

has been made. The
Master has been glad, or
the officers have desired to
abide the marchant [unclear]
has often made it unavoidable
the requirements for various
parts of the post, different
considerably. It has, however, been the practice to
inform our officers that the arrangements which the Govt.
may have in consultation, are to be followed
in both regard to the case

of Mr. Florman; the enquiry
was made for the reason
mentioned above, and his
request to be allowed to serve
in the former corps was not, strictly,
an application for an appointment of a
special nature, but as he was
representing his post army 1916,
in the present circumstances
to undertake military work
of some kind during his leave, and the present
position as I had not been
able to approve of his
undertaking such work in
itself, he allowed if possible to have
an opportunity of devoting the balance of
his leave to military work in Africa.

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Pay of 2nd Rhodesian Regiment

Asks whether papers on the
subject may be made confidential

Mr. Bettany
Mr. Lambton
Mr. Brad

Sir J. Field

Draft Tel. in copy submitted, as
to which please see minute
of 8/1/16 on file 150th U.S. Inf.
Mainland Calif.

(No despatches referred to were
made 'secret' because of reference
to the date of arrival of the
S. African brigade. No reason for
secrecy was given.)

To Mr. J. R. West
10/1/16

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J.W. 2 March 1916

Sir,

I have the honour to
acky. the receipt of your
des. the 17 of the 7 of Jan
and to inform you that,
in accordance with your
wishes, enquiries on behalf
of officers as to the
station to which they will
be posted on return to
the Adm. will, except
for special reasons, be
discontinued in future.

2. I have to observe
that in most of the
cases in which enquiry

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4. Moreover, it is usually impracticable to state with certainty what an officer's destination will be prior to the date of his arrival. Conditions here change so rapidly that it is frequently necessary to transfer men at very short notice, and I cannot therefore in any instance guarantee to determine the location of an officer in advance, or give any assurance that he will remain where he is posted.

I shall therefore be obliged if it can be arranged that the reply to such inquiries be to the effect that the information sought is not available.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

A. Conway Beyard.

GOVERNOR.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MOMBASA,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

No. 17

7th January, 1916.

Sir,

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I have the honour to bring to your notice that there appears to be an increasing tendency on the part of comparatively junior officers of this administration, when in England on leave, to institute inquiries regarding the stations to which they will be posted on their return to the Protectorate, and in some cases - such as that of Mr Ploowman dealt with in your despatch No. 880 of December 1, 1915 - to make application for appointments of a special nature.

2. This practice is productive of inconvenience both to the Colonial Office and to myself. It causes an unnecessary interchange of communication by telegraph or despatch, and I consider that it should be discouraged in all cases where no special reasons exist which, in your opinion, warrant such inquiry or application.

3. Administrative officers are bound by the conditions of the Service to take duty in any station in which their presence may be required, and in almost every case it is undesirable that their personal views on the subject of their destination should be expressed or considered.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

equivalent which may prove
useful to him; this was so in
Mr. Browne's case and his request
to be allowed to serve with the
Carrier Corps was not exactly an
application for an "appointment of a
special nature", but why it was an
expression of his great anxiety to do
some military work during his leave
is present this, all opportunities of
him doing so in Europe having been
blocked ~~out~~. This was made quite
clear when when he came, but
his letter is not very well expressed.

As there is some risk of an
application being ~~done~~ in Mr.
Browne's case, I should like to
point out as above when informing
the Govt. that, in accordance with
his wishes, such enquiries ^{as far as possible} will be
discontinued in future.

Aug 28/2/16
Sugr. After there were "special
reasons" in Mr. Major Browne's
case.

In regard to my enquiry as to
whether we do not overlook the point
which the Govt. intentions are: &c. See