"Previous"

"Subsequent"
Colonial Office. 26 March, 1929.

Vacancy from the Attorney General, Kenya

Mr. Allen

Mr. Higgens' file is not available but I understand that he has accepted the said post accordingly and on the S.F. prepared by Mr. C.,

G. C. Caffee

[M] [20/3/30]

Mr. Allen was asked to take steps to assist in securing Mr. Higgens to arrive as soon as possible after his departure. No one in Colony suitable.

I have arranged V.P. and B.

J. C.

[24/4/30]

[1] Understand that he is now in England and that he

sent his resignation in. He arrived before the 1st May. June 1 is important when to have his return.

A. B.
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Mr Thomas Prime Judge

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of Thomas.

25/6/44

To: Chief

Mr. G. V. 514 further

presidency

20/7/44

attorney general

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after attorney general

file number 101.
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.

2. 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.

3. 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

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

etc. etc. etc.
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.

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appointed to the position by the

Governor, and you to train the

man in the main of work. It is to be

appended to MacGregor in con-

sideration of the favor shown

and the same,

sent for England as soon as

the appointment to Kenya

is to be confirmed that he is not
debtible to them will pay from James Pincus, Esq.,
not the effect from the date

of his departure from India.

It is desired they think

that J. F. S. un

place as soon as

immediately after appointment is made.

The present holder of the Post of Attorney

General

MacGregor
The exact date of Mr. Bourne's departure from England is not known, and
no accurate date for Kenya as soon as possible.

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first available steamer after your

Kenya funds, from the C. A. for

arrival in this country.

(Signed) L. S. AMERY
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.


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 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.

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 post which is now offered to you is occupied 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,

[Signature]
The vacancy for an Attorney General, Kenya (£1800) consequent upon the transfer of Mr. Haggard 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. Cox, Attorney-General;
Bahamas; Mr. C. S. Francis, Attorney-General, Zanzibar;
Mr. W. Harradin, 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

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.

Reporter- Attorney General (Kingdon): "For
the second time Mr. MacGregor has acted as Attorney-
General during my absence on leave and has filled the
post.
post with conspicuous ability. He is an exceedingly capable and efficient Law Officer.

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."

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."

[Handwritten note: Underwood 15.4.29]
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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