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17th September 1925.

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Secretary of State.

DESIGN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
SERVICES OF MESSRS BAKER AND HOOGERP.

Is arranging to leave for Kenya on 7th
Novr. Suggests alternative interpretation of the
phrase in C.O. relating to the services he would
render under the head of "general advice". Comm-
ents generally on C.O. letter of 14th Sept.

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14, BARRACK STREET,
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TELEPHONE, VICTORIA 1122.

17th September, 1925.

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

Sir,

I have just returned to London and find your letter of the 11th September, 1925, No. 39555/25 awaiting me, in which you state that the Secretary of State has approved of my visit to Kenya under the terms of the correspondence with the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya to which you refer.

I note also with satisfaction that it is agreed that Mr. Hoofterp's services should be engaged in accordance with my recommendation and that he is sailing next week.

I am myself making all arrangements to proceed to Kenya by boat leaving Marseilles on November 7th.

With reference to paragraph 2 (d) of your letter, it should be understood that "general advice" would not include any work on what I called beyond quite rough sketches, in the nature of constructive designs. But to avoid misunderstanding, it might be agreed that I would be bound to inform the Government when I thought such advice or sketches had reached the limit when commission would be charged or some special terms for payment arranged before I carried the designs further.

A reasonable interpretation of this clause would read:- "If your visit to Kenya results in any work for which you would receive commission to the value of 500 guineas, no further fee would be payable to you, but if no such work to that value resulted you would receive an additional fee of 500 guineas, as the difference between the fees earned and that sum."

These I think are moderate financial terms and I of course go to Kenya, as far as the financial aspect of the visit is concerned, with the hope of getting a larger commission.

Mr. Hoosters refers in his letter to you of his assumption that all reasonable office accommodation, drawing materials and assistance in typing and copying plans etc. will be provided for me and I assume I shall have the benefit of this and whatever more may be necessary for my own work.

Referring to clause 3. of your letter, I think that your suggestion that my expenses will be paid up to the day I leave India for India is reasonable, and I will suggest this arrangement to the India Office.

I shall be very glad to have your assistance in securing me a fairly roomy cabin to myself, on the boat leaving Marseilles on December the 7th. This is rather important as I shall have to work during the voyage out and I expect Mr. Hoosters to send me work to do and plans to work on at Port Said and Aden. I shall have to do the most of my short visit.

Clause-6. I doubt whether it would be worth while for the Government to go much farther than the work suggested in the first part of this clause. This however might perhaps apply more especially to the central buildings which affect the dignity of the Canal as it is in these that my services may be of most value to the Government. I suggested in a letter to Sir Edward Grey before he left that if the Government thought it useful or profitable, an exception might possibly be made and sketch plans carried out in the case of some of the other isolated and more remote buildings.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Walker