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Railway Administration

Requests [illegible] be laid before Gov. Northey on his arrival in U.K. Gives further particulars re his [illegible] treatment & enquires re leave. Requests [illegible] be reconsidered.

Mr [illegible]

1. On the general question raised [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of this [illegible]

[illegible]

the Protectorate – [illegible]

2. As to leave, it was not until I reached p. 57 of his letter in 56207/19 that I could find a refce. to the question. See pp. 60, 61, 62 & part of 63 on this subject – [illegible] in

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in No. 12 in file 5066 Eastern.

The dates of service etc. in his letter correspond with the leave [illegible]. He first claims that as he was actual leave from March 1916 – April 1919, he ought to be regarded as having done one or more tours & should have return leave in respect of at least one of those tours. I know of no precedent – [illegible] and he [illegible].

Next he says that [illegible] not receive [illegible] since [illegible] the new rules. He [illegible] he [illegible] claims to be treated in respect of his [illegible] of leave on [illegible] as if the new leave rules which [illegible] had been in force [illegible] this [illegible] unfair [illegible].

[illegible] the leave [illegible] the [illegible] that [illegible] entitle [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

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15 Huntly Terrace,
Springboig,
Shettleston,
Nr. Glasgow, 25th November 1919.

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S. W. 1.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 56207/1919 of the 29th ultimo in reply to mine of the 23rd September.

I would have replied earlier but recently a cable message from East Africa appeared in the Press here in which it was stated that His Excellency the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate had met with an accident to one of his eyes and that he was coming Home to consult an oculist.

I recognised on reading this that consideration of my case would have to stand over until Sir Edward Northey had arrived and was able to transact public business. I would, however point out that Sir Edward Northey may have left East Africa before my letter of the 23rd September reached there in which case he would have no knowledge of the matter.

Might I enquire if the opportunity will be taken of Sir Edward Northey's visit to place before him all the papers connected with my case. Further, I would like if at all possible, to be granted the opportunity of personally stating my case to Sir Edward Northey.

The treatment I have complained of occurred while Sir H. Conway Bellfield was Governor and during the period Mr. H. B. Taylor and Mr. B. Eastwood filled the position of General Manager of the Uganda Railway.

During the whole of the War period I could do nothing. When I handed the late Mr. Stanley (Traffic Manager) my

resignation on the 1st July 1916 he asked me not to press the matter. The reply I made to this was that I was entirely in the hands of the Department until local hostilities ceased. If I had been allowed to go Home in 1916 it was my intention to volunteer for service on the British Military Railways in France or elsewhere and on Peace being declared to then come forward and lay my case before the Secretary of State.

In regard to the bigger question, i. e., [illegible] the organisation and working of the Uganda Railway, I [illegible] that there can be no real progress for great [illegible] has been taken. [illegible] Railway [illegible] and [illegible] only [illegible] bringing [illegible] matter [illegible] to [illegible] case, I have [illegible] the Colony [illegible]

[illegible] now to [illegible] interest [illegible] the whole [illegible]

During the Great War [illegible] and [illegible] with Nations [illegible] and I [illegible] put forward the claim [illegible] my wider [illegible] statements made in my letter [illegible] can be [illegible] to the closest [illegible]

A [illegible] is simply this. I commenced my [illegible] in February 1890 as an Apprentice Clerk under a four [illegible] indenture at a salary of [illegible] per year, £15 per annum, Second Year £20 per annum, Third Year £27 per annum, Fourth Year £40 per annum. At the time [illegible] from the Colonial Audit to the Railway Department as Assistant Traffic Manager I had behind me the following service -

North British Railway Coy.	II years.
South African Railways.	7 "
x Uganda Railway.	3¼ "
	21¼ years.

x Mr. McHardy transferred to Railway Department on the [illegible]st April 1914.

Mr. McHardy commenced his railway career in April 1914 [illegible] as an Assistant Traffic Manager at a salary of £350 per [illegible]num.

I am asked to believe [illegible] I have no case and that no [illegible]justice has been done [illegible]. I [illegible] so strongly on this [illegible] by publishing this [illegible]

[illegible] by regul-

[illegible] also [illegible] the [illegible] has been made

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matter affecting his own case

(sd) L. Amery
for S of S.

(2) I am to add that ~~Lord Curzon~~ regrets that he is unable to entertain either of the claims which you put forward in respect of Meave.

(Signed) H. J. READ.