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S. S. Wright submits his resignation to the Government in
excuse of a personal illness. He has no objection to his
being dismissed at the earliest opportunity. He has
not been given his discharge papers and has not
left the U.S.A. August 4, 1912.
He has a verbal oral contract renewable, the
duration should be satisfactory. In a further
18 months. The agreement renewable was
renewed for 18 months. In September
he was warned early in 1912, that his agreement
would not be prolonged after 21 Feb 1913
that pleasure of work reinvigorated the duration of
his services. The got down at date when his
services will terminate.

He does not and approves of the Govt's proposal
to terminate his services at the end of his
engagement without leave and to repay him
the sum of \$1,000.00 a small salary, to from
calling upon him to refund any or the
excess expenditure incurred by his bad work
Advanced not, I think and have a copy of this day
I would send copy of memo. W. W. 8-2-14
for info, to whom it belongs. T. H. 10 before
midnight, to receive it.

Subsequent Paper.

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S. G. Addles

Is present?

A. D. R.

6/10/14

At home

Mr. 6.2.14

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MACHAKO
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

(W.F.T.)
9th January 1914.

To the Right Honorable

I have the honour to inform
you sir, that on the 2nd October 1913, I made an enquiry
as to the amount of money
alleged to have been spent
by Mr. Gordon-Wright, an
officer of the Public Works
officer at Mombasa, mounting

With regard to the claims of Mr. Gordon-Wright
in excess of £1,000, I was informed at
connection with the period April 1st to June
1st, 1913, that investigation is to the effect
that excess were proceeded at or rely in the General
Office of the Public Works Department. The Chief
Accountant visited Mombasa and scrutinized all
time-sheets and other records of Mr. Gordon-Wright's
expenditure, and that of his predecessor. The
Government Architect also visited the work and
submitted a report. The deduction of reasons for
shortage from returns of this nature is a somewhat
involved matter and could not receive the
immediate attention of the Acting Director of
Public Works in view of press of business consequent
upon

To the Right Honourable

LEWIS HAROURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWLING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

upon the approach of a new financial year.

3. As regards the inefficiency displayed by the Assistant Engineer, Mr Gordon Wright, while this is very palpable to anyone charged with the supervision of his work, yet it is a matter of considerable difficulty to specify in detail, supported by figures, the precise avenues of waste through which the over-expenditure is the result. The acting Director, on a visit of inspection to Mombasa, noted that a much larger number of men were employed on this work than might reasonably be expected to be utilized by an engineer who was executing work of such an inadequately compiled nature. His incapacity is distinctly recognizable but in want of description; this is the defect displayed by Mr Gordon Wright.

4. His comparative incapacity has been clearly recognized for some time, and early in 1912 he was informed that his engagement would not be prolonged beyond the 21st of February, 1913. But under conditions of acute urgency, due to shortage of staff, the Director of Public Works pressed for the further utilization of Mr Wright's services at Mombasa for what they were worth. It was, therefore, the shorthandedness of the Department which led to the prolongation of his engagement, and, for this reason, it would not perhaps be equitable to call upon him for the refund of expenditure in excess of the approved estimate. At the same time his incapacity may justifiably permit of Government withholding from him

him privileges which are extended to more capable officers.

5. Mr Wright holds no promises from Government as to consideration for leave on full pay at the termination of his service in this country, and I therefore recommend that no leave on full pay be granted.

6. I am of opinion that as a disciplinary measure this arrangement would be sufficient, and would point out in connection with the advisability of calling upon Mr Wright for a refund, that he has received a gratuity of £300 a year during the present term of his appointment, surely a sufficient sum for an officer in his position and including all expenses incurred in the present appointment.

7. I have already caused Mr Wright to be informed that his services will not be required at the expiration of his agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H Conway Beaufort

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10 February

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Confidential

for Sir H.C. Belfield

31. April No 4 File of January

9/2/1914.

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1. I have the pleasure to inform you
with respect of your confidential despatch
of the 27th instant, that I am
desirous of your nominal
that the services of Mr. Jordan
tonight should be dispensed
with on the expiration of his
engagement and that he
should not be granted any
^{or full day} leave in respect of his
service on the 28th.

2. In the circumstances
stated in your despatch I

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approve your retaining
principals upon the
right to refund any
portion of the same
expenditure involved
in consequence of the
inefficient manner in
which he carried out a
work or contract.
Authorizing & approves
and approves
an affidavit concerning
monetary

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