

EAST AFR. PROT.

No 22241

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20 JAN 08

No. 908
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(Subject)

Prison of A. Gled Kamin

late Ch. Clk in J.P. Bombay

Submits papers & strongly recommends
liberal treatment. asks that he be
considered as to Indian prison

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Paper

General Dept (Minutes)

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20/6

Mr. Gann

The first thing to be done is to ascertain whether
the Govt. of India will regard this as a case of remission
send copy of this despatch (with enclosure
in original for return) to I.O. asking that this may
be so decided. UH

Jan 25

The telegram dealing with this has not been
at any time I have just heard within the last
2 days received the papers.

The point to put to the I.O. is whether
is it a case of remission in spite of the
technical objection they would be liable

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Paper

I treat Mr Syed Kassim as transferred in
1878.

We may tell the Treasury that we are
doing this - but meanwhile we may go
with them their approval of this plan
from P. E. Africa, which seems correct.

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CAH
25 July

Governor's Office,
Mombasa,

22241

May 30th 1908.

20 JUN 08

INDIA PROTECTORATE.

No. 364

(Incl. 6.)

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for Your Lordship's favourable consideration copies of papers bearing on an application for pension made by Mr. Syed Kassim, formerly Chief Clerk in the General Post Office, Mombasa.

2. Mr. Kassim, who has served for nearly 13 years in this Protectorate, in addition to about four years previous service with the Indian Government, retired on the 21st ultimo, having been pronounced unfit for further service by a Medical Board, a report of the proceedings of which are attached.

3. The comprehensive minute by the Deputy Treasurer on Mr. Kassim's case, in the consideration of certain features of which we have no precedent to guide us, renders it unnecessary for me to add to it except to say that I fully endorse the high terms in which the immediate superiors speak of Mr. Kassim's work, and to express the hope that, in view of the unfortunate circumstances in which he is now placed, Your Lordship will be disposed to take a liberal view

by Mr. Espie
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Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W.

Governor's Office,
Mombasa,

22241

May 30th 1908.

20 JUN 08

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 864
(Incl. 6.)

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for Your Lordship's favourable consideration copies of papers bearing on an application for pension made by Mr. Syed Kassim, formerly Chief Clerk in the General Post Office, Mombasa.

2. Mr. Kassim, who has served for nearly 15 years in this Protectorate, in addition to about four years previous service with the Indian Government, retired on the 21st ultimo, having been pronounced unfit for further service by a Medical Board, a report of the proceedings of which are attached.

3. The comprehensive minute by the Deputy Treasurer on Mr. Kassim's case, in the consideration of certain features of which we have no precedent to guide us, renders it unnecessary for me to add to it except to say that I fully endorse the high terms in which the immediate superiors speak of Mr. Kassim's work, and to express the hope that, in view of the unfortunate circumstances in which he is now placed, Your Lordship will be disposed to take a liberal view

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of his case as regards pension.

4. I would ask Your Lordship to address the Secretary of State for India on the subject of the pension to which Mr. Kassim may be entitled in consideration of his service under the Government of India, a record of which is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,



May 30, 1908

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The Treasury

Nombasa, 26th May, 1908

C. O.
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Your Excellency,

In submitting herewith a statement of the particulars required to be furnished in reference to Mr. Syed Kassim's application for pension, I have the honour to make the following observations in view of the fact that his case presents features for which we have no precedent to guide us.

2. In the first place I should state that (a) Mr. Syed Kassim left Nombasa for India on the 21st April, (b) in consideration of his having had no free passage since the 8th May 1905 a free passage was granted to him in anticipation of Your Excellency's approval, Mr. Kassim undertaking to refund the cost if disallowed, (c) he was granted one month's leave on half pay expiring on the 29th instant, having earned the same under the Regulations.

3. I beg to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction payment of an alimentary allowance at the rate of £56 per annum from the 21st instant until the question of Mr. Kassim's pension is settled. This is somewhat less than ¹⁵ 9ths of what I calculate will be his pension for the period of his service with the East Africa Protectorate.

4. I beg

4. I beg to suggest that Mr. Kassim's Indian Service Book be sent to the Colonial Office with the request that the matter of his Indian pension be arranged with the India Office.

5. The Service Book shows that Mr. Kassim's first appointment with the Government of India was on the 1st April 1890 with salary at the rate of Rs:10 per mensem. He was granted leave without pay by the Government of India from the 23rd January 1894 when his substantive salary was Rs:15 per mensem, and availed himself of the same to take service with the Imperial British East Africa Company on a salary commencing at Rs:80 per mensem plus Rs:10 per mensem house allowance.

6. On the 1st July 1895 the Administration of East Africa was transferred from the Company to the Foreign Office, and Mr. Kassim, while still on leave from the Government of India, was, in common with the other employes of the Company, taken over into what then became the East Africa Protectorate Service.

7. Mr. Kassim's leave from the Government of India expired on the 22nd March 1896 and he was informed that he must either rejoin his post in India on the 23rd idem or resign - (Vide Memo No. 3. 1/9580 of the 14th October 1897 from the Superintendent of Post Offices, Poona Division). He thereupon resigned his Indian appointment, the date

of the resignation recorded in his Indian Service Book being the 31st January 1898.

8. Mr. Kassim's personal emoluments in the Protectorate Service increased from year to year until the 1st April 1905 when they reached the sum of Rs:248 salary plus Rs:20 house allowance per mensem, i.e. £192 salary plus £16 house allowance, or a total of £208 per annum.

9. There can be no question that Mr. Kassim is entitled to pension from the Protectorate from the 1st July 1898, and, after making due deduction for the period of leave granted without pay, I calculate this to be $\frac{12}{12}$ ths of £208, i.e. £21:12:0, but I would bring to Your Excellency's notice that the enclosed statement gives particulars only of Mr. Kassim's service in the East Africa Protectorate, and should it be decided, under clause 7 of the Pension Regulations for the Subordinate Staff, that his previous Indian Service should count for pension, he would apparently be entitled to $\frac{18}{12}$ ths of £208, i.e. £62:8:0, whereof the Government of India would contribute a portion.

10. I venture to express the hope that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend that Mr. Kassim be granted the highest rate of pension compatible with the regulations. His services are spoken of by Mr. Gealing, the Postmaster General, in

the highest terms, and I speak from personal knowledge when I say that throughout his service in East Africa he has enjoyed the esteem of all classes for the diligence and ability and invariable courtesy with which he carried on his work. He rendered great assistance to Mr. Gosling's predecessor the late Mr. Remington, and in the interval between that Officer's death and Mr. Gosling's appointment his services were invaluable.

The circumstances attending his compulsory retirement are particularly distressing, for he has a wife and children and it is expected that the disease from which he is suffering will ultimately cost him the complete loss of his eyesight.

I am forwarding this memorandum through the Postmaster General for his remarks.

(SD) HENRY P. SPIE.
for Treasurer.

Your Excellency,

I concur with the Treasurer.

Syed Kassim's conduct was exemplary and his work excellent.

(SD) J. GOSLING,
Postmaster General.
26. 5. 29.

Enclosure No. 3
In Despatch No. 244 of May 20, 1908.

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EAST AFRICA & HORN OF AFRICA PROTECTORATES.

Proceedings of Medical Board.

A Medical Board composed as under, assembled at Government Dispensary Mombasa, on the 6th of January 1908 for the purpose of reporting on Syed Kassim, Assistant, Post Office, Mombasa.

President.

William Radford, Medical Officer.

Members.

A. Robertson, Medical Officer.

The Board having assembled proceed to examine S. Kassim; find that he is suffering from Glaucoma, likely to be of a permanent nature, and recommend that he be invalided from the service.

A copy of the certificate given by Dr. Macdonald, dated December 14th 1907 is attached.

Sd/- William Radford,
Medical Officer,
President.

Sd/- A. Robertson,
Medical Officer,
Member.

ENCLOSURE No. 1
Despatch No. 112... May 20, 08

Copy.

Membasa,
December 14th 1908

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20 JUN 08

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P.M.G.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant re your man Syed Kassim I have the honour to inform you that in my opinion there is a return of his illness viz: Glaucoma. I am much afraid that the last operation performed on him has only been of a palliative nature and that very soon there must be another operation. I think under the circumstances it would be well that a Medical Board be held on Syed Kassim as to his fitness to remain any longer in the service; in his present condition he must remain a constant source of anxiety to you. I understand that he is entitled to pension should he be invalided by a Medical Board.

Yours obedient servant,

Sd/- W.H.B. MacDonald

M.O.H.

Copy.

No. B. 1/9580.

Poona Division,
Superintendent's Office,

Dated 14th October 1897.

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Memo.

In continuation of this Office No. 5189 dated 22nd June 1897 Mr. Syed Kassim Bayad Imam Branch Postmaster Nargol now on leave for Foreign Service at Mombasa in Africa, is informed under orders from the Post Master General Bombay conveyed in his No. 19630 dated 7th October 1897 that as the maximum period of leave admissible under the rules will be reached on 32nd March 1898, on the expiration of his present year's extension of leave no more extension will be granted to him after that date and that if he will not join his post on the 23rd March 1898 his lien on his appointment will be forfeited. He should better send up his resignation which will be accepted.

(Signed)

Superintendent of Post Offices
Poona Division.

4 Aug
July 1928

DRAFT

The Secretary
to the Treasury

Sir,

July
MINUTE. 25

- Mr. Hunter 28
- Mr. Harris 28
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Coa.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Sely.
- The Earl of Crows.

sent by 29/28

I am directed by the Earl of Crows to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying paper of particulars of the service of Mr. Syd Kasson, Chief Clerk, General Post Office, Mombasa, who has been retained provisionally until further notice by a Medical Board, a report of the proceedings of which is also enclosed.

The Lordships would prefer, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor,

to be Office

copy of minute

of the Treasury, to direct the issue to
this Office of a pension at the rate of
\$41.20 per annum as from the
21st of May last inclusive

Yours

(Signed) H. BERTRAM COX.

Draft

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The Under Secretary of State,
India Office

Md

4 Aug
July 1908

To Hunter 28
Mr Harris 28 July

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of
Crewe to transmit to you to be laid
before the Secretary of State for India
the accompanying copy of a despatch from
the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate,
in relation to the subject of the pension to be
awarded to Mr Syed Hassan in
recognition of his service under the Government
of India & the part of the Protectorate
of the Treasury in regard to the pension
for the Protectorate service.
I am to request that
you will advise the Lord Mayor to cause

No. 262 30 May
into 2, 5, 10

Recd. 47879

This Department to be referred to

whether ^{as} M. Mason is eligible for
San Indian funds
pension in respect of his ~~service~~

The Dept. of Indian
Affairs is prepared to
regard

service as prior to the 1st of

April 1895

Law

Wm. H. DENTON COR.

PLEASE
In any further communication
the under-mentioned letter and
not posted, and the reply addressed to
Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.
P. 4981.

INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W.

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~~24th~~ September 1908

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Sir,

In reply to Mr Cox's, letter of the 4th
August No. 22241/1908, I am directed to inform you
that a reference has been made to the Government of
India regarding the share of Mr. Syed Kassim's final
retiring pension, if any, that should be contributed
by Indian revenues in respect of his Indian service.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. Lawrence

Financial Secretary.

Mr. Selous

? attach

Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

J. M. Lawrence
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