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A. R. D. Wrotham

Sends report by Maj. Leggett on Mr. Wrotham's work whilst employed by the E. Af. Corps.

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Mr. Bratterbee

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You asked me to look thro' Mr. Wrotham's papers & I have done so. I was struck with the fact that there was no indication as to why he left the Army & again why he left the E. Af. Corps. The papers enclosed seem to show some light on the matter & I do not see the reason that he would be a suitable Candidate.

J.M.

23.4.13.

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It is clear that there is a suitable candidate. [Signature]

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

22nd March 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram No. 46 of the 20th instant, which was as follows:-

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Your telegram March 14th no very satisfactory information respecting person named. Despatch follows.

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and to forward herewith a copy of a letter I have received from Major R.H.M Leggett, B.S.C., Manager of the British East Africa Corporation, to whom I applied for information concerning Mr R.H.M. Cortham while in the employ of his firm.

**Major Leggett
14.3.13.**

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway Beyard

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

HERBERT BARNARD, P.C., M.P.,

MEMBER OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOVER STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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EMERALD EAST AFRICA CORPORATION, LIMITED.

MEMORANDUM 19th Mar '18.

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The Chief Secretary to Government,
NAIROBI.

Sir,

Replying to your enquiry as to the character and ability of Mr E.A.E. Wortham lately in the service of the Kisumu Rubber Estates Co. Ltd., I beg to say that we (in our capacity as Agents and Managers of that Company) found Mr Wortham to be very hard working and intelligent, and that he in particular was highly popular with the native labour force, whom he evidently treated with firmness and sympathetic understanding. Mr Wortham's duties did not include office and clerical or bookkeeping duties to any degree that justifies opinion as to his ability in that direction.

When in London I gave Mr Wortham a personal note testifying to his seal, and good influence with natives and hoping that he might obtain employment. But since my return to East Africa, I have heard from several sources that before leaving for home last August, Mr Wortham borrowed, or tried to borrow moneys from quite a number of men out here, including even some of our office staff, and in several cases loans were given him which he has not yet returned, nor does he write to the lenders as promised. In addition to this, Mr Wortham obtained money from the Kisumu Company on his own representation that leave pay was due him, whereas he had actually received his leave pay in full before he sailed last August.

I therefore set out these facts without comment and with the request of course they be considered as confidential.

I have etc.,

Ed. E.A.M. LEGGITT.