

1929

Kenya.

No. 15660

SUBJECT

C O 533/387

Attorney General

Vacancy

Previous	
Subsequent	

Two copies of  
Maggard's acceptance  
available

Colonial Office. 26 March 1929.  
Vacancy Form for Attorney General, Kenya

Mr Allen

Mr Maggard's file is not available but  
understand that he has accepted  
the British post

accordingly send on the V.F.  
prepared by Mr Eastwood.

CAZ Cliffe

28/3/29

JMKle

28/3/29

2. Old Telegram. 30 March 1929.  
Request early steps be taken to select successor  
to Maggard to arrive as soon as possible after  
his departure. No one in Colony suitable.

I have amended v.f. accordingly.

J Eastwood

2.4.29

I understand that a letter is being  
sent to Kenya asking that Mr  
Maggard should not leave Kenya before  
the middle of June as Mr S. Colson may  
wish to have his advice

see Parkin  
2.4.29

(2.2.)

1 attach drafts to Trinidad  
A to Mr Macgregor, whose  
offering the latter the first

They are on the analogy of the  
in the case of  
Mr Thomas Prime Judge  
Kenya who was also transferred  
from T. Dad.

② in the case of Lea, Ence: Eng<sup>r</sup>  
T.T. transferred from B. Guiana.

As regards the date of Mr  
Mack's departure, we do  
not know definitely when Mr  
Huggard will leave Kenya.  
When we get the reply from  
T. Dad saying whether Mr Mack  
accepts it will be necessary  
to tel. to Kenya to find out  
& then to tel. to T. Dad.

As to pension see the precedent  
of Thomas.

Question  
23/4/29

Copies to go on Mr Macgregor's file.

3. To Mr Macgregor offer / same as 1

4. To Gov. Laid 105 (w. 3. info) cont<sup>d</sup> 25 APR 1929

In view of telegram now in  
(being attached) I rescind nos  
3 & 4 & amended them - so  
as to ask Mr Mack, if appr<sup>o</sup>  
to sail as soon as possible after  
23rd June. P. G. Easton

25/4/29  
at home

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

To attach

Copies 314 (with)

✓ Mr Mack, 25/4/29

25/4/29

Mr D. D. Macgregor  
officer, Attorney General  
(see file 11146.2.1)

40:1728  
23669

499 & 10  
23569

\* Presumably Mr Huggard  
draws \$3. pay from  
that date, & the  
date of his Mr Huggard's  
departure will be  
the 1st date on which  
Mr Mack can begin  
to draw Kenya pay.

TRINIDAD

NO. 105

DOWNING STREET,

25 April 1929.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, provided you see no objection, and subject to his being passed as physically fit for service in East Africa, I propose to select Mr. A.D.A. MacGregor, Attorney General, Trinidad, for appointment as Attorney General in Kenya, with salary at the rate of £1,800 a year.

A letter setting out the conditions of the appointment is enclosed for transmission to Mr. MacGregor. If Mr. MacGregor desires to accept this offer, arrangements should be made for him to be medically examined as to his fitness for service in Kenya. Any expense in connection with the examination would be payable by Mr. MacGregor.

I shall be glad if you will inform me by telegraph whether Mr. MacGregor desires to accept the offer, and is passed as physically fit. On the assumption that he is not eligible for leave with pay from Trinidad funds his appointment would take effect from the date of his departure from Trinidad. It is desired that he should leave Trinidad as soon as possible after Mr. Huggard, the present holder of the post of Attorney General, Kenya, leaves that Colony. The exact date of Mr. Huggard's departure from Kenya is not known. It will probably be about the middle of June, and, if Mr. MacGregor's appointment

To Mr. MacGregor  
24 April 1929

GOVERNOR  
SIR H.A. BYATT, K.C.M.G.

etc. etc. etc.

is

~~is completed, I will ascertain the exact date and inform you by telegram.~~ Mr. MacGregor would be eligible for half salary from Kenya funds from the date of his departure from Trinidad. He would be required to sail for Kenya by the first available steamer after his arrival in this country.

5. A first-class passage from Trinidad to England, and thence to Kenya, would be provided for Mr. MacGregor at the expense of the Government of Kenya. The cost of his passage from Trinidad to England should be recovered from Kenya funds through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

*J. S. M. J.*

~~is completed, I will ascertain the exact date and inform you~~  
~~by telegram.~~ Mr. MacGregor would be eligible for half salary  
from Kenya funds from the date of his departure from Trinidad.  
He would be required to sail for Kenya by the first available  
steamer after his arrival in this country.

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from Trinidad to England should be recovered from Kenya funds  
through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

*Isomery*

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Mr. Eastwood 23/4

Mr. Allen 23/4

Mr. Campbell 23/4

Mr. Bostonley

Sir E. Harding

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Sir C. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Lord Lovat

Mr. Amery

To go by mail of 25th April

Downing Street,

25 April, 1929.

*Order no 108 on 4/16/29*

Sir,

I have the honour to

inform you that, provided you see no objection, and subject to his being passed as physically fit for service in East Africa, I propose to select Mr. A.D.A. MacGregor

Attorney General, Trinidad, for appointment as Attorney General in Kenya, with salary at the rate of £1800 a year.

A letter setting out the conditions of the appointment is enclosed for transmission to Mr. MacGregor. Mr. MacGregor desires to accept this offer.

Arrangements should be made for

**DRAFT.**

TRINIDAD

No. 105

Gov.

*To Mr MacGregor  
(criminal)*

(2 drafts)

him to be medical, examined as to his  
fitness for service in Kenya. Any  
expense in connection with the examina-  
tion would be payable by Mr. MacGregor.

It will be glad if you will

*MacGregor*

inform me by telegraph whether he desires

to accept the offer, and is passed

as physically fit. It is desired that

~~the post of Attorney General should be~~

~~filled as soon as it is vacated by the~~

~~present holder and it is due to leave the~~

~~office in the month of June. It is his~~

~~intention as Mr. MacGregor is con-~~

~~sidered to be~~

~~bound to accept, and I have~~

~~written for England as soon as~~

*after the appointment is vacated by the present holder, Mr.*

~~vacate. His appointment to Kenya~~

~~is the assumption that he is not~~

*Huggan*

*able to leave with pay from 1st Dec 1914 his add.*

~~to take effect from the date~~

~~of his departure from Trinidad.~~

~~It is desired that this should be~~

*leave I'd say*

~~to take place as soon as~~

~~possible after the present Mr. Huggan~~

~~the present holder of the post of Attorney~~



The exact date of Mr. MacGregor's  
~~to leave Trinidad for England~~  
departure from Kenya is not known  
~~on route for Kenya as soon as~~  
it will <sup>probably</sup> be ~~known~~ <sup>known</sup> about  
possible  
the middle of June; and if Mr

MacGregor's <sup>reply</sup> ~~reply~~ is completed,  
I will <sup>as soon as</sup> ~~inform you~~ <sup>inform you</sup> of its exact date  
by telegram to Mr. MacGregor.

He will be for half salary from  
Kenya funds from the date of  
his departure from Trinidad.

*(Handwritten note in a circle)*  
He will be asked to  
sail for Kenya & his  
first available steamer  
after his arrival in  
the country.

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from Trinidad to England, and  
thence to Kenya, would be provided

to Mr. MacGregor  
at the expense of the  
Government of Kenya. The cost of his  
passage from Trinidad to Kenya  
~~is asked to leave for Kenya by the~~  
England shall be recovered from  
first available steamer after your  
Kenya funds thro' the C.A. for  
arrival in this country.  
the colonies

*(Signature)*

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

Communications on this subject  
 should be addressed to—  
 THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,  
 COLONIAL OFFICE,  
 LONDON, S.W.1.  
 and the following  
 Number quoted: 15660/29



Downing Street,  
 2 April, 1929.

*MS. 2000/252*

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to inform you that, subject to your being passed as physically fit for service in East Africa, he proposes to select you for appointment as Attorney General in Kenya with salary at the rate of £1,800 a year.

2. The conditions attached to appointments in East Africa are shown in the accompanying memoranda:—

- (i) Regulations for the Employment of Officers in the East African Dependencies.
- (ii) Model Pensions Ordinance (adopted in Kenya).

*Fr. No. 923*

*Afr. No. 1107*

The Kenya Government has not "scheduled" the Government of Trinidad for pension purposes, but has applied the arrangement indicated in the enclosed Regulations, dated the 14th June 1928. You would also be subject to the Colonial Regulations, and to any Regulations which may be hereafter introduced by, or with the sanction of

A. D. A. MACGREGOR, ESQ., K.C.

the

the Secretary of State. Copies of "Notes for Officers appointed to Kenya and Uganda", and "Hints on the Preservation of Health in East Africa" are also enclosed.

"Notes for Officers"

"Health Hints."

3. If you desire to accept this appointment, I am to request that you will inform the Colonial Secretary, Trinidad, who will make arrangements for you to be medically examined. The expense of this examination, if any, will be payable by you.

4. On the assumption that you are not eligible for leave with pay from Trinidad funds, your appointment would take effect from the date of your departure from Trinidad, and you would receive half salary from Kenya funds from that date until your arrival at Mombasa. It is desired that you should leave Trinidad as soon as possible after the <sup>23rd June when the</sup> post which is now offered to you ~~is~~ will be vacated by the present holder ~~about the middle of~~ ~~June~~. The exact date will be ascertained and communicated to the Governor of Trinidad by telegraph on receipt of a telegram from him stating that you have accepted the offer and are passed as physically fit.

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5. A first-class passage from Trinidad to England and thence to Kenya would be provided for you at the expense of the Government of Kenya. You would be required to leave for Kenya by the first available steamer after your arrival in this country. The conditions of Colonial Regulation No. III (Revised Edition) do not apply in the case of officers transferred from Trinidad to Kenya, and if your wife accompanies you to Kenya, your family passage allowance in respect of your journey from Trinidad to Kenya via this country would be limited to the amount indicated in paragraph 16 of the enclosed pamphlet African No. 973.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*A. C. Parkin*

~~Mr. J. J. Jones~~  
~~Mr. P. P. P. P.~~

V.F.  
X.15660/29  
Kenya.

The vacancy for an Attorney General, Kenya (£1800) consequent upon the transfer of Mr. Eppard to the Straits Settlements, was brought before the Promotions Committee at their Meeting of the 11th of April, 1929, (at which Sir John Risley was present) when they considered the names of Mr. W. E. Blackall, Crown Counsel, Nigeria; Mr. H. E. E. Cox, Attorney-General, Bahamas; Mr. G. E. Francis, Attorney-General, Zanzibar; Mr. W. Harrebin, Attorney-General, Nyasaland; Mr. J. C. Howard, Solicitor-General, Nigeria; Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, Attorney-General, Trinidad; Mr. A. C. V. Prior, Attorney-General, Sierra Leone; and Mr. F. Gordon Smith, Attorney-General, Northern Rhodesia.

The Committee decided to recommend Mr. MacGregor.

Mr. MacGregor was born in June, 1863. Married, no children.

Education. George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 1889-1900; Edinburgh University, 1900-1903; Lincoln College, Oxford, 1903-1906. M.A. (Edin.) B.A. (Oxon)

Professional qualifications. Called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn) 1908.

Civil Employment. Practising 1909-1912.

Colonial Service. Appointed District Commissioner, Southern Nigeria, 1912; Junior Assistant Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, 1913; Station Magistrate, 1914 (post reclassified as Police Magistrate); Crown Counsel, 1921; Solicitor-General, 1923; Attorney-General, Trinidad, 1926.

Present Salary. £1500.

Reports. - Attorney General (Kingdon):- "For the second time Mr. MacGregor has acted as Attorney-General during my absence on leave and has filled the

post

Conf. Report  
16.1.26.

post with conspicuous ability. He is an exceedingly capable and efficient Law Officer.

Conf. Report  
31.12.26.

Gov. Byatt:- "Has been in the Colony only five months, but during that short period has given to myself and others the impression that he is a most able and valuable official. Takes great pains to inform himself fully of the previous history of any question under consideration, and is a rapid as well as an accurate worker. I feel that he is gaining general confidence, and am entirely satisfied with him".

Conf. Report  
31.12.27.

Gov. Byatt:- "The opinion which I recorded five months after his appointment has been fully confirmed in every respect during the past year. I have the highest opinion of his ability and regard him as one of the Colony's most valuable officials. He enjoys the esteem of the bar and the public as well as of his colleagues in the Government service."

*Underpinway 15.4.29*

*S. W. G. 16.4*

*Mr. G. G. G. 19  
Mr. O. G. G. - Eore*

*Mr. Staggard, the present Attorney General, is not leaving Kenya until about the middle of June.*

*offer apply to the MacGregor through the Governor of India by dispatch*

*[Unofficially to MacGregor only left for India on the 7th April on which from here] W. G. G. W.C.S. 17.4.29*

*act - will  
W.G.G. 18.4.29*

*W.C.S. 17/4/29*

12  
END

RECEIVED  
2 APR 1929  
COL. OFFICE

TELEGRAM from the O.A.G. of Kenya to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 30th March.

(Received, Colonial Office, 1.35 p.m. , 30th March, 1929).

No.87. 30th March Confidential.

My telegram of 19th March No.71.

In my opinion there is no one in the Colony  
suitable for appointment as Attorney General  
and I should be glad if you would take very  
early steps to select successor to Huggard to  
arrive as soon as possible after his departure.

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**END**

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