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Kenya

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SUBJECT

Kenya Uganda Railway Staff
Confidential Reports

Previous

See x 101430 /27K

Subsequent

15565 /24

FILE C.

1 Colonial Office 4 June 28
M. M. staff of R. U. R.

In connection with the post of Chief Engineer, Nigeria Railway, Mr. Hunter and I found ourselves unable to put up any possible candidates from the Kenya - Uganda Railway, as it would appear that since 1925 (i.e. I presume, since the creation of the post of High Commissioner for Transport) no annual reports have been rendered on these officers. I think it would be desirable to call the attention of the High Commissioner for Transport to the fact, and point out that unless the officers on the Kenya - Uganda Railway are to be debarred from consideration for employment elsewhere, which would be objectionable both in their own interests and those of the Empire as a whole, it is desirable that we should be furnished with annual reports. Perhaps the Department, who know a great deal more than I do about the establishment of the line, would suggest the limit below which the reports need not be rendered. (There might, possibly, be two limits, one of a minimum service the other of a minimum pay.)

A. Fiddo
1/1/28

Off. Secretary for Eastern Africa

Photocopy of delay.

W. H. Allen

7/6/28

7/28/28

well

W. E. 28

1/1/29

To H. O. Transp. Com. - w/ copy of report to be sent to the Com. on 2/26/28 7/10/28 10/12/28

28 JUN 1928

US Conf. Reports have not been
received in Wash. Staff, but
we may wait. P. Rec 107307-2

Aug. 5

To wait till Sir E. Gregg returns to
Kanga would make these reports rather late.
Presumably reports from the Acting High
Commissioner would be sufficient.

now revised

A. H. Allen
2/5/29

as we have that Sir E. Gregg
(as aq.) is preparing
conf. reports, I think we
may assume that
he will also prepare conf.
reports as aq.

In the conf. we had
with recent developments -
but since in 3 months of
no USR. reports have
received.

A. H. Allen
2.5.29

B. U. a month, then
Datta will be back & may have
further news.

3.5.29
Allen

B. U. no details in Mr. Patterson's
minute of 2.29. 3

A. H. Allen
4.6.29

? now with Sir E. Gregg
H. H. J. J.
4/6/29
Major Datta tells me that the reports
the O.R. is producing include
Panipat as well as Colony officials
- so? we can only wait in
the hope that the reports will
be forthcoming without much more
delay.

A. H. Allen
7/5/29

Allen
8.6.29
Allen

Reports still not received. ? remind

A. H. Allen
9.8.29

Allen

but we shall still have to wait
how that the O.R. was at work trying
to make up the arrears of the Conf.
reports in time

Noted

A. H. Allen
14/8
Allen

US Conf. Reports have not been
received in Kesh. Staff, but
we may wait. R. rec 10430727

10/15

To wait till Sir E. Gregg returns to
Kangra would make these reports rather late.
Presumably reports from the Acting High
Commissioner would be sufficient.
? now revised

Handwritten initials
2/5/29

As we know that Sir P. Banta
(as asst. com. in charge) is preparing
conf. reports, I think we
may assume that
he will also prepare conf
reports as 2/1/29.

In the case we had
little recent developments -
but since in 3 months of
no Kesh. reports were
received.

Handwritten initials
2/5/29

B. u. is now at the
Datta will be back & long been
further.

rec. 3 5 19
since

B. u. is directed in Mr. Bollen's
minute of 22/29.
Allford
4/6/29

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? Now with no to Mr. Datta
Mr. Datta
4/6/29

Major Datta tells me that the reports
the O.A.S. is producing include
Paraphs as well as Colony specials
- so? we can only wait in
the hope that the reports will
be forthcoming. That must mean
delay.

Mr. Allen 1/6/29

rec'd
S. B. H. since

Reports still not received. ? revised.

Handwritten initials
9/5/29

Handwritten initials

Since we shall still have to wait
how that the O.A.S. was at work trying
to make up the arrears of the Conf.
reports in time

Noted

Mr. Allen
14/8

since

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Case 2

Mr. Allen 7/6 1976

Mr. Compton

Mr. Parkinson

Mr. Boltonley

Mr. E. J. Harding

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Mr. O. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Lord Tavat

Mr. Amery

DOWNING STREET

JUN
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23 June, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that prior to the establishment of the Transport Administration, Confidential reports on officers of the Kenya-Uganda Railway were furnished by the Governor of Kenya at the same time as the reports on officers in the service of the Colonial Government.

2. No Confidential reports have been received from you since the Transport Administration was set up; and you will readily appreciate that in the absence of such reports officers in the Administration are likely to be at a disadvantage when opportunities for promotion or transfer occur and their claims to such promotion have to be compared with those of officers in other Colonies.

DRAFT conf. minutes

TRANSPORT

KENYA UGANDA

Conf. H.Gr.Grigg

To Kenya Conf. (2) 20 AUG '28
(3968/25) Kenya

do. Conf. 8 Feb '28
(No. 6-10430/27 Kenya)

W. H. ...
28/6/28
Capit...

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F.V.I.

3. I should therefore be glad if you
in future
would furnish me with annual reports.

It is necessary for the purpose of record in
the Colonial Office that these reports should be
sent in duplicate: but I should of course
have no objection to any arrangement for
diminishing the labour involved, such for
example as that suggested in my Confidential (2)
despatch ^{addressed to you as} to the Governor of Kenya of the
20th August 1920, a copy of which is enclosed.

4. As regards the ~~cases~~ of officers on
whom Conf. reports should be rendered annually,
I shall be satisfied if such reports are limited
to officers with not less than five years service,
who are
drawing not less than £720 a year or on a scale of
salary the maximum of which is not less than £720.

As I think suggests
5 years £600. But
looking through his
file I think the similar
have proposed are
reasonable 1917

5. It is very desirable in the interest
of the officers themselves that the reports should
be in some detail, and in this connection I enclose
a copy of a further Conf. despatch which I addressed
to the Governor of Kenya on the 6th February, 1928,
and I should be glad if you would adopt a similar
form for your reports as ^{you are} I have, etc.

What suggested
What Dis. K-1.