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Mr. C. Deakin

DATE
18 August 1925

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Secretary of State.

Director of Public Buildings in Kenya
Services of an Architect

Enclosed copy comes with Mr. L. Baker A.R.A. and concurs with views of Executive Council that Mr. Baker's terms for personal visit should be accepted. Asks for reply by cable as to whether Mr. Baker is prepared to visit Kenya. Asks for Mr. Baker's views on supply of plans etc.

Previous Papers
O.A.C. 39654

MINUTES
The Com. also 25.05
Mr. Casey has sent the duplicate (with the envelope which Mr. E. Ingg had already communicated to the Com.) to Mr. Ingg's provisional agent to app. to be seen with Sir Sturson for 12 noon tomorrow Wednesday.

I gather the O.A.C.'s view (refers to the letter in 2502) is that Mr. Baker should go at first, before sending the proposals or anyone else.

H. Allen
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and let 10/9/25
To Mr. Ingg 2/9
Mr. Baker's terms 14 Sep 25
Copies to Mr. C.A. - 19 SEP 1925
" " 6 Sep 1925
" " 23 SEP 1925

Subsequent Paper
B. 42255

Yes. It was Mr. Baker to go on the

conditions outlined on pp. 4-5 of Mr. Baker's
letter enclosed, i.e. Mr. Baker to stay in Kenya
about 1 1/2 months (early December to middle January)
with a view to...
Directly expenses anything additional...
visit to Kenya - He would get £5 5/- a day while in
Kenya plus 30/- a day allowance allowance. I am not sure
how the other expenses (£5.5/- a day and 30/- while absent
from England) will be divided up between Mr. Baker & Kenya. But
it is not necessary to go into this for the moment.
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I discussed this question on the 2nd
of September with Sir E. Grigg and Mr. Strachey.
It was agreed that Sir E. Grigg should ask Mr.
Baker for his views on Mr. Denham's despatch
and this he undertook to do at the earliest
possible moment. No action necessary until
we hear from Sir E. Grigg.

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See attached notes & drafts

[Signature]
16/9/55

Send subject
to my observations
Dr. Allen may have to offer (3A)

64 C. Nairobi

See of 1. who will be
after the
August 10/9 and telegram
to him

re despatch

August ~~10/9~~ have consulted

Dr. Hoogstraal who considers assistance Hoogstraal
necessary for carrying out the material
and tools and preparing to work in the
field. Secretary of the State has therefore
approved the terms of the proposed
appointment of Hoogstraal

for one year at salary of 1250 pounds
plus living & travelling expenses

Hoogstraal showed great ability in the districts
at Delhi.

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Friday the 11th/61

Mr. Hoogterp called to see me ~~today~~ to discuss the arrangements for his visit to Kenya. As Mr. Baker will be leaving early in November, it is very desirable that Mr. Hoogterp should leave as soon as possible. I therefore sent him over to the Crown Agents, and arrangements have been made to reserve a passage for him by the S.S. "Gascon" leaving Marseilles on the 24th September.

Mr. Hoogterp raised two further questions:-

(1) He asked if he could have one month's advance of salary, although he said that if there was any difficulty about it, he did not want to press it.

(2) He wanted to know if he could have authority to expend up to £100 on technical works of reference, which he wished to take with him to Kenya. He volunteered, if this was done, either to make them over to the Colonial Government, or refund the cost, at the end of his employment, and he agreed that it should be left to the Colonial Government to decide which of these two courses should be adopted.

He also said that it was very desirable that a passage should be reserved for Mr. Baker as soon as possible, and I said that he had better discuss this also with the Crown Agents.

As Mr. Baker is calling at Kenya on his way to India in connection with his Delhi work, the question arises as to the division of certain costs between Kenya and Indian funds. It would seem a reasonable

reasonable arrangement that Kenya should be liable for everything up to the date on which Mr. Baker leaves Mombasa for India, but not thereafter. This might be put in the letter to Mr. Baker, and if he raises any question about it, it can, if necessary, be arranged with the India Office. It is rather a domestic matter between the two Departments than one for Mr. Baker. I have seen Sir Samuel Wilson, and he concurs generally in the line taken in the accompanying drafts.

Mr. Hoogterp's case is a special one, and the usual form of agreement seems neither desirable nor necessary, and in the circumstances the correspondence with this Department will form an adequate contract.

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KENYA.

No. 980.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI
KENYA

6th August 1925.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, in view of the need for suitable designs for public buildings in this Colony and especially for the erection of such buildings as the European School at Kabete and the Customs House at Mombasa to which your sanction has been given and the further proposed public buildings set out in the annexure of the letter to Mr. Baker, this Government has been in communication with Mr. Herbert Baker, A.R.A., of 14 Barton Street, Westminster, London, S.W., and copies of the letter addressed to him on behalf of this Government and of Mr. Baker's reply are enclosed for your information.

2. It appears desirable that local conditions should first be investigated by Mr. Baker and his advice be taken before either of the three courses suggested in his letter are adopted and I have concurred with the advice of Executive Council that Mr. Baker's terms for a personal visit should be accepted and that he should be asked to visit this Colony as soon as possible.

I trust that you will concur in these proposals and will communicate them to Mr. Baker at an early date; it will be observed from his letter that both the Indian Government and the Bank of England have prior claims upon his time. I shall be glad to receive a reply by cable as to whether Mr. Baker is now prepared to visit Kenya.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL L.C.M.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET.

LONDON, S.E.

Mr. H. Baker
recd 27-4-25.

Mr. H. Baker
recd 18-6-1925.

3. Mr. Baker should also be asked to state whether he desires specimen drawings and ground plans of the proposed European School to be prepared in advance and what further steps, if any, he would suggest be taken by the Public Works Department or by calling for designs &c from local architects to supply him with material to work on. He would possibly prefer to study the question without any such plans and with only the absolutely essential data regarding room space, &c.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Penham

ACTING GOVERNOR.

19039/16/10/3.

27th April, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you this Government has now under consideration proposals for the erection of important public buildings in the Colony, a list of which is annexed given in the order in which they will probably be undertaken. As you are of course aware Kenya is a young Colony and has at present very few public buildings of any dimensions or architectural merit. It is considered that before commencing on any building scheme of magnitude this Government would endeavour to obtain advice in regard to a suitable and style of architecture which will be most suitable for conditions in East Africa. It is believed that the present is an opportunity to give consideration to the possibility of adopting an East African style which can be followed generally in the future in erecting buildings as they become necessary throughout the Colony.

2. This Government feels sure that there is no Architect of wider experience or more competent to advise them in this matter than yourself. But it is realised that the calls on your time made by the great public works on which you are at present engaged would not permit of your doing perhaps more than to assist this Government as to the first steps it should take by yourself selecting, if possible, for this Colony an

Architect,

HERBERT BAKER, ESQ., A.R.A.,

14, BARTON STREET,

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

Architect, preferably one who had been one of your students or had worked under you during recent years, who would come to this country for a period of say one year and advise, after study of local conditions and requirements, on the design which would be followed in the erection of these buildings.

Government will be very glad of your advice, firstly - as to whether it would be possible to procure such an officer as suggested and if so, on what salary and conditions. He will, of course, be provided with passage and free housing accommodation or ~~allowance~~ in lieu thereof.

Secondly - whether in your opinion the time suggested would allow of an Architect so appointed being able to put forth in his drawings the general principles of the most suitable architecture and design for various structures in such a manner that full working drawings could be subsequently prepared by another officer who would be employed as Government Architect to carry out these designs. There is no architect in the employ- ment of Government at the present, though it is proposed to employ one ~~or~~ the services of an expert adviser as suggested in this letter have been secured.

3. It will be seen that the sums provided for the new buildings are not very considerable but at the same time this should allow of buildings being erected which would be able to show some degree of originality in architectural style and at the same time meet the needs of the country.

This Colony's financial resources are restricted and there is no likelihood that any larger sums than those estimated can be provided. It must also be realised that there is no high degree of competency among local artisans.

5. It will probably be advisable for the Architect selected to engage his own draughtsman before proceeding to the Colony and both he and his assistant will be regarded as temporarily attached to the Public Works Department for the period of their service in this Colony.

6. It is hoped that you will be prepared to give us your early advice in this matter and if possible will be able to advise the appointment of a suitable Architect for the period suggested.

7. This Government is, of course, prepared to pay such fee as you consider it reasonable to charge in the circumstances for the time and trouble we are asking you to take in this matter.

8. It will, of course, be of very great assistance to this Colony should you yourself be in a position to visit Kenya en route to India or elsewhere for a short period and give us your further personal advice. Should there be any chance of such an arrangement being feasible this Government will be glad to be informed of the terms upon which you would be able to make the visit which it is of course understood would be quite apart from the employment of a special architect as suggested and who appears to be necessary in any event.

9. It must be clearly understood that Government cannot conclude any agreement with any Architect or provide the requisite salaries and provision for his visit without the approval of the Secretary of State and the Legislative Council of this Colony. This Government feels, however, that if you are able to advise us in this matter it will be possible to put before the Secretary of State and the Colony's

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Legislative Council proposals in the best interests
of the Colony and which are likely to receive their
acceptance.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

J. C. [Signature]

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

PROBABLE REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF DESIGNS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS DURING 1925 AND 1926.

1. EUROPEAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

A complete design for a school to accommodate ultimately 320 boarders and 120 day scholars. The first portion to be erected should provide accommodation for 40 boarders and 80 day scholars and it is anticipated that such accommodation can be provided for 200,000 in the following form:-

- A. Main Building consisting of:-
 - (a) Administration Block, Entrance Hall and Library.
 - (b) Assembly Hall.
 - (c) Class Room Block consisting of 4 class rooms, lavatory block, cloak room and connecting corridors.
 - (d) Science Block.
- B. One Boarding House for 40 boarders.
- C. Outbuildings consisting of:-
 - (a) Sanatorium.
 - (b) Laundry.
 - (c) Headmaster's House.
 - (d) Native staff quarters, kitchen, etc.
- D. Water supply, drains, electric light, etc.
- E. Laying out grounds.
- F. Furniture for all buildings.

2. SUPREME COURT, NAIROBI.

A building to be erected upon a prominent site in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Five courts are required, together with Judges' chambers, Library and the usual appurtenances to such a building. An imposing style of architecture is suggested, the fronts being faced with local stone. The approximate cost has been estimated at 280,000.

3. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NAIROBI.

A building to accommodate the Head Office staffs of all the Government Offices. The site proposed is a commanding one on a hill overlooking the town of Nairobi. The building will be faced with local stone and

and terraced approaches can also be constructed of similar material. It is anticipated that this work will cost from 2300,000 to 2350,000.

4. NATIVE HOSPITAL, NAIROBI:

A design for a complete hospital is required including administration block, ten ward blocks and the usual appointments. The cost may possibly approximate 430,000 to 470,000.

5. CENTRAL GAOL:

A complete new prison for Natives and Europeans. The cost may approximate 470,000.

6. CUSTOMS HOUSE, KILINDINI (MOBASA):

A building combining Customs Offices and Railway Offices to be erected adjoining the new wharf at Kilindini. The cost may approximate 2100,000.

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14, BARTON STREET,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, W.C.2

18th June, 1925.

The Acting Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Nairobi,
Kenya.

Dear Sir,

I have now had time to consider your letter of the 27th April, 1925, No. S.19039/16/10/2, and I must first, if I may, express my appreciation of the wise and far sighted proposals of the Government as expressed in the first clause.

I am glad to read that the Government intend the more important buildings, are to be on a commanding site, so that the architect will have an opportunity of advising on a comprehensive scheme for the buildings and their surroundings which may be worthy of the future greatness of the capital.

As to the principal point of your letter in clause 2, there seems three possible courses for you to follow:-

Course 1. To choose and send out an architect who could be trusted to take full responsibility to produce designs and create a style worthy of your ideals, either without any assistance, or with the assistance only of a single visit or very general advice from a consulting architect.

Course 2. To choose and send out an architect less fully proved and experienced in all sides of his profession over whom a consulting architect would have to exert fuller powers with more frequent and direct meetings and intercourse between each other. The consulting architect would probably in this case have to give direct assistance in sketch designs, but the architect would work out and be responsible for in
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Kenya the contracts and working drawings.

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Course 3. This would follow the first stage of Course 2, but the duties of the architect would be at first primarily to collect information, requirements of the site, materials etc, and make very rough sketch plans for the initial design and the preliminary contract drawings would be then worked out up to a certain stage by the consulting architect, or as he should then be called, the Principal Architect, in London, with the help for some of the time of the architect. At some period during this stage the architect would return to Kenya, and after discussing the plans with the Government and obtaining its approval, he would correct if necessary the contract drawings and work out and complete the final working drawings and specifications. The architect should submit all drawings of more vital architectural importance to the Principal Architect at home or during the occasional visits of the Principal Architect or his representative to Kenya.

I think Course 3 would be desirable in many ways, but there would be a real difficulty in finding a suitable architect with the special experience which is required. I have one in my mind, Mr. Gordon Leith, of Johannesburg, but I am doubtful whether he would come away with his family from a rising practice and promising career in South Africa.

In Course 3, if I were to be the Principal Architect, the work would have the benefit of the help of the heads of my experienced staff who have been working from the beginning on the plans of Delhi and are now engaged on the bank of England.

If this course were adopted however, I do not think it would be wise in the interest of the future architecture of East Africa or of the efficiency of its Public Works Department for all the details and working drawings to be made in London as has been found necessary for the work in Delhi owing to the peculiar conditions in

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India. Indeed I fully recognise the importance of as much of the work as possible being done under the influence and inspiration of man and things on the spot. What I have rather in my mind is the collaboration of all my staff whom I have kept together on the big Government and other work which I have been doing for the last fifteen years, but to off-load and trust the man on the spot as far and as soon as possible, and to an increasing extent.

I have two men ^{in my} mind here, South Africans also, whom with different qualifications might undertake this work as architect under Courses 2 and 3, for limited number of years as might be arranged. I do not think the one year suggested by you would be sufficient.

As far as supplying one or more permanent officials as junior architects ~~working~~ under the supervision of the architect with the Government Department, I should be able to recommend one or two suitable men as soon as they can be released from my work at Delhi, or my staff here, or possibly I could make a choice from those men who have been working for the War Graves Commission in France.

The procedure of this Commission supplies parallels which may be of interest to you. There are principal architects in London and staff of junior architects at the Headquarters of the War Graves Commission in France. For the smaller works the designs of the Junior are submitted for the approval of the Principal Architect, and for the more important works the designs and contract drawings up to a certain stage are made by the Principal Architect and these are adapted to the suggestions of the local engineer and quantity surveyor and made into working drawings by the Junior Architects in France.

I thought it best to put down these general opinions as I have thought them out, but if I am to make a definite proposal to you it would be this :- That I should send out Mr. J. A. Hoogtarp, who is just completing his work as my Chief assistant on my Delhi work in control of

all the drawings for the Secretariat and Legislative Buildings, to collect all information and prepare the way for the adoption by your Government of either the 1st or 2nd Course of procedure which I have suggested above. You will be in a better position to decide on either of these or any other course of procedure after he has been sometime in the country. You will understand from the further qualifications of Mr. Hogstarp, which I attach, that I consider he is exceptionally competent for the appointment, except that his capacity for designing on his own initiative has not yet been proved, but in this respect so far as I affect the case, he is familiar with my work in South Africa and has worked on my buildings at Delhi from the beginning. I can therefore recommend him wholeheartedly for the appointment with the proviso that I should have, to some degree yet to be decided upon, to control the architectural elements of the design if I am to be held in any way responsible for their success.

I should like to add in connection with my reference to the members of my staff here who would be able to help me and act perhaps in my absence, that there is Mr. A. N. Scott whom Mr. Hogstarp took over control on the Delhi work and who is now showing exceptional skill in charge of the plans for the new Bank of England; and Mr. C. D. St. Leger, who is in control of all my other English work and who came with me from South Africa and knows the character and spirit of my work there as well as anyone.

With regard to myself all I can say is that if we can agree to any proposal, I feel rather tempted to pay you a visit on my way to India this winter arriving early in December and leaving about the middle of January, but it is rather difficult for me to see so far ahead. The Directors of the Bank of England have suggested that I pay a visit to America in the Autumn and that may make an East African visit difficult, but I appreciate the great importance of the work and have a strong desire to come if your Government wish me to do so.

Financial Side.

The financial side of the problem is much more difficult. I think I need not go very deeply into it at this stage; indeed it is impossible to do so until the course of procedure is settled. All we need settle first of all is the remuneration given to Mr. Haegfjord for a year's visit, if you should accept his appointment. I cannot fix a figure as I cannot say what the cost of living would be, but I think the basis of his payment should be that his fees should cover all his travelling and out of pocket expenses; a sum sufficient to keep his family at home which he estimates at £12. 10s. a week, (his present salary with no being £15 a week); an amount to cover his living expenses, fairly liberally estimated so that he should not be hampered in his energies; and in addition sufficient to enable him to be in a position, without undue economy, to save a sum of from £500 to £1000, as you may be inclined to agree to. In considering this amount you must bear in mind that he is a man who works with great energy and will put in considerable overtime: also that he will probably be making sketch plans which, if charged for at the usual percentage rate, might much exceed the more liberal and which I have suggested. While I think he ought to be guaranteed some such payment for a year's work, it is possible that you would enter into a fresh agreement with him before the end of the first year in which you would either agree to a fixed salary, or if he worked as I have outlined in Course 3 a payment upon some percentage basis.

I think my fees for a visit might be just the same as those paid by the Government of India for my visits to Delhi. That is, I receive a first class steamship and railway fare to and from Delhi, plus all rail and transit expenses during my visit in India; a subsistence allowance of thirty shillings and a fee of five guineas a day for each day of my absence from home; and a further five guineas

a day for each day of my stay in India. The first daily fee of 25. 0s. was held to be compensation for loss of time, and the 2nd 25. 0s. paid in India for general advice on all matters which the permission on the definite design entrusted to me might not include. If my visit to Kenya resulted, outside such general advice, in any work for which I should be paid by commission there would be no further fees, but if no such work accrued for me I should suggest a fee of five hundred guineas.

Yours faithfully,

DR. HERBERT BAKER.

CONFIDENTIAL.14, BARTON STREET,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

18th June, 1928.

Mr. J. A. Hoortery is South African born, and served in my office in Johannesburg for two years. He came to England with me when I left South Africa in the Autumn of 1913. He fought throughout the war with some distinction as Flight Commander in the Royal Air Force.

Since the war he has worked continuously in my office in London and for the last two years has taken complete control of the drawings of my three large buildings at Delhi, the two blocks of the Secretariat and the Legislative Buildings. In this rather exceptional feat he has shown marked energy and ability in organisation and ingenuity, in structural design and planning. For the last two months he has been studying architecture in Italy.

It is impossible to speak with certainty of his artistic gifts in design but it is difficult to feel this assurance of any assistant until he has proved himself in individual practice. He has however such quick receptibility that I feel confident that acting under good advisers he will quickly attain artistic competence.

I should add this caution, that he suffered from airman's nerves after the war, and though he has completely recovered, he has a thinly strung nature that goes with great nervous energy and is therefore in some danger of overworking himself. He is in very good health at present and I think this kind of work with sea voyages and not too long periods of office work will be certain to keep him in the best of health. Being born in the Transvaal the climate of Nairobi should suit him.

Sd/- HERBERT BAKER.

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- Mr. Strachey
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...Mombasa for India, but not thereafter.

4. It is also understood that it is your intention to proceed to the Colony on the steamer leaving Marseilles early in November, and that enquiries are being made with a view to the reservation of accommodation for you on that vessel.

The Secretary of State will be glad to receive your confirmation of these arrangements in order that the C.A.G. of Kenya may be informed.

5. It is proposed to engage Mr. Douglas's services in accordance with your recommendation, and you will observe from the enclosed copy of a letter which has been addressed to him that arrangements are being made for him to sail from Marseilles by the S.S. "Gaston" on the 24th of September.

That the D.A. Kenya has

6. I am to add as requested

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You might be asked to state whether you
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that you would possibly prefer to study the
question without any such plans, and with only
absolutely essential data regarding room space etc.

At the request of Sir Edward Crigg, who, it is
understood, consulted you in the matter, the C.A.G.
has been informed by the Public Works
Department of the Colony should prepare
diagram plans.

Sir J. Crigg

authorise the C.A. & the Colonies
to make to you before you
in tax provision secured
deposits an advance to
me in the salary ~~to~~ ^{in your undertaking}
against the amount ~~to be~~
~~repaid for up to the~~
total in such manner as
the O.P.S. may determine.

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for use in connection with
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- Mr. Strachan
- Sir J. Shackleton
- Sir O. Darby
- Sir G. Grange
- Sir F. Masterman Smith
- Mr. Ormsby Gore
- Mr. Amery

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J. A. Kingley Esq
14, Brixton St
Westminster
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14 Dec 25
I am to inform
you that the fact of
Kenya desiring to obtain
the services of an
architect who is prepared
to plan & the Colonial
in early date in the
first instance to
gather information
re requirements of sites,
materials etc and make
rough sketch plans and
confer with proposals
for the erection of
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2. The architect appointed
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 of Mr Herbert Baker, who is
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 the matter Mr Baker has
 recommended that you should
 have been secured for the purpose
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 are willing to undertake
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 would be for a period not
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 salary at the rate of
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- Mr. Strachey.
- Sir J. Shackburgh.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir G. G. G.
- Sir J. Macdonald Smith.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Mr. A. G. G.

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have the books over to the
 Col. Govt, or if the Col.
 Govt. should so direct, upon the
 part of the Col. Govt.
 6. It is understood
 that if you accept the
 employment, this offer is made to
 you & you are prepared to leave
 Kenya to the 2nd Squadron
 with the 2nd division from
 Marseilles on the 21st
 Sept. The Col. Govt. in the
 Colony has provisionally
 received accommodation
 for you in that vessel.
 7. You are requested
 to inform us whether
 you are willing to proceed
 to Kenya as proposed
 & whether you accept the
 terms & conditions laid
 down in this letter.

The letter to the Govt will
take the place of a formal
agreement between the
Govt & the Union &
Conseil.

[The Duke thinks the addition
(unnecessary)]
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Geo G. Quinlan