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FROM

HOLM, A.

DATE

17th September, 1924.

CIRCULATION :-

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Asst. U.S. of S.

Perm. Sec. of S.

Parl. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

VACANCY FOR AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT.

None of candidates interviewed are suitable. Proposes to advise Governor to obtain officer from South Africa, and requests Gov. Genl. of Union be asked to transmit on the prescribed form any applications made.

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MINUTES

Major Jurse

(He has now sailed)

I've let Holm write to me about this. I had contemplated the Gov. making any necessary arrangements with the Gov. Genl. but if you have thought it better that we should do so, well & good.

We must in any case write to the Gov. giving to the suggestion to try S. A.

No letter told me that he had

*For Sec. Memos Book 24 Sept 1924
copy above to Mr. Hya Conf. on 24 SEP 1924
Sum 2 only Kenya. Conf. was 10 July 1924*

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MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE.

not think that the
man he wanted resided
here - of course if -
higher salary could
be offered.

was

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we have a carefully kept out arrange-
ment with the Gov. Sec. (Circular
Dep. of 28.9.1920) as to the setting of
conditions of forwarding their applications here.
It seems to me that it is not so handy
let the Gov. of Kenya talk the Gov. Sec.
that an arrangement was to be
modified in this case, without our
informing the matter. There was
a note of some misunderstanding
of the Gov. was the sort of thing I had
in mind for S. Ab. A copy of the
draft was attached. I might go to
Kenya? Sat 22.9.24

Green flag.

the difficulty

? then I'll write
just everybody

Pat

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Off to Kenya asking if they
have seen any offers from the
London Press Office through the Gov. who may make (and) something
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KENYA SECTION

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OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION (1924) INCORPORATED

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING
President of the General Committee: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, &C.

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TELEPHONE:
WEMBLEY 2101.

Kenya Section,
British Empire Exhibition,
Wembley,
London.

17th September, 1924.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S. W. 1.

Sir,

I have to report having examined the applications and interviewed a number of candidates for the post of Agricultural Assistant in the Department of Agriculture, Nairobi, and that I am unable to recommend the appointment of any one of them as, in my opinion, none of them is suitable owing to lack of either of sufficient ability and experience, or both.

On my return to Nairobi I propose to advise H.E. the Governor that an endeavour should be made to get a suitable man from South Africa. There is a number of men there who have been trained in England, in the United States and elsewhere.

As discussed in conversation with Major Furse, I should be glad if you would advise the Governor-General of the Union of South Africa that in the event of posts being advertised in South Africa by the Government of Kenya he should transmit the applications of the prescribed form to the Governor of Nairobi, that would save time.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

The Hon. Sir
President.

Kenya Empire Exhibition Committee.

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for

DRAFT.

Craft

I have the honor to inform you that, since the receipt of your draft no: 16 of the

P. Logson (6072)

MINUTE.

16th of January, the

- Mr. Astor
- Mr. 23.9.24
- Mr.
- Mr.

selection of a candidate to be

- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir J. Masterton Smith.

as Agricultural Assistant has been very fully considered

- Mr. Ormaby-Gore.
- Duke of Devonshire.

with Mr. Holden, but that it has not been possible to find a suitable man for the post in this country

Sir J. ...
C. ...

2. Mr. Holden proposes, in his
return to duty, to suggest that
the vacancy should be
advertised in South Africa.
I have no objection to this course
and I have accordingly
enclosed a copy of
addressed to the Governor

General

a despatch which I am
addressing to the Governor

General in anticipation of
its being adopted.

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(for the Secretary of State)
(Signed) ARNOLD

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Downing Street,

24 September, 1924.

Mr. Lord
Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have found it impossible, up to the present time, to secure an ^{which suits} suitable candidate for a vacancy for an Agricultural Assistant to the Director of Agriculture, Kenya, and that in these circumstances the Gov. of Kenya may wish to advertise the post in South Africa.

2. I have informed the Governor that I have no objection to his taking this course and that should he decide to adopt it the advertisements should state that application forms (i.e. the usual form $\frac{P}{I}$) may be obtained from you.

3. I should be obliged if your Ministers would arrange for the resulting

DRAFT.

SOUTH AFRICA.
Gen. Conf.
THE GOV. GENERAL

MINUTE.

- Mr. G.N. Irby 20.9.
- Major Furse 11.9
- Mr. Bottomley 23.9.
- Sir Dods
- Sir G. Gribble
- Sir H. Read
- Sir J. Macdonald Smith
- Lord Arnold
- Mr. Thomas

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copy to Gen. Conf.

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resulting applications to be dealt with in accordance

with the terms of paragraphs 4 and 5 of my ^{letter} ~~order~~

^{minutes}
Confidential despatch/No. 418 of the 28th September

1920; but in this case I should be glad if, in order

to avoid delay in dealing with the applications,

you would forward them to the Governor of Kenya

for his observations and for transmission to

me, instead of forwarding them direct to me.

I have etc.

(for the Secretary of State)

(Signed) ARNOLD

submitted by Mr. Canney in support of his *stable job*
the post of Agricultural Assistant

(c) A copy of a letter from Mr. John

Orr dated 15.6.25.

(d) A copy of a letter from my

Private Secretary (Appointments) to

Mr. C.S. Orwin dated 26.6.25

(e) A copy of Mr. Orwin's reply dated

30.6.25.

(f) A copy of a paper by Mr. Canney

on Rain-grown Cotton and Climate.

3. Mr. Canney has been satisfactorily

reported on by the Army Council. He

was seen by my Private Secretary

(Appointments) in 1921 and made a

very favourable impression. The Director

of Kew Gardens also saw him and considered

him to be a useful type of man. The

Director feared, however, that his training

at that time had fitted him better ~~for a~~

post at home than for employment in a

Department of Agriculture in the Tropics.

4. In view of Mr. Orwin's ^{the} remarks made by

in his letter a copy ^{of which is enclosed}
I hardly anticipate that you will con-



consider Mr. Canney suitable for the appointment of Agricultural Assistant.

I think it desirable, however, to give you the opportunity of ^{expressing an} ~~examining~~

Opinion

his application as he appears to be the best candidate who has come forward up to the present; time in spite of the vacancy having been advertised in 1923 and 1924. It has also occurred to us that in the absence of an entirely suitable candidate for the post of Agricultural Assistant you might consider the desirability of the appointment of a Senior Supervisor ^{superannuated} to the establishment as an alternative.

5. I should be glad to be informed of your views regarding Mr. Canney by tele.gram.

I have etc.,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY