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(Subject)

Mr. R. A. F. Currie
Manager of R.F.

His letter from informing that he intends to apply for 6 months leave from Afr. post and asking if his services are to be retained. Recommends he should be granted leave & his services retained.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Lambden

Mr. Currie is engaged on terms which require 3 mos. notice on either side.

He receives £2,000 L. p. a. is not permanent (F.O. letter of 4th Aug 1903)

In next meeting he will have had fully 30 mos. service. I think if he will accept an agreement for three years further service we can grant him some leave. If leave on established officers.

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Commissioner's Office

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Mombasa.

July 24th 1905.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 422

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a despatch which I have received from Mr. Currie, informing me that he proposes applying for six months leave of absence with effect from April next, and asking whether his services on the Railway will be retained.

2. I am glad to have an opportunity of expressing to you my high appreciation of Mr. Currie's work, and I have the honour to recommend both that his services be retained and that notwithstanding the fact that he has no agreement, he be granted leave. Since Mr. Currie's arrival in the country and in consequence of his able management, the Railway has not only ceased to be a drain on the Exchequer, but has contrary to all expectations

paid

V. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonias.

Downing Street,

LONDON.

paid its working expenses.

3. Should you agree to Mr. Currie's re-engagement, I am of opinion that it would be most satisfactory to enter into an agreement with him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Edward

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Manager's Office,
Nairobi, July 22nd 1905.

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Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I propose applying for 6 months' leave with effect from about the beginning of April 1906 which I hope, when the time comes, you will be able to sanction.

I mention the matter so long in advance for the following reason.

When I received my appointment from the Foreign Office in August 1903 it was mutually agreed between Sir [Name] and myself that no period should be mentioned in my letter of appointment both parties preferring to have the option of terminating my services at 3 months' notice at any time. I have therefore no agreement with the Foreign Office.

The Government of India in agreeing to lend my services made it a condition that when I had qualified for pension i.e. had completed 20 years service, I should, if called upon, be obliged to retire from the Indian Public Works Department. This condition will take effect in the month of 1907.

Before proceeding on leave in 1906 I should like to have intimation as to whether you and the Colonial Office are prepared to retain my services. I do not ask for an agreement for a specified period although I am prepared to sign one if you so desire. All I am anxious to ascertain is whether you intend to retain my services or not in order that, before proceeding on leave I can make the necessary arrangements.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sd). I. A. F. Currie,
Manager,
Nairobi Railway.

PROTECTOR,
Protectorate,
N. A. I. & S. I.

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Sir A. Stewart.

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Prad:

8 September 1905

Sir

I have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt

of your draft No

422 of the 25th of

July, and to in-

~~form you that~~

~~request that you~~

will confer ^{with you}

~~me~~ that I am

prepared to ^{approve of some} offer

to ^{W. Currie} a renewal of

his engagement as

Manager of the
Upouka Railway

MINUTE.

Mr. ^{W. H. 30 Aug}

Mr. ^{Antrobus}

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Graham.

Sir M. Ommanney.

The Duke of Marlborough.

Mr. Lyttelton.

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