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App. of Major Leggett as unofficial member.

Submitted

Mr Read

approve by despatch & gazette apppt.
at a date subsequent to the arrival of
the despatch.

See also ^{Gov} ~~1649~~ 1649

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Mr. ...

is proposed?

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It seems to me undesirable
that Major Leggett should be
nominated as a regular member
(i.e. for a term of two years) of the

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Confidential (5)

My Lord,

I have the honour to solicit a reference to Lord Elgin's despatch, confidential, of the 5th of February last, and to my subsequent telegram of the 17th of March on the subject of the appointment of unofficial members to the Legislative Council. When the Directors of the National Bank of India unfortunately declined to allow Mr. Turnbull to accept the seat of second unofficial member for Mombasa and the Coast area, and Major Leggett had already been appointed provisionally during the absence of Mr. J. Wilson, I determined to leave the question of the second seat for Mombasa in abeyance for the time, as there was difficulty in selecting a nominee who would be suitable and also be able to spare the time for the duties required of him. Mr. Wilson returns from leave next month, and Major Leggett will then vacate his provisional seat.

2. During his tenure of appointment Major Leggett has proved himself to be an able and hard working

member

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member of Council; his representation of unofficial interests at the Coast, despite a certain feeling in unofficial quarters that he is more of an official than unofficial representative, has been ably set forth, and his criticisms of the actions of the Government, which have by no means always been sparing, have not been such as to lend colour to the feeling to which I have just referred. He is a fluent debater, has a wide experience of matters, and his presence on the Council has been a distinct advantage.

3. I have the honour to recommend that his name may now be submitted for His Majesty's approval as an unofficial member of the Council for a period of two years. I have ascertained that he is willing to accept.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

Henry Smith