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KENYA

X. 5038

14 JUN 1926

DATE

14th June 1926.

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SOLICITOR GENERAL.

States that it is very important that the new Solicitor General should arrive by the end of July.

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X. B. a.	
Mr. [unclear] <sup>and</sup>	25/6
Mr. Jeffries	25/6
Mr. [unclear]	25/6
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Mr. Jeffries ✓	

C.O.

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F.A. Gordon Smith

To Jefferson

? we can scarcely reply until we hear from Mr. Schreder - a reply to letter on 195610A, whether he is going to accept? I gather that he is very doubtful, but it is not safe to take any action until we have his letter.

Note: P.O. next week (Monday), as we should find out as early as we can whether it will be necessary to go to Providence Cttee again.

Sheel  
25.6.

Crippen 25/6

Yes. I have put Mr. Petruson to Mr. Buchanan, who may be able to convince him that he will with a better off in Kenya than in Nyasa. I have made it clear that a request will not be used in evidence against him.

C. A. Manning

25.6.26

Mr. Bottley

The vacancy for 201  
Soleia General Kenya - £1200 - was again brought  
before the Promotions Committee, at which Sir J. Ruck  
was present, at their meeting of the 9th of  
July 1926, when they considered the names  
previously before them -

Mr. C.M. Barton, Mr. H.W. Blackall, Mr. W. Bullock  
Mr. C.W. Carey, Mr. G.B. Enabli, Mr. W. Harrigan,  
Mr. F. Gordon Smith, Mr. B.A. Green, Mr. A.D. McIlwain  
Mr. S.S. Abrahams, & Mr. R.H. Junness

They decided to <sup>reassign</sup> Mr. F. Gordon Smith,  
Mr. Junness in the order named; particulars  
of both officers are annexed

J. A. Boyd.

9/7/26

Mr. Jeffries

2 submit Staff list to N. Rhoderick.

- (a) Sir G. Gigg has sent a list to Sir S. Wilson  
(on X5038/26) suggesting Harrigan (? Harrigan)  
- Crown Counsel. I don't. Mr. Harrigan was  
considered. - see above. I presume it will  
not be necessary to re-consider the matter.  
(If Mr. Gordon Smith goes direct for N. R. he  
will get there long before Mr. Harrigan could,  
which is decidedly a point)
- (b) Mr. Gordon Smith has been in N. Rhod.  
nearly 2 years on his present term.  
is about due for leave, but he should

... of doing it himself if he accepts? See the  
draft with this

(c) no question of medical examinations  
to secure the grant of £40 towards  
passages will still be inevitable & a  
matter of obligation for Barron to

of course it  
will have to  
depend upon  
his decision  
off

I must also draft reply to  
Sir G. Grigg for the Secretary, and it  
is convenient to mention that

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9.10.26

alternatively we could explain to  
Sir G. Grigg - not seem to make  
the offer?

not in  
the Board

I have discussed the matter with Sir John  
Risley and, although I know Mr. Harragin  
to do him a good turn, I agree with Sir John Risley  
that it would be doing an injustice to others to put  
Mr. Harragin over their heads. In the circumstances  
I recommend that we should be guided by Sir John  
Risley and offer the appointment in the first instance  
to Mr. Gordon Smith of Northern Rhodesia, and, failing  
him, to Mr. Furness, the Solicitor-General of  
Trinidad.

I do not think, from the point of  
view of the Colonial Service, we can be too careful  
about giving appointments to the men who appear  
best qualified from their record of service and have  
the strongest claims, and although I should be the last  
to advocate the appointment of a man simply because  
he happened to be first in order of seniority I think  
it should only be in the most exceptional cases that  
a junior officer should be singled out for promotion  
simply because he happens to know a Governor or some  
other officer in the Colony where the vacancy exists.

I am calling your attention to this  
correspondence because I am getting a little  
perturbed about the number of requests we are getting  
from Sir Edward Grigg, and other Governors, to have men  
appointed to fill vacancies over the heads of  
candidates in the Colonial Service who are considered  
fully qualified.

S.H.B.  
12.7.26

I agree Sir G. Grigg's wish to have  
... of his ...  
... of his ...  
... to his position. He has ...  
... all ...  
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Under  
 Telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
 to Sir E. Grigg, Kenya.

Sent 3.0 p.m. 13th July, 1926.  
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Personal 13th July.

Your telegram 8th July Personal  
 Barragin was considered but it was impossible to ignore  
 claims of senior officers and appointment has been offered  
 to Gordon Smith Northern Rhodesia who will proceed direct  
 appointed. Am waiting his reply.

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Desires from the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
to the Officer Administering the Government of Northern  
Nigeria.

Sent 2.40 p.m. 13th July, 1926.

13th July.

By despatch 30 January Confidential. Offer  
vacancy with appointment as Solicitor General Kenya  
Salary £1200 without local allowances.

Free quarters free first class passages with  
out of £40 towards family passages, non-contributory  
pension calculated separately on Kenya service. Will  
be required to contribute to East Africa Widows and  
Orphans Pensions Scheme. No private practice or fees.

If he accepts should proceed at once to Kenya  
where services urgently required may be allowed to carry  
out leave and Governor Kenya will be asked to  
authorize his proceeding on leave from Kenya after  
a period of four if necessary. Telegraph reply earliest.

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Telegram

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to carry forward leave and  
Govt. Kenya will be asked  
to consider the proceeding  
or leave from Kenya after  
shortened period of leave  
Paragraphs apply earliest

SMITH F. GORDON. Born April, 1886; 210

married; 3 children; educated at Bromsgrove School, Worcestershire; articled to a Solicitor, 1903-8; admitted, 1909 and practised at Dudley until 1913, when he was appointed Chief Clerk, Law Department, Northern Rhodesia; on active service with Northern Rhodesia Police 1915-18; Registrar of High Court, 1918; Assistant Legal Adviser and Public Prosecutor 1920; title changed to Assistant Attorney-General, 1924. Called to the Bar (Inner Temple) 1921.

(2900; fees 2340; private practice value small)

Report. Governor Stanley: "A capable officer, highly spoken of by the Attorney-General. A careful and thorough worker who, with further experience, should become well fitted for promotion.

An exceptionally good all round athlete."

Governor Stanley: "I am very favourably impressed by his work as Acting Attorney-General."

**FURNESS, R.N.**, Born February 1888; married one child; educated at King William's College, Isle of Man; admitted a Solicitor (Manx) 1908 and practiced till 1912 when he was appointed Registrar-General, British Honduras; called to the Bar 1919; Magistrate, Tanganyika 1919; Solicitor-General, Trinidad, 1925.

**REMARKS.** Governor Hyatt:- "While Mr. Furness gives no impression of brilliance or of any exceptional gifts, I think very highly of him as a thoroughly conscientious and reliable man. He is a hard worker and is careful in his work. He has acted for most of the year as Attorney-General and I find his advice, which I frequently seek, is cautious and well considered."

PARAPHRASE telegram from Sir E. Grigg, Kenya, to Sir S. Wilson, dated the 8th of July, received at Colonial Office 10.50 a.m. on the 8th of July, 1926.



Am most desirous that new Solicitor-General should be promptly appointed. The Attorney General Huggard has proved himself invaluable but is seriously feeling the strain of doing double work. He is one of the officers on whom I am most dependent and I could not afford to lose him either for health or any other reason. He suggests as suitable for this very difficult Colony Harrigan now Crown Counsel in Trinidad. I should welcome anyone whom Huggard considered suitable. Shall be most grateful for your help.

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of a telegram from the

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14<sup>th</sup> June 1926

Received in the Colonial Office at

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14<sup>th</sup> June

1926. 14<sup>th</sup> June My ad of 13<sup>th</sup> April Solicitor -  
General, as Huggard will be member of the  
Latham-Commission which will begin  
very early in August it is very important  
that the new Solicitor General should arrive  
end of July at the latest

Governor