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C. O.  
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my Vet. Service  
H. G.

Veterinary Officers 378

1919

June

at previous Paper.

States has supplied 4 out of 5. Give list of four candidates for fifth vacancy see Rec. rept. Request to C.O. to make enquiries.

100/312

Major James

1. In Mr. Dawkins absence, James has been in charge.
2. Another candidate is that Mr. Dawson has v. forms for 1 V.A. and 2 V.O. Post.

Can you now fill these in?  
Get another letter?

All  
18/6/19

Mr. Carter

This is for you  
in the hand of  
Major Richardson

18/6/19

subsequent Paper.

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57963 (McIntyre)

of the four candidates mentioned in

has letters,

Major Sterling  
and Capt. Cunningham

are under appointments for Beach. Lt.;  
they are being interviewed by Sir S. Stoker  
tomorrow, and one will probably get  
the post. The remainder will presumably  
be available for E.A.

Capt. Dole has had reports from  
Rhodesia, who did not want him,  
re-engaged. The W.O. recommend him,  
but I attach more weight to the BSA  
Coy's view.

Capt. Hunt has been offered app<sup>n</sup> in Cyprus  
by one of the candidates, therefore,  
likely to be available for E.A. I have  
retained it, however, shall endeavour  
to find two more a.s.

AC 2/1/17

1. We shall apparently only receive 2  
Perhaps we might ask for more  
to be submitted specially for  
2d, if P.S. agrees.
2. I do not approve of the last part  
of Mr. J. Smith's letter about verbal  
reports. Some one must at some time  
commit themselves in writing before  
an app<sup>n</sup> is made - & it should be  
the man who first makes the report.

all 15/1/17

Yes all  
done

I am not  
sure  
and I  
will  
write  
to you

McLoche

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As to the large Parkinson's minute, I  
agree. Please let us know about  
the Beckenham post when it is ready.  
As to 2, this is a matter for P.S., but I  
would rather have a frank oral report  
than a guarded or misleading written  
report.

6 Oct. 1961

M<sup>r</sup> Bottomley

I will let you know as soon as the  
Beckenham post is filled.

And there are  
many people  
who will not  
write unflatteringly  
of anyone.

As to (2), I prefer the written report.  
Verbal reports (judging from Capt. Dale's  
case, in which we have both written &  
verbal) tend to cast entirely misleading  
& suspicious. In any case, somebody  
has to record the verbal communication  
in writing, & give it to the authority  
concerned, & P.S. when it is given,  
and there is the danger of misquoting in  
the former instance. I think it would be  
best to have written reports, except in  
special cases, when the A.V.D. should add  
that a verbal conversation is also desirable.

It is found  
through for  
this

A.C. 1961/19

McLoche

Very well. As I see that  
relief is being had generally to the

R. H. C. has left us with kindly  
advice in 7. Smith's note book  
there is no reason to suspect  
channels of conspire

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ARMY VETERINARY SERVICE,  
16, VICTORIA STREET,  
S.W.1.

0165/9689 (V.D.)

11th June 1919



Dear Mr. Bottomley,

We are providing you with certain officers to fill the following Veterinary appointments:-

East Africa Protectorate	3 Officers
Uganda	1 Officer
Bechuanaland	1 Officer
	<u>5</u>

Out of the five we have found four, one is still owing you, vice Captain Rae, medically unfit.

Apart from the above, the Assistant Private Secretary (Appointments), Colonial Office, referred to us for information respecting the qualification of four officers, who appear to have made direct applications for Veterinary appointments. In no case was there any mention of the Colony in which they wished to serve in.

BOTTOMLEY, Esq., O.B.E.,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W.

/They have



They have all been recommended by the Director-General and from this group it would be easy to select your third officer for East Africa.

Perhaps you will cause enquiries to be made; their names are as follows:-

Major STIRLING, R.F.

Captain IDLE, J.B.

„ CUMMINGHAM, W.

„ HUNT, T.H.C.

When the Director-General is asked for information regarding the suitability of officers for Appointments, it is not always possible to state in writing all that is known; in these circumstances a verbal communication is suggested.

Yours truly,

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26<sup>th</sup> June, 1919

DRAFT.

Dear Sir Frederick Smith,

Gen. Sir F. Smith  
K.C.M.G. C.B.

I am writing in

reply to your letter to Mr.

Bottomley (0165/9689 V.D.

of the 11<sup>th</sup> of June) on the

subject of candidates for

veterinary app<sup>ts</sup> in the Colonies.

MINUTE.

A.C. 24/6/19 J.S.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. H. Lambert.

Mr. H. Road.

Mr. G. Piddie.

Mr. G. Smith.

Lord Milner.

The position now is

that, of the four officers

mentioned in your letter

Captain J. S. Hunt has been

offered app<sup>ts</sup> in Cyprus, Miss

R. F. S. ... will, in all

probabilities, be ...

Bottomley

Backhouse and Prof. and Captain  
M. Cunningham will be presumably  
be available for East Africa. There  
is a doubt as to whether Captain J. R.  
Idle will be eligible.

We want <sup>with</sup> three candidates in all for  
E. Africa & Uganda; so that (supposing  
Capt. Cunningham is appointed) I should  
be grateful if you could recommend  
a further candidate in addition to the one  
whom you are finding for us in place of  
Captain Roe.

I note ~~that~~ what is said about reporting  
on the suitability of officers for App<sup>5</sup>.  
As a general rule, <sup>the S. of S.</sup> ~~we~~ much prefer that  
reports should be in writing; but I quite  
understand that it is not always possible to  
state in writing all that is known; and I  
would suggest that, when this is <sup>so</sup> the case,  
a note should be appended to the written report  
to the effect that the Director-General considers <sup>(signed)</sup> ~~it~~  
verbal communication desirable in that particular case.  
Thanking you for your assistance in this matter,



ARMY VETERINARY SERVICE,  
16, VICTORIA STREET,  
S.W.1.

2nd July 1919.



Dear Mr. Cooke,

with reference to your letter of 26th June, are we to understand that you still require the names of one or two more candidates to be submitted?

From your letter of 26th June this certainly would appear to be the case, yet the names of Captains F.V. HERON and B.A. BROWN were sent here by you for enquiry, and would presumably complete your requirements in point of numbers.

May I enquire what is being done relative to

Mr. W.G. Nicholls whose name was

sent to the Secretary of State, General Duff

on 26th June, and who has received no

reply?

Should his name should be

for consideration?

His record is above the average.

Yours truly,

Quarto. 4C15 July 1919.DRAFT.Major General Sir F. Smith  
K.C.M.G., C.B.MINUTE.

AC. 14/7/19 f.s.

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr. [unclear]

H. Lambert.

H. Read.

G. Piddis.

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Dear Sir Frederick Smith,

Thank you for your letter  
(0165/9689 v.2) 7.2.It was the intention of my last  
letter to ask you kindly to  
recommend two more candidates  
for veterinary app<sup>s</sup> in E. Africa &  
Uganda; but, now that our full  
list of vet. candidates has cleared up  
a little, I think we may be able  
to manage without further  
your favour.~~Captain B. A. Brown is being  
offered app<sup>s</sup> for Chief Inspector of  
Holds in the Falkland Islands, but  
it is doubtful whether he will  
accept. As to Lieut. Capt. F. V. Horn  
his other qualification in Canada,  
unless it has hitherto been the  
rule~~

As regards

August, Captain W. 1902

It is the opinion that he is a paper officer, and that it is better to let him go to take an app. abroad. He is certainly a very useful candidate, and, if he decides in favor of an col. app., he will probably be offered a post in E. Africa.

Major R. F. Stirling was offered the Buchanan's vacancy, but he was unfortunately turned down by our Medical Adviser who did not consider him physically fit. Captain M. Cunningham will have the offer next.

It is found that we cannot fill all our vacancies from the existing list. I will write a paper on this subject.