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No. 6076  
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(Subject.)

1907  
10 Dec.

Dr Macdonald  
Medical Off<sup>r</sup> of Health, Mombasa.

at previous Paper.

Recommends he be allowed to take 6 months  
leave for 31 March & that he then be retired on pension  
A new off<sup>r</sup> could then be appointed in effect by 1st April. He  
is available for some medical work when not engaged  
on duties of his office (indistinct)

is: Antinous.

You will see from Lt. With's  
letter of the 1st of Dec. 07 that there is some  
doubt as to whether Dr Macdonald has  
stated his age correctly, but I do not  
think that we need pursue the matter  
further.

approve of the recommend<sup>n</sup>: Antinous.  
June: 4 of the fr<sup>o</sup> depts & the committee  
the paper to consider the question of the  
app<sup>t</sup>: of a successor?  
H. J. R.

17/11

Mr. Read  
You no doubt

18th Jan. 07  
at once  
P.T.O.

Read 2 Jan  
Mombasa 17 Jan 1893

at subsequent Paper.

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ordered that the Gov's proposal  
 that Dr. M. Old have 6000  
 been from 31<sup>st</sup> March & that  
 a man should be appointed on  
 1<sup>st</sup> April involves the necessity  
 of having 2 officers drawing  
 salary & one qualifying  
 for pension in respect of the same  
 office yet the same time.

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and left  
 Mr. J. Hays-Seller suggested that  
 we should be appointed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April  
 as he told him that we had a good candidate  
 (see Jan 107) Mr. Zimmig has now  
 to leave & we have to find 3 months  
 to the present employees. The vacancy  
 will be filled before the Petition  
 comes in & just as the mountains  
 will be well to get Mr. Zimmig's address  
 at the General Hospital & to send him a C.  
 that he claims can be considered with  
 when already in the service. I think that  
 will be sufficient to pay at salary at  
 600 - £20 - £600. I have written finally  
 to-day explaining that we  
 cannot be successful in it to be appointed  
 the former leave has expired.

H. J. R.  
 5/3

to that the  
 matter is  
 being pursued

Mr. Vasey & Mr. G. have  
 have no candidates  
 they wish to propose

Mr. Ellis

In connection with this vacancy I have  
 been looking tentatively through our  
 candidates, & have collected a list of  
 officers in various colonies who might be  
 suitable. I understand however that  
 you are anxious to obtain more info with  
 regard to possible local candidates & as to  
 the qualifications which are desired.  
 [Your wife of course returns the papers to us, as  
 soon as further action on our part is desired]

T. H. 19/5

There is no hurry about this  
 as the office is not vacant till  
 30 Sept. Write to Gov  
 asking him to send the usual  
 list of particulars you fill up  
 with the ordinary details of  
 the office & the qualifications  
 desired, and also any  
 applications from local candidates

M. 20/5  
 above

noticed that the Gov's proposal  
 that Dr. M. Ald have 6,000  
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 a successor should be appointed on  
 1<sup>st</sup> April involves the necessity  
 of having 2 officers drawing  
 salary & causing qualifying  
 for persons in respect of the vacant  
 office yet the same time.

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General Dept.

Dr. J. Huges-Pedler suggested that  
 a successor to be appointed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April  
 because we still have that we had a good candidate  
 waiting (see 58894/107) Dr. Zimmoph has now  
 gone to China & we have to find 3 months  
 before the present employment. The vacancy  
 should be complete before the Petition  
 Committee sometime in June & in the meantime  
 it will be well to get Dr. Zimmoph's address  
 from the German Hospital & to send him a £  
 & that his claims can be considered with those  
 of men already in the service. I think that  
 it will be sufficient to fix the salary at  
 £500 - £30 - £600. I have written privately  
 to the F- to-day explaining that we should  
 Dr. Macdonald's success with it be appointed  
 before the former's leave has expired.

to that the  
 matter is  
 being pursued

See  
 11/11

From Money & other grants  
 have no candidates  
 they wish to propose  
 T.C.H.

H.J.R.  
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 regard to possible local candidates & as to  
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 [Your wire of course returns the papers to us as  
 soon as further action on our part is desired]

T.C.H. 19/5

There is no hurry about this  
 as the office is not vacant till  
 30 Sept. Write to Gov  
 asking him to send the usual  
 list of particulars giving full info  
 as to the conditions of service  
 the office & the qualifications  
 desired: and also any  
 applications from local candidates

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above

In connection with this vacancy, will you  
 please look at the annexed papers <sup>Trans</sup> 69069/1  
 those of Dr C. L. Sanson retrenched Mr. of Health,  
 with water, said.

There seems no doubt that he is a most  
 excellent man, & we ought certainly to give  
 a preference to retrenched officers over those  
 not yet in the service.

Mr Gard likes me he is most strongly recommended  
 by Lady Lyttelton, who regards him as one  
 of the most devoted & faithful spirits ever  
 in the service, & I maintain her opinion is a very  
 sensible & reasonable one.

We can of course obtain further particulars  
 of his career from him when he arrives, & in  
 the meantime Mr Marsh might ask Lady L.  
 to confirm in writing what she has at  
 present only said verbally.

I am disposed to think that Dr S. should be  
 most carefully considered, & at an early date,

I think that  
 to be well  
 as the  
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So that if he proves suitable & is accepted, he  
 may have time to take a course at the  
 School of Tropical Medicine if he is invited  
 in E.A.P. [I assume he has not taken a course?]
   
 His salary in the Trust was recently £1200 a year.  
 Would there be any likelihood of offering more  
 than £500 to start with?

Of course all this is subject to your view &  
 those of the Staff (you - before what the matter  
 must be brought later on - probably after we have  
 seen Dr S in person.

Will you please pass on to Mr Marshall with  
 your views?

T.H. 4/3

We have I think that Dr S. Scaison is  
 certainly been considered of the fact  
 that I am opposed to offering  
 him the £500 - 20 - 2000 in  
 a very good deal for 5 April &  
 which has not been personally  
 with Dr S. salary in the Trust

H. J. R.

3  
 Mr Macnaughtan  
 Please see next by letter etc (C. S. L.)  
 Reply attached at 7/9/69/6906/00

I see no point  
 in doing anything  
 unless we can get a  
 completed offer  
 the salary offer  
 I do not see  
 how we can  
 do more than a  
 small

Trust 594  
 14/5/69

Dr Scaison's  $\frac{P}{2}$  has now come  
 I saw him yesterday: he seems a capital fellow.  
 I sounded him cautiously as to the money, but  
 he would not look at it: he does not think it  
 would pay him to take less than £1200 a year  
 at 4 months, & he would prefer not to have  
 the offer of the appointment.

I have detached from these papers a letter  
 from Lady Lytton to Mr Charles about  
 Dr Scaison, & enc. with the Trust got from  
 under whom he may possibly get a job.

We must proceed with this offer without  
 further concern of Dr Scaison.

T.H. 30/4

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East Africa Protectorate  
Confidential (88)

Governor's Office  
Hamb  
19 December 1907

My Lord,

In reference to the correspondence ending with my telegram of this date, I have the honor to submit the enclosed correspondence regarding Dr Macdonald

1. I and others here, kept always been under the impression that Dr Macdonald was between 50 and 60 years of age, but at an interview I had with him in Hombura he told me he was not yet 50 years old, and from the certificate he produced it appears he will not reach that age till September next.

2. Dr Macdonald has been 17 years in Hombura without a change to England, he has not the qualifications considered necessary for the post of Medical Officer of Health in a large port like Hombura, and the Confidential Report of the Principal Medical Officer shows reasons why a change would be desirable.

The Principal Secretary of State  
to the Colonies  
Lanning Street  
London

S.W.

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in the same time Dr Macdonald is an officer of long standing and is therefore entitled to consideration. I consider it would be somewhat hard to require him to vacate his appointment and take leave at this time of the year after his long residence in the tropics, and I accordingly recommend that he be required to vacate his appointment on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and be allowed to take the 6 months leave to which he is entitled under the Regulations and be then relieved on pension.

It is recommended that a new and duly qualified Medical Officer of Health for the district be appointed with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

It should be made a condition of the new appointment that the officer selected be available for ordinary medical work when not engaged in his own duties as Officer of Health.

I have the honour to be  
with the highest respect  
Your obedient  
servant

Your Lordship's most obedient  
humble Servant,  
J. J. [Signature]

*Confidential*

P. M. O.'s Office

Nairobi.

Nov: 9th 1893  
1907

Arr: 7 Nov 08

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions I have the honour to submit as below a Confidential Report on Dr W. H. Macdonald, Medical Officer of Health, Mombasa-

Dr Macdonald obtained the double qualifications of Edinburgh and Glasgow in 1888, having apparently studied Medicine late in life. In 1889 he came to East Africa in the service of the Imperial British East Africa Company, and in 1895 when the Company was taken over by the Foreign Office, was appointed Principal Medical Officer for the Protectorate. In 1905 when the Medical services of East Africa and Uganda were amalgamated, he was given his present post, viz: that of Medical Officer of Health, Mombasa. This appointment appears to have been a personal one, made by the Foreign Office.

The duties of his office do not appear to have been very accurately defined, as on taking over the duties of Principal Medical Officer in 1904 I found that beyond the charge of a Small-pox hut at English Point, generally empty, his chief work consisted of visiting ships arriving at Mombasa and Kilindini, the total yearly number of which was 40 to 45, or less than an average of one ship a week. Detailed instructions were then issued to him to make periodical sanitary inspections of Mombasa and to furnish me with monthly reports of these inspections. I cannot say that Dr Macdonald has failed to carry out these instructions, but must state that on several occasions in connection with matters relating to the public health he has not rendered the assistance which I had a right to expect from him as a Medical

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Officer of Health ~~had a right to expect~~, and in support of this statement cite one specific instance. When Plague broke out in Zanzibar in 1905, its introduction into Mombasa appeared to be inevitable and to guard as far as possible against this it was considered expedient to organise the Island into separate districts each under the personal supervision of an European who would carry out daily house to house visitations and thus insure the early recognition of cases should the disease be introduced. With this object in view and with the sanction of the Acting Commissioner, Mr F. J. Jackson, C. B., a meeting of the European residents—official and non-official—was held, at which Dr MacDonald did not put in an appearance, and when taken to task for being absent offered a plausible but inadequate excuse.

His Medical knowledge, whatever it may have been 17 years ago, is now far below the modern standard. He is ignorant of Bacteriology, of the practical use of the microscope, and of the most simple methods of analysis, subjects all which a Medical Officer of Health should possess special knowledge.

He is temperate and regular in his habits. He is inclined to be quarrelsome and vindictive in official matters, especially in dealing with juniors, and is wanting in tact.

His age is stated to be anything from 54 to 61; I have no reliable information regarding it.

He has been in East Africa for over 17 years without once leaving the country and has naturally passed into a groove from which, at

at his time of life, it would be difficult to recede.

Under these circumstances I would strongly urge the advisability of Dr MacDonald being retired on pension which his length of service would now entitle him to, and in consideration of his long service and the good work which, I have no doubt, he rendered in the early days of the Protectorate, would venture to recommend that the amount of pension granted be on as liberal a scale as the regulations affecting pensions authorise.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*J. Will*  
Principal Medical Officer.

To  
His Excellency

The Governor and Commander in Chief,

East Africa Protectorate

No. 221/P.O.

Mombasa, 7th December 1907.

Your Excellency

In accordance with your wish I have now the honour to forward copy of my birth certificate for your information by which you will see that I am not 50 years of age until the 19th of next September 1908.

I have the honour to explain that I was obliged to assume the additional name of Halli Burton on the death of my Grandfather who left me a small legacy with the request that I should assume this surname in addition to my own.

As the question of my retirement before I have qualified for pension is one which I naturally reserve as it is likely to seriously affect me in the future I have come to the conclusion, though with great reluctance, to ask that the whole matter be referred to Lord Elgin for his information.

As I have already explained in my despatch No. 218/P.O. of 23rd November "and to which I have as yet had no reply" I in no way wish to prolong my services when they are neither appreciated nor valued and will gladly facilitate any reasonable measures short of sacrificing my just claims, for an early settlement.

P. T. O.

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22	McDonald	1858	John McDonald	Catherine McDonald	(Signed) John McDonald	1858
	Walter	Assistant			Taken	Walter
		14. on PM.	Blenkade	Burton	present	Walter
		Chambers				Walter

Subscribed from the Register Book of Births for the District of Columbia in the County of Washington this 14th day of June 1907

Walter

Recorder

No. 71.

P.M.O's Office,  
Nairobi.

18th December 1907.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor a copy of a letter addressed by me to Dr. W. H. B. MacDonald, Medical Officer of Health, Mombasa, and also a copy of his reply.

I also attach his Record of Service Form in which Dr. MacDonald stated in 1904 that the date of his birth was 23rd October 1853. This Record was prepared under his own instructions, and it will be noted that the date of birth therein given does not correspond with that stated in the copy of his birth certificate, also that the surname in the latter is spell McDonald whereas he spells it MacDonald in his usual signature.

I presume the question of his eligibility for pension will not be raised, and would therefore suggest his being retired from the 31st March next.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Principal Medical Officer.

The Secretary

to the Administration.

COPY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

P.M.O.'s Office.

Nairobi.

20th November 1907.

No. 41/55/2

Sir,

I have been instructed to inform you that it is proposed to appoint almost immediately a Medical Officer of Health for Mombasa who is possessed of the technical qualifications for that post and that your appointment as such will therefore shortly terminate.

I am further directed to state that your services as M. O. H. have been fully appreciated by the Government, but it is now considered necessary that Medical Officers holding Public Health appointments should be fully qualified in that special branch of medical science.

You are however entitled to six months leave of absence, and I would suggest, as the course of procedure which would probably be most agreeable to you, that you should apply for this amount of leave as from the 1st March 1908, and at the same time tender your resignation on the plea of say length of service in the tropics, from the date of termination of your leave.

I need scarcely say that I shall be glad to recommend you for the highest rate of pension which in my opinion your long and continuous service would entitle you to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) J. Will.

Principal Medical Officer.

Dr. W. H. B. MacDonald,

M. O. H.

MOMBASA.

Confidential.

No. 218/H.O.

Mombasa,

23rd November 1907.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Confidential despatch No. 41/58/2 of 20th November in which you inform me that it is proposed to appoint almost immediately a Medical Officer of Health for Mombasa who is possessed of the technical qualification for that post, and that my appointment as such will therefore shortly terminate.

I have foreseen for some time that such a change might be necessary and entirely agree that the reasons for terminating my services as Medical Officer of Health for Mombasa are right.

As is apparent from your despatch I gather that my services in any form are not now required or appreciated by the Colonial Authorities: this being so, it will I am sure, be readily understood that further service under such conditions would "to say the least of it" be unsatisfactory, if not unpleasant. I am therefore desirous of facilitating so far as I can, short of sacrificing my rights any reasonable measures which may lead to an early settlement.

I have hitherto understood that an Officer in the Colonial Service must attain the age of fifty years before he can qualify for pension. I shall be glad to know if this statement is correct.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(sd) W.H.B. MacDonald

Medical Officer of Health.

To Lt. Colonel J. Will,

P. M. O.

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# REGISTER OF SERVICE.

This form to filed in P. M. O. 40.

Date of arrival in Africa	Station	In local charge		Remarks
		From date	To date	
4th December 1919.	Nambose A. P. C.			<p>Appointed P. M. O. 23rd October 1919 with the Imperial British East Africa Company. Services transferred 1st July 1923 to the East Africa Protectorate and appointed P. M. O. which post was held up to 31st March 1923. The post of P. M. O. relinquished on amalgamation of Medical Service of Uganda and East Africa Protectorate, when Dr Moffat was appointed P. M. O.</p> <p>Assigned duties of Medical Officer of Health on 1st April 1923.</p> <p>Leave 17th March to 30th March 1923.</p>

REMARKS

Showing date of arrival and nature of any leave granted, and also authority of departure, from one country to another, to be quoted.



E. A. P.

Record of Service of Medical Officer.

Name Walter Valli Burton Macdonald

Date of birth 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1853.

Age Fifty

Address Lochalsh, Ross-shire, Scotland.

Admission into service E. A. Directorate

Date 1<sup>st</sup> July 1915

Station Wombasa

Name of relations Miss Macdonald

Address of relations Lochalsh, Ross-shire, Scotland

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22 January 1900

Dear Sir,

DRAFT.

Earl of Devon

Mr. W. H. W. S. S. S.

MINUTE.

Mr. Attorney

Mr. Read

Mr. Just

Mr. Attribus

Mr. Cox

Mr. Lucas

Mr. F. Higson

Mr. Churchill

Mr. Earl of Devon

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch no. 88 of the 19th of December, and to inform you that I approve of your recommendation that D. G. W. S. S. S. should be required to produce his report on the 31st of March next and be allowed to take the necessary leave to which he is entitled, and that he should be re-entitled on his return.

*W. H. W. S. S. S.*

Further action

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- The Earl of Elgin

to the approaching retirement  
 of Mr. W. H. B. Macdonald  
 from the office of the  
 Executive Director,  
 now the honor to resign  
 that will be given to  
 facilitate the consideration  
 of candidates for the  
 resulting vacancy in the  
 appointment of medical  
 officers of Health at various  
 you will supply with the  
 usual paper of particulars  
 to be sent to the