September do you  
concur

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(Orig file on  
Sub file 10945)  
encl.

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13 June, 1927.

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for sending back the papers of Goodman. I am wondering whether it would not be a good thing for him to have (say) a one year scholarship in Entomology if there is no better candidate this year? We could not get a man last year for a two year scholarship so at present we have no scholar completing in 1928. I should be glad to know what you think about this.

Unless you see any objection I am very anxious to advertise the vacancies in Kenya and Malaya especially as we now have the vacancies in each Department. Could you very kindly look through the enclosed drafts and let me have them back with your comments. My idea is that Goodman and Miller could be considered, with any others that apply for the vacancies in both places

which

H. G. A. K. MARSHALL, D. M. G., F. B. G.

which could be filled at an early date. Both men could be discussed with Hols of Kenya who will be on leave next week.

It might also be fair to S.M. Haffa (on whom we are getting further reports) to ask him whether he could prefer one of the Kenya posts to the Tanganyika Territory Game Department. He originally applied for Sierra Leone.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) G. N. IRBY.

*Under Code sent 2/17*  
*5.07.37*

K.10342/27 Kenya

Mr. Seal 2/6.27.

Capt. Urby 3.6.27

Mr. Jeffries 3/6

Mr. Bottomley 3/6

Mr. E. J. Harding

Sir C. Stansley

Sir J. Shackburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Sir C. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Earl of Clarendon

Mr. Avery

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4 JUN  
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In view of urgency indicated in your telegram of 30th May No.195

I approve of extraordinary expenditure on establishment of field stations to deal with coffee and maize pests. Steps will be taken to select two Assistant

Entomologists in consultation with Director of Agriculture on arrival but anticipate that suitable candidates will be scarce and some delay must be expected. Before considering any

further expenditure on 1928 estimate you will no doubt consider very carefully possibility of employment of Entomologists by industries concerned see my despatch

DRAFT. CODE TELEGRAM.

Governor

Nairobi.

Please see Mr. Bottomley's minute of 2nd June.

CP.242/26 Genl.  
No.17 B.

14th July 1936 Miscellaneous.

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31 MAY 1927  
COL. OFFICE

TELEGRAM from the Acting Governor of Kenya to the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 30th May 1927.

(Received Colonial Office 5.3.p.m. 30th May, 1927).

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END

195. 30th May. Motion proposed in the Legislative Council by unofficial member quote - It is of the greatest importance that the government take further immediate steps to deal with the grave menace which is threatening coffee in the form of mealy bug and maize in the form of stalk borer - unquote was carried after reference to select Committee which recommended immediate appointment of 2 additional assistant Entomologists and establishment of 2 mobile field stations and suggested that consideration of the need for further increases in connection with 1928 Estimates. With the advice of the Executive Council recommended that proposals for the current year be approved and the necessary provision included in the next supplementary estimate. If you concur shall be glad if steps can be taken for the appointment of 2 Assistant Entomologists on scale of £480 to £720. Would prefer experienced officers and for such candidates prepared if necessary to offer higher initial step in scale not exceeding £600 per annum. Director of Agriculture due to arrive in England early in July, should be consulted before final selection. Estimate cost of 2 field stations for remainder of the year £1,200 and early authority for this service desirable as motor vehicles and trailers have to be specially constructed and fitted to design locally.

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