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Mr. Belfield Col. 52

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10 May

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Mr. W. E. Coker

Reports on his work in Prot. and consider him suitable for an administrative app't, but not in E. A. P.

See immediate ref. (private) 13 June 16

Mr. Belfield
Private Secretary

It would seem to be for the Private Secretary to consider his suitability for an appointment outside the E. A. P., but in view of Sir G. Belfield's ^{third} ~~fourth~~ paragraph I hardly think he could be given an administrative appointment in E. A. P.

We must conclude that Mr. Coker 299 10/6/16 is not a Surian, as the Governor would not have omitted so important a point.

W. E. C. 12/6/16

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Apparently in my hand to E. A. P. I think Sir Coker will have to be considered for the Prot. only.

last Indian Envoy ...
Private Secretary

Sir John Lonsdale called this morning with regard to Mr Cody, I saw him in Mr Steel-Maitland's absence. He said that he had met Mr Cody in this country recently and was very favourably impressed by him. He is engaged to the daughter of a parson in Sir John Lonsdale's constituency. I gave him in confidence the substance of the Governor's despatch and said that if he were born of British parents it seemed strange that he should have been educated solely in India and still stronger that he should have taken an Indian medical degree and have entered the Indian subordinate medical service, which, so far as I know, is only recruited from Indians. Sir John Lonsdale quite agreed that it seemed very odd. On the other hand, he said that he struck him as being very gentlemanly fellow and without a suspicion of Indian blood. He has promised to make some confidential enquiries about him and to let us know the result of them. I said that we should be very glad to hear the outcome of these enquiries and also suggested that it would be a good thing for Mr Cody, who I understand is now serving in France, to call at this office when he had an opportunity to do so.

N.S.
14.7.16

See R 17/2/16

the corresp. attached
A.C. 28/8/16

Cahed - tathish, rather yellow faced man
don't think he has tarbrush. He said
he had been able to afford the money
for medical education.

I think he might
but there will
many other cases
with the same

Downing Street,

15th June, 1916.

Dear Sir,

As Mr. Bonar Law is at present in Paris I am writing to you on his behalf to tell you, with reference to his letter to you of the 8th of May, that a despatch has been received from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate regarding Mr. Cody. The Governor does not think that Mr. Cody is quite the right sort of man for an administrative appointment in the East Africa Protectorate. Apparently Mr. Cody only wishes an appointment in East Africa, but should he wish to apply for an appointment elsewhere he ought to do so through the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate.

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(Sd) J.C.C. Davidson.

J. LONSDALE, BART.M.P.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 52.

CONFIDENTIAL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

May 10th, 1916.

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Sir,

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2/1/16*

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 41 of the 20th of January and to your telegram of the 2nd of May regarding the application submitted by Mr. W. E. Cody, Assistant Surgeon, Indian Subordinate Medical Service, for an administrative appointment in this Protectorate or Nyasaland. I regret the delay in replying to your enquiry, but it was found necessary to refer the question to certain officers in the Northern Frontier District who were conversant with his capabilities and qualifications.

2. The Principal Medical Officer states that his impression of Mr. Cody is that he was a capable man of good address and manners, satisfactory in his work and competent to fill a position such as he now seeks. He adds that it would be preferable to transfer him in such a case to another Colony.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.O., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

I am also informed that the officers of the King's African Rifles, with whom he was stationed at Moyali, were quite content with his work but stated that they would prefer a Medical Officer with a clearer perception of his position. He is also well spoken of by Captain Barrett under whom he served in the Northern Frontier District.

3. Mr. Cody was born and educated in India and I scarcely think that he would be suitable for an administrative appointment here, but the same objections might not apply elsewhere.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Hervey Bayard

GOVERNOR.

Downing Street,

25 August, 1916.

Dear Sir John Lonsdale,

Mr. Steel-Maitland asks me to thank you for your letter of the 16th about Mr. W. M. Cody, and for the information which you have been good enough to obtain about him.

The reasons given for Mr. Cody's education in India seem good and sufficient, and there seems no reason why his claims for an administrative appointment should not be carefully considered, but the West African Department tell me that he is the first European that they have ever heard of in the Indian Subordinate Medical Department.

I think that you said that you would be good enough to suggest to Mr. Cody that he should call here when he has an opportunity of doing so, and when he is able to call the Private Secretary will be very glad to see him and have a talk with him.

Mr. Steel-Maitland would have written to you in person, but he has gone to Scotland for a short time.

Yours very truly,

Downing Street,

28th June, 1911

Dear Kowal

I have looked carefully into the papers of Mr. Cody about whom you spoke to me the other day, and should be very glad to have a word with you in the House about case if you could take an opportunity of speaking to me.

(SD) A. STEEL-WAITLAND.

12 Cobden Place

London W.C.

8th October 1916

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I have just returned from France and, as
Mrs. ~~W. Dale~~ ^{W. Dale} informed me that you desired
interview with me, I would be very grateful
if you could arrange to see me. I expect to
be in London for the next 4 or 5 days.
Telephone number is Museum 2943

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

W. H. O. D.

Asst. Surgeon

General