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Agency for Chief Mechanical Engineer Uganda

Suggests Mr J.A. Whittaker be considered
for appt. on casual minute from Deputy
Gov. Ceylon re capacity.

Mr D. ...
Mr. Bothamley

Mr. Bothamley offers the appt. to
Mr. Whittaker -

(See 6167 & 7/19 Cap. for his ...)
well

I agree with Mr. Bothamley's suggestion
but a different expression is used. I
think he is right in his opinion that the
Ceylon telegram does not refer to
Mr. Whittaker's capacity in connection
with the telegram. It is a question of
capacity in the strictest sense of the word.

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he has been employed on the Pennsylvania
(road)

There are supposed to be

(Mr. Hunter would see these papers
where they usually are found)

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Dr. H. H. H.

I have put the relevant papers
just below this.

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the service.

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to J. H.

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5th November, 1919.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th October, No. 48620/19, on the subject of the appointment of a Chief Mechanical Engineer on the Uganda Railway. On looking over the recorded qualifications of Mr T.A. Whittaker, it appeared to us that the telegram received from the Government of Ceylon, a copy of which was enclosed, was not in reality unfavourable to that officer's candidature. We accordingly (in the absence of the Chief Inspecting Engineer) asked his Deputy, who is thoroughly up in railway workshop and mechanical practice, to look into the matter. I attach a copy of his minute. We have discussed the matter with him, and concur in his view that Mr Whittaker appears qualified for the appointment.

2. We would suggest therefore for consideration that the position should be offered to Mr T.A. Whittaker before steps are taken to obtain candidates outside the Colonial Service.

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

M.A. Murray

Chief Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Regarding the qualifications of Mr. T. A. Whittaker, to
for the appointment of Chief Mechanical Engineer of the
Railway.

He served his apprenticeship on the Midland Railway Co.
through the various shops and drawing office. Afterwards he
appointed District Locomotive Superintendent at Leeds. The
Locomotive Superintendent of the Midland, Mr R.M. Deeley,
the well of him, also Mr Cecil Paget, the General Superintendent
of the Midland Railway whom he was under while Mr Whittaker was
District Locomotive Superintendent at Leeds, where he had charge
of 33 men and 302 engines, and later when he was District
Locomotive Superintendent at Totes with 555 men and 149 engines.
Other his responsibilities included all running repairs.

When acting in these capacities, he must have gained
considerable experience both in the running and maintenance of
engines on one of the most important British Railways. He has
no experience in design of either engines or rolling stock
and what he gained during the time he was serving his
apprenticeship.

It is difficult to secure the services of Locomotive
Engineers who have had real experience in the design of engines
and rolling stock, who have also had experience in running and
maintenance, as design is the work of craftsmen with very little
theoretical knowledge and no experience in the handling of men
and labor of the greatest importance to a Chief Mechanical
Engineer.

The authorities in Ceylon in their cable to the
Colonial Office on the 4th January, spoke very highly of this
Engineer stating that he had strong personality, great energy,
sound judgment and is a strict disciplinarian.

All things being considered, there is every reason to
believe that Mr Whittaker with his personality and the excellent
practical experience that he has had both in this country and
abroad is qualified for the appointment.

(Sgd.) C.E. Williams,
3.11.19.

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