



EAST AFR. PROT.  
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21/11/13  
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Conf  
1913  
19 July  
24787

Marehan patrol.

Confirms tel. 18 July, & sends reports.  
Although situation not to satisfaction as at first anticipated, no uneasiness need be felt as to result.

Captain French  
Col. Hoskins

H. S. R.  
13/8/13

Mr. Read

Col Hoskins has asked me to write a memorandum on this despatch as he is not yet sufficiently au fait with the situation to wish to express his views.

It seems to me that this policy of disarming the Marehan is one that is, to say the least of it, open to argument. Whether it is right or wrong it will involve certain logical conclusions - If we disarm this section we make ourselves responsible for their protection and it is quite certain that they themselves will be quick to see this whether or not they obtain fresh supplies of firearms from the north. Consequently we may have to disarm all sections of Jubaland Somalia to the south - a procedure which may be extremely difficult in face of the recent disaster to the Camel Corps in N. Somaliland

For and conf. cons. 20 Aug.

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3032 11/12 A.S.S.W.  
Subsequent Paper.

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delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Bowring". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Your humble, obedient servant,".

In the absence of the  
GOVERNOR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

July 19th 1913.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 16th instant which read as follows:-

"Your telegram July 1st. Should be glad if appointments of both First Class Postmasters could be made from home, vide paragraph 19 of enclosure to my despatch No. 359 of the 13th of May. Despatch follows".

2. Since the Postmaster General's letter of the 2nd of May was written certain circumstances have arisen by which Mr. Pearson will have other opportunities of promotion and it will therefore be necessary for both the First Class Postmasters to be appointed from home. I trust that it will be found possible to offer one of the posts to Mr. G.P. Lewis, Assistant Postmaster General, Northern Nigeria. He is familiar with local conditions and could render useful service immediately on arrival. Moreover I understand he is now in England and if so could be sent out without delay.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Postmaster General, Northern Nigeria, 1912:-

"A very careful, able and industrious man and if only I would assert myself more with his staff I should have the greatest confidence in recommending him for promotion in the Posts and Telegraphs. As it is, I am afraid that he could not control a large and varied staff."

The Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate writes:- "I trust that it will be found possible to offer one of the posts to Mr. Lewis. He is familiar with local conditions and could render useful service immediately on arrival. Moreover, I understand he is now in England and could be sent out without delay".

LEWIS, E.J. Age 40; married; 1 child; educated at Council Schools; has passed Government School of Telegraphy and holds certificates for proficiency in Technical Telegraphy, Electricity, Magnetism &c. Was a Postal Clerk in London, 1891 to 1901, then he was appointed a Postmaster in the British Central Africa Protectorate.

(£500).

Remarks. Governor Manning:- "Has performed his duties satisfactorily".

Postmaster-General (Farrar):- "Intelligent, industrious, active and punctual; integrity beyond question, accurate, keenly interested in the work of his Office; has qualified in Telegraphy".

LEWIS, G.P. Age 32; single; educated at Board School, Wokingham, Herts. Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Imperial General Post Office, 1896-1905, when he was appointed a Clerk in Postal Department, East Africa Protectorate; Postmaster, East Africa Protectorate, 1906; Assistant Postmaster-General, Northern Nigeria, 1910.

(£300-10-£350).

W. Africa.

Reports. Officer Administering the Government, Temple:- "The Postmaster General states that he is an officer of exemplary conduct. Mr. Woolley has on more than one occasion expressed his appreciation of Mr. Lewis's zeal and ability and states that he will be sorry to lose the services of an officer who has performed his duties so efficiently and with such satisfaction to the public and the Administration."

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Chief Secretary (Temple):- "Reported to be industrious and careful but lacking in driving power; he will probably however develop this as he gets older. Health good. Tactful."

W. Africa.

Postmaster General, Northern Nigeria, 1911:- "Has immense capacity for taking pains and is a very hard-working officer. His personal character is exceptionally good and he has a good all round knowledge of postal and telegraph work."

held with in a few days' time  
at next P.C. meeting.

I remain prepared as desired, but  
please see that they are kept  
together.

Recd 16/8/13

M. Read

The two vacancies for First Class  
Patmasters in the E. Afr. Post (£300-15 £360)  
were brought before the Patronage Committee  
at their meeting of the 26th of August, when the  
following were considered:-

- M. G. B. Jones } Patmaster in Nyasaland;
- M. G. J. Letts } "
- M. G. P. Lewis, an Asst. P. Mg., N. Nigeria;
- M. B. B. Littlepage, Ind. Clerk & Asst., P. Mad. Gt.;
- M. M. F. Morong, Lab. Postal & Telegraph Asst.,  
Northern Rhodesia.

The Committee decided to recommend Mr Lewis  
and Mr Letts, particulars regarding whom were  
answered.

\* File 2157  
† File 688

A.C.M. 27/8/13.

Two Strachan

S. G. Fricker

he leaves in a few days. The  
offer to Mr Letts should be by telegram.  
L.M.S. 28/8/13

Office as per recommendation?

Action taken  
on file 888 &c.  
2157 W.A.

Alone P.M. 29/8/13