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DOWNING STREET,
9 February, 1920.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by Mr. A. Wye, Forester, East Africa Protectorate, applying for the grant of a free passage to East Africa for his child, and of a letter sent to the Crown Agents on the subject.

I shall be glad to learn your views as to whether Mr. Wye is, by the terms of his appointment, entitled to claim the privilege of a free passage for any member of his family who may proceed to join him in East Africa after his wife has once joined him there.

I shall also be glad to learn whether you consider that there is now any reason for the grant of special privileges to foresters as distinct from other officials, in the matter of passages for their families.

I have, &c.

(for the Secretary of State)

(Sd) L.S. Amery

31 May, 1920.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Colonel Wray's despatch No. 186 of 9th February regarding the grant of a free passage for his child to Mr. A. Wye, Forester.

2. The original agreement under which this official served, entitled him to a passage for his child but expired on July 22nd 1918. Mr. Wye however continued to serve, by mutual arrangement, under the terms of the expired agreement until December 31st 1918 when he was placed on the permanent and pensionable staff, and from that date, subsequent to which, it should be noted, the child was born, he must be regarded as no longer subject to the conditions of his original agreement and consequently not entitled to the privileges arising from it.

3. With regard to paragraph 3 of the despatch under reference no reason would appear now to exist for continuing the special privileges enjoyed by foresters in the matter of free passages for their wives and families as distinct from other officials and I would recommend that such a concession be no longer granted to them.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,

Sd,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

RIGHT HONOURABLE
MOUNT MELNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

Action taken on 2/6/20

13 July 1920. 153

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 7th of February regarding the grant of a free passage for his child to Mr. A. Wye, Forester, East Africa Protectorate, I am directed by Viscount Milner to inform you that the Acting Governor states that the privilege of free passages for the wives and children of foresters ceases when they are admitted to the permanent and pensionable establishment, and that this rule applies to Mr. Wye's case. His child is therefore not eligible for a free passage.

It is considered that there is no longer any necessity for continuing the special privilege for foresters contained in Section 6 (3) of their agreements as to free passages for their families, and I am to authorise you to delete section 6 (3) from all agreements entered into in the future.

I am, Sir,

(Sd) H. J. Read.

OUR AGENTS

OF THE COLONIES.