

1928

*Kenya*

No. *15767*

SUBJECT

*CO 533/377*

*Staff Surveyors*

*Vacancies for two*

Previous

*See X 10950/27  
(Estimates)*

Subsequent

*See 15525/29*

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Gen. L. G. Tel. 63 - 22nd March 28  
Requests permission to fill two posts of Staff  
Surveys from S. Africa, suitable applications  
having been received. Requests tel. reply.

See/ESD-20-600

No mention in Memo. (Posts  
were added not in ESD as presented  
to W. personally added (Reg. Com)  
? approve

Return 27/3

As in draft herewith

JMK/len

120/3

at all

noted 5/4

23 March 28

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Telegram 26 July 1928  
Your telegram 23 March. Staff Surveys  
requests sanction to offer appointment to  
Mr Gaffin, employee of Sudan Govt

? approve

Richard

30/7

P. Sec (Staff)

This is a case too trivial that  
the men may have one been applied to  
to see to see please? JMK/len

Major ~~McGaffin~~  
Mr. G. Gaffin

This has omitted any return for leave  
It seems quite possible that the McGaffin  
referred to in the telegram is T.F. McGaffin  
(12137 App't) who was appointed in 1927  
I do not remember. If this is so I must not  
forget perhaps to let Kenya know  
something of his behaviour at his  
interview here (minute of 23.9.27 -  
12177).

When we last heard of Mr. McGaffin he  
was holding a temporary app't in the  
Air Ministry Meteorological Dept (Nov. 1927)  
and it is possible that he has since  
entered the service of the Indian Govt.  
Would you please see if you can find  
out - unofficially by telephone, from the  
ADM or Indian Govt. office if T.F. McGaffin  
has taken an app't of the Indian Service  
last November.

J. C. Tomlinson  
12/11/28

Mr. Tomlinson

I have confirmed from the  
Indian Govt. office that the person referred to  
in the telegram is identical with  
Mr. McGaffin (12137 App't). He obtained  
an app't. in the Indian Service in Dec. 1928

W. C. G. Gaffin  
13.8.28

Captain Hewbolt

The case of Mr. T.F. McGaffin is well-  
known here. I have recorded in his file  
(attached) my interview with him on the 23rd  
September 1927. I cannot remember any  
candidate who has been more rude and offensive  
to a Private Secretary.

I understand that the Kenya Government

McGaffin  
12/13/28

This has omitted my return from leave  
It seems quite possible that T.F. McGaffin  
referred to in this telegram is T.F. McGaffin  
(12137 Apph) who was appointed in  
November. If true in so I think we  
ought perhaps to let Kenya know  
something of his behaviour at his  
interview here (minutes of 28.9.27 on  
12177).  
When we last heard of Mr McGaffin he  
was holding a temporary appt in the  
Air Ministry Meteorological Dept (Nov. 1927)  
and it is possible that he has since  
entered the service of the Sudan Govt.  
Would you please see if you can find  
out something by telephone from the  
AM or Sudan Govt. office if T.F. McGaffin  
has taken an appt. of the Sudan since  
last November.

A. Tom  
12/13/28

no reply

I have continued for the  
Sudan but office that the person referred to  
in the telegram is identical with  
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13.8.28

Captain Newbolt

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advertised the vacancy for a Staff Surveyor in the  
South African papers. McGaffin who is a South-  
African doubtless applied. It is not possible to  
say whether he is known to anybody in Kenya Lands  
Department, but ~~it is possible~~ that his paper  
qualifications <sup>have not</sup> appear to the Kenya Government to be  
good.

I consider him utterly unsuitable tempera-  
mentally for appointment to the Colonial Service.  
Even if he has done a year's good service in the  
Sudan, I do not consider that he should be offered  
an appointment in Kenya. I do not, therefore, think  
that any good purpose would be served in the mean-  
while in asking for reports from the Sudan Govern-  
ment, and suggest that a telegram should be sent to  
Kenya as follows "Regret I cannot approve appoint-  
ment of person named who applied for Survey Appoint-  
ment last year." <sup>He was not</sup> <sup>and application</sup> <sup>but in any event he</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>considered</sup> <sup>temperamentally</sup>  
unsuitable. Dispatch follows."

and afterwards inform Kenya of our reasons.

For Hillman  
14 August, 1928.

In view of A I think we can only proceed as proposed  
R. H. Hillman

If the 12137 (Apph) is not prepared to  
submit his resignation to the Govt, we have  
no reason to <sup>argue</sup> <sup>against</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>decision</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>resign</sup>  
and a matter which is for his  
discretion not to the Govt. as  
proposed  
J. H. Hillman

21/8/28

Mr J. H. Hillman

We must necessarily be

The file is in  
the file  
confidential

This will need  
careful drafting  
all

McGaffin  
Mr. G. Gaffin

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(12137 Appd) ~~at present in the~~  
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has taken an appt. of the Sudan since  
last November.

G. Tom  
12/11/28

Mr. T. Gaffin

I have enquired from the  
Sudan Govt. office that the person referred to  
in the telegram is identical with  
Mr. Gaffin (12137 Appd). He obtained  
an appt. - the date is 24.11.28

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13.8.28

Captain Newboist

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J.H. Giffen  
20th August, 1928

In view of A I think we can only proceed as proposed

A.H. Giffen  
21.8

If the P. Sec (Appd) is not prepared to  
submit by Mr. Gaffin to the S. of S, we have  
no way to <sup>argue against</sup> ~~the~~ his decision & it  
is a battle which is ~~to be~~  
fought not in the Dept. ~~but~~ as  
proposed

J.H. Giffen  
21/8/28

Mr. J. Giffen

We must necessarily be

guided by the P.S. abt  
in such a matter.

? as proposed.

Accd. [unclear]

24/8/28

J.S. 24/8/28

at once

4 Tel. to Lya Kya — 24 Aug. 1928

I am sorry the pressure of work has  
prevented my dealing with this earlier.

J.S. [unclear]

14/9/28

Note on [unclear] in  
[unclear] covering  
[unclear] points of

4/11/28

11 SEP 1928

- Major Hutchinson 12/9/28
- Capt. Irby 13.9.28
- Mr. Allen 14/9
- Mr. Bottomley 14.9.28
- Mr. E. J. Harding
- Sir J. Shackleton
- Sir G. Grenfell
- Sir G. Davis
- Sir S. Wilson
- Mr. Grimsby-Clore
- Lord Lovat
- Mr. Amery

X.15167/Kenya

September, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 24th August 1927 on the subject of your proposal to offer Mr. F. F. McGaffin an appointment as Staff Surveyor I have etc.

*in August 1927*  
to inform you that Mr. McGaffin  
*applied*  
~~submitted an application~~ for appointment to one of the Colonial Survey Departments ~~on the 17th of August, 1927.~~

*2* on the completion of his *on the 21st* papers he was informed ~~in~~ September that he had been granted by permission, to *undergo the annual* ~~submit~~ examination in November 1927 which is held ~~annually~~ in connection with appointments in certain Colonial Survey Departments. I reply to

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*After an interview with the Officer in charge*

Copy despatch to be placed in 12137 Appts.

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Mr Mc Caffin

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← Mr. McGuffin, subsequent-

ly withdrew his application. #

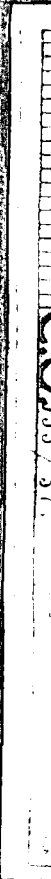
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consider ~~Mr. McGuffin~~ *Mr. McGuffin has*  
shown himself to be *entirely*  
unsuited by temperament for ~~the~~

*employment*  
~~employment~~ in the colonial service.

... and etc.

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Mr. Eastwood 2978  
Mr. Allen to space  
Mr.

Mr. Bottomley.  
Sir E. Harding.  
J. Shuckburgh.  
Sir G. Grindle.  
Sir G. Davis.  
Sir S. Wilson.  
Mr. Ormsby-Care  
Lord Lond.  
Mr. Amery

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12 room 24/8/29

Confidential  
Your telegram of 26<sup>th</sup> July  
no. 190. Staff Surveyor  
regret that I cannot  
approve appointment of  
person named who applied  
for Survey appointment  
last year. He  
withdrew application but  
in any event he was  
considered temperamentally

DRAFT. Tel.

Governor  
Nairobi

HP Sec (HPLS)  
Recirc for info.

unsuitable - Dispatch follows.

Sec 5m