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Trs letter from C.V.O. reporting on Messrs Edmondson, Doherty, Brassey-Edwards and Kennedy. Regrets information given previously was not considered sufficient. Concurs entirely in C.V.O's remarks as to suitability of Mr Kennedy for the post.

Dr. G. Fiddes.

Now approve of the promotion of
Mr. Kennedy to be Dep^y C.V.O.

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July 11th, 1917.

CONFIDENTIAL No. 126.

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SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential Despatch of the 4th of June on the subject of the appointment of a Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer in succession to Mr. F. R. Ewbank, and to express my regret that the information contained in my Confidential Despatch No. 126 of the 1st of May is considered to be insufficient.

2. The representations submitted therein were only with care and careful consideration of the views of the various officers concerned by myself in conjunction with the Director of Agriculture and the Chief Veterinary Officer, and the "detailed accounts" to

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RIGHT HONOURABLE
H. W. WILKINSON, B.C., J.P.,
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTORATE

10, BOND STREET, LONDON, W. 1.

which reference is made in paragraph 2 of your despatch were not actually recorded in writing at the time, but they were nevertheless conveyed to me verbally during the discussions which took place on the subject, and it was not until I had satisfied myself that the senior officers were unsuited to the post that I recommended the promotion of Mr. Kennedy.

I now enclose for your consideration a copy of a letter from the Chief Veterinary Officer in which he reports fully on the officers affected. I entirely concur in Mr. Stordy's remarks and I desire to add that the interest displayed and the scientific knowledge possessed by a large proportion of the stock-raising community renders it essential that an officer holding an administrative post in the Veterinary Department should not only be capable in the field, but should also be thoroughly versed in the technical branches of his profession.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway Beynon.

GOVERNOR.

ENCLOSURE

Date

126 July 1914

Confidential.**Veterinary Department.****Nairobi.****British East Africa.****7th July. 1914.****Honorable Acting Chief Secretary.****Nairobi.**

Sir,

In reply to your Confidential Minute No 8/1974 of 30th June 1914, I have the honor to submit, herewith a full report on Messrs Edmondson, Doherty, Brassey-Edwards and Kennedy for His Excellency's information.

Mr H. Edmondson.

Mr Edmondson joined the Service in January 1907. He is, therefore, eight months senior to Mr Doherty.

Mr Edmondson, during his term of service has been a conscientious worker and has satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of his office.

He has been stationed at Nairobi, Nakuru, and latterly at Mombasa where his duties consisted of clinical Veterinary work and the due discharge of the powers invested in him by the Diseases of Animals Ordinance, 1906.

Mr Edmondson is a capable field Officer and brings to the practice of his profession sound common sense.

His scientific attainments are, however,

inadequate

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inadequate, and I fear that in late years, he has devoted little study to that side of his profession.

Mr A.G. Doherty.

Mr Doherty joined the Service in September 1906 and is therefore, some three years and five months senior to Mr Brassey-Edwards.

Mr Doherty is a capable Officer in the field but has no knowledge of office routine. He is far from being a good correspondent and has never yet appreciated the necessity of communicating regularly with headquarters.

Mr Doherty claims that owing to press of work he has not the time to devote to his office work and has, more than once, applied for a Clerk.

I would point out that no Veterinary Officer is supplied with clerical assistance.

I do not demand a great deal of clerical work from my field staff as I am fully aware that their duties require frequent absence from their headquarters, but I do expect reasonable attention to official correspondence by which alone the efficient administration of the Department is possible.

Mr H. Brassey-Edwards.

Mr Brassey-Edwards was appointed in February 1910 and is senior to Mr McCall by one month.

This Officer has carried out his duties to my satisfaction. He is, however, by no means a good correspondent.

Mr F. J. McCall.

Mr McCall joined the Service in March 1910 and is

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is 24 months senior to Mr Kennedy.

Mr McCall is quite one of my best field Officers, a good clinician, but has little or no experience of administration or Office routine.

Mr W. Kennedy.

Mr Kennedy was appointed in May 1910.

He has served at Mombasa, Kamiti East Coast Fever testing area, Kavirondo, Nairobi and Laikipia, and was seconded for service in Uganda during the Rinderpest epizootic of 1911

During Mr Montgomery's absence in South Africa he acted as Veterinary Pathologist and was, for a period of twelve months in Veterinary charge of the Masai Move.

In whatever capacity Mr Kennedy has been placed he has acquitted himself with the greatest distinction and, as evidenced by his conduct of the Masai Move, showed that he possessed considerable administrative ability and that tactful disposition so essential in dealing with the Settler and Native communities.

Mr Kennedy's service at the Laboratory proved him to be well versed in Veterinary Science and I can personally aver that, as a field correspondent and as an Officer controlling clerical staff, he leaves little to be desired.

His knowledge of the Protectorate, its Natives, their customs and language is an additional reason for Mr Kennedy's selection.

In framing the recommendations submitted in my Confidential letter of April 15th 1914 I was influenced not by the seniority of the staff- for that would have made the selection of a successor to Mr Brandt simple indeed

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indeed- but, with a knowledge of the work demanded, by nominating an Officer who, in my opinion, was the most capable of fulfilling the responsible duties of the Office of Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer.

I have the honor to be.

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. Starke

Chief Veterinary Officer.

For 28612/1914
S. J. G. A.



7 August 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your conf. despatch,
No. 126, of the 11th of July,
and to inform you that
approval of the promotion
of Mr. W. Kennedy to be
Deputy Chief Veterinary
Officer in succession to
Mr. F. R. Brandt.

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Cap.
Conf.
Mr. H. Salford.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Meyer 6/27/14
- Mr. Bottomley 6.8.14/14
- Sir G. Piddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Ernsoft.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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S. J. G. A.