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Re employment.

Requests - preferably on R. Coast of Africa

Mr Cox

You will remember this case.

Mr Cox got shockingly into debt, & there were other things against him too. He seems to have tried to pay off his debts, but the Govt were not satisfied with the arrangements he made, & they practically made him resign. It is possible they treated him somewhat harshly, as it appears that he did his best to carry out the undertaking he previously gave as to clearing himself of debt.

The whole case was exhaustively considered by Lord Pearce, & the conclusion arrived at was (roughly speaking) that he had allowed himself to become scandalously involved, but that the Govt had treated him hardly in ~~marrying~~ getting rid of him at a time when he had made an arrangement which had

he alleges & says - (on the whole, believe - the case) would have resulted in the complete payment of all his debts within a year or two. We also thought that the Govt had behaved badly in bringing to our notice certain alleged misconduct on his part - of which he had not been informed.

He was given, as an act of charity, a gratuity of £50 & he accepted it (28/4) as a final settlement of his case.

The question whether he could be re-employed was very carefully considered - when his case was before us.

The Minutes on the Memo in 333/89 & the letter to him as that point are the final ones on this subject, & are explicit against re-employment.

No occasion should that decision be reconsidered.

I propose to tell him very briefly in answer to his private letter to you some that the decision as to re-employment communicated to him in the official letter of the 22nd July 1909 is final, & that the question of offering him re-employment cannot be reopened.

The official letter should also be brief & to exactly the same effect.

He will probably come to see you & me some day soon, when we shall have to shake him off in the same way.

(A recent private comm: with the 70 is attached).

T. H. S/S

Colonel Sully

Mr. Foran told me when he called on

that his debts were
practically paid off. I am sorry for him
but I think the safer course is not to
reemploy him. Mr. Roosevelt may very well
give him a start in America if I think
so highly of him.

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I agree with Mr. Cox.

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Castbourne
May 2nd 1910

Dear Sir,

I venture to write and
to you to add to your
my 'Embossed' Stone and
trouble to speak on my

Yours faithfully

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St. Pierre

May 2nd 1910

Mr Macmillan,

I venture to ask you

kindly to what you can

help me to obtain another

retirement under the Colonies

and to be able to apply

valley and ...

Dear Mr. [Name]

I am very sorry to hear that you

are unwell and hope you will

be better soon.

I have called a

doctor to see you.

With best wishes

I am very sincerely

your friend

[Signature]

[Address]

SIMSON,
RESUBMITTED
May 2nd 1910.

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To H.M.'s Under Secretary of State
The Colonial Office
London S.W.

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MAY 3 1910

Sir,

I have the honour to apply for employment under the Colonial Office, for preference on the West Coast of Africa.

You will remember my case from East Africa and how settled I was in February 1908. You will also have heard since that I have done what I said I would do and that is pay off my old debts. They are now practically all settled, there being only a few to finish off.

No doubt you have also been informed that the Government of East Africa have recently ascertained that I was hardly used in the matter.

For the last year I have been with ex-President Roosevelt in East Africa, as the special Correspondent of the Associated Press of America and was the only Correspondent who completed the whole journey with Mr Roosevelt.

I have been fortunate enough to earn Mr Roosevelt's strong friendship and the Associated Press speak very highly of my work.

I should be very grateful if you could see your way to give me another chance of employment under the Colonial Office, and I can assure you that you would never have cause to regret it.

I feel confident that the Government of East Africa and Uganda, would speak on my behalf, for he is fully aware of all that happened in the past for me has made full enquiries, I fancy that the Government of East Africa would not advise my non-employment, seeing that I have been enabled to clear up many little points that they were in doubt about before and also because they realise now that I was not given a fair chance to liquidate my debts.

As to my past 18 months, I am sure that Mr Roosevelt and the Directors of the Associated Press would speak well for me.

Taking all things into consideration, I trust that you will give me an opportunity to show my worth on the West Coast of Africa or in some other part of the Colonial Empire. I am very keen to return to Government Service, and this is only natural when one remembers my past record of good service.

You have my letters of recommendation and I can send you more recent ones if you so desire it.

I sincerely trust that you will be able to offer me an appointment and so give me another chance, which I think you will admit that I deserve.

I shall be in London on Friday next (May 6th) and should be happy to call at the Colonial Office for an interview, should you wish it. In this event will you kindly give me a time.

In conclusion I may mention that the Foreign Office are likely to offer me an appointment at Zanzibar, but I would prefer to

serve under the Colonial Office if possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Robert Foran

10th April 1910

Dorning Street,
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Dear Tilley.

I am sorry not to have replied to
your letter of the 13th some. The Colonial

Office record of W. W. R. Foran is
as follows:-

He was an Assistant ^{District} Superintendent
of Police in the East from May 1907
until December 1908, & on the
termination of his appointment he

was drawing ~~£265~~ salary at the

rate of £265 p.a.

Unfortunately he fell into
serious debt and in the 19th was
in consequence called upon to
resign. I might add too,

that he was ^{convicted} guilty of some
misconduct, & in the discharge of
his special duties he failed to

pass the Government Liability
test, ~~consequently~~ ~~look~~ ~~over~~
though it appears from the correspondence
that he was not so dependent in
ethological liability as this feature
might ~~imply~~ suggest. I cannot say whether
he succeeded in passing it or not.

It is only fair to state,
however, that he seems to have made
a genuine effort to clear himself
of the debt, all the time that
we were investigating the case
from the ~~impression of~~ ~~created~~
favorable impression by his
straightforward proper conduct.

Yours ~~truly~~

(S) J. B. [unclear]
(for W. Reed's signature)

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Dear Ned

Can you tell me what
 word the name of
 Rev. W. Focan - age 28 -
 who was in East Africa
 in 1907. I may be left

Yours
 W. T. King

10th May 1910

Dear Mr. Loran

I am very sorry that it is impossible to return a favourable answer to your letters to Mr. Cox and myself but it is not proposed to offer you re-employment under the department.

You must therefore accept as final the Secretary of States decision which was communicated to you in the official letter of the 22nd of January 1910, and realise that the question can not be reopened. An official letter to the above effect will reach shortly.

Believe me

Yours truly

(sd) Lennox C Macnaghten

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to R. Toran Esq

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12th May 1900

MINUTE

- Mr. Smith 1/5/00
- Mr. Mansfield JFS
- Mr. Fiddis.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Chas. Seely.
- Lord Crave.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to ack. the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant applying for another appointment in the Colonial Service, and

to inform you that the Earl regrets that it is impossible for him to accede to your request in the decision as to re-employment

conveyed to you in the letter from the Department of the

Mr. Mansfield to answer
to Toran's private letter

Must be accepted as

29th of January, 1909, Final, $\frac{333}{09}$

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offering you re-employment
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