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VACANCY FOR CUSTOMS PREVENTIVE OFFICER  
VICE MR N. E. LOWER, RESIGNED

Reports acceptance of Mr Lower's resignation.  
Asks steps may be taken to fill vacancy. Encloses  
paper of a Mr Sydney Chivers and asks he may  
be considered with other candidates.

Ms tel 2 Sept 15

*Mr. D. G. Griffith*  
*Mr. G. J. Judd*  
It is rather curious about Mr Lower  
because he had his resignation accepted  
by three different ~~pts~~ bodies (1) by the  
Co. (2) by the Customs (3) by the Gov.  
E.A.P. This despatch from Gov. has evidently  
come about 9 July 1915 (4542) to him  
in which we stated that ~~the Gov.~~  
had accepted Mr Lower's resignation.

As regards a successor it is very  
difficult to get one here & if  
they think that Mr Chivers in S. Africa  
is suitable they had better be  
authorized to engage him locally on  
agreement. Co. shd not be brought into  
when the candidate is in S. Africa.  
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SOUTH AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

July 27th 1915.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. N. E. Lower, a Preventive Officer in the Customs Department of this Protectorate, who is on leave at present in England has tendered his resignation with a view to enlisting for active service during the War; and I have accepted it.

2. I shall be glad if the Crown Agents may be instructed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Lower's resignation; and I enclose the usual Form of Particulars of the office.

3. The Chief of Customs desires that the name of Mr. Sydney Chivers of the South African Customs may be considered with those of other candidates, and for your information I enclose copies of correspondence that has passed between Mr. Chivers and Mr. Major.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*A. Conan Beynon*

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

In Despatch No. 2801 July 27 1915

**EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE**

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Particulars of the Office of **Preventive Officer**  
in the **Customs Department, East Africa Protectorate.**

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<p>1. Duties of Office and qualifications required for their performance</p>	<p><b>Duties.</b> Examination &amp; rummaging of vessels. Examination of Passengers' Baggage, making up of ships' files, checking of Customs accounts &amp; books, issue and receipt of Govt stores, any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Customs.</p> <p><b>Qualifications.</b> As much knowledge as possible of Customs Outdoor work, knowledge of Customs accounts and familiarity with Customs forms</p>
<p>2. Salary of Office.</p>	<p>£.150 by £.10 to £.250  Uniform Allowance of £.10.  3 years' Agreement.</p>
<p>Allowance, quarters, and other circumstances affecting the value of the Office.</p>	<p>Free quarters or allowance in lieu thereof or tent. Free Medical attendance. Leave on full pay with passages after 2 1/2 years or if exigencies of service permit after 20 months 3 days for every month's service &amp; similar return leave.</p>
<p>4 * Nature, number and account of securities required.</p>	<p>Not required.</p>
<p>Whether free passage is provided for person selected and his family.</p>	<p>Free passage for officer but not his family.</p>
<p>General particulars regarding accommodation, furniture, &amp;c. for information of candidate.</p>	<p>A small amount of furniture is allowed and if an officer is in a district where there are no European quarters a tent and a small amount of camp equipment is provided.</p>

20th July 1915

*[Signature]*  
Chief of Customs.  
Head of Department.

Mombasa.

INCLOSURE 2

In 1914 No. 578 of July 27<sup>th</sup> 1915

H. M. Customs

East London

1st August 1914

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F. W. Major Esq. I. S. C.

Chief of Customs,

Sir,

I herewith respectfully beg to make enquiry whether you have a vacancy upon your staff. I have been employed in the Customs Department here for the past eleven years Originally in the Ships Papers Department, but owing to reorganization, I, in common with others, have been transferred Outdoors.

Feeling that there now is little prospect of advancement in the Union Service, prompts this application.

I am thirty one years of age, English, married in receipt of £142 per annum, and my credentials are of the highest order as regards character and sobriety. Should you entertain my application favourably, I should have no difficulty in leaving my present post at any time.

As, knowing the position in which I am placed, my Collector and Surveyor would sympathetically further my interests in all possible ways.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Ed. Sydney Chivers

H. M. Customs,

Mombasa,

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British East Africa.

7th September 1914.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter received from Mr. Sydney Chivers now employed he states in your Department at East London.

I would esteem it a favour if you would furnish me with a report on Mr. Chivers' character and ability and confirm, if you are able to do so, what Mr. Chivers states in the last paragraph of his letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Ed. F. W. Major,

Chief of Customs.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA,

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Office of the Collector of Customs,

at East London.

29th September 1918.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. P. 22 of the 7th instant, and in reply beg to state that I am pleased to be able fully to recommend Mr. S. Chivers for an appointment on your staff and to endorse the statements made in the last paragraph of his letter of application.

Chivers joined this Department eleven years ago as a Temporary Out-door Officer (Watchman) but has for a considerable period since that time been assisting at work usually performed by an officer of the clerical staff.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

sd.

Collector of Customs.

P. V. Major Esq., I. S. O.

Chief of Customs,

Mombasa.

British East Africa.

H. M. Customs,

East London,

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Cape Province,

September 30th 1914.

F. W. Major Esq., I. S. O.

Chief of Customs

Mombasa.

B. E. A.

Sir,

The Collector of Customs here has, to-day, spoken to me relative to your communication to him.

He has, I believe, written to you by this mail, I beg to reiterate my wish to join the British East Africa Service, and, in the event of a vacancy occurring in your staff, I shall with the kind indulgence of my Chief, be prepared to come to Mombasa at very short notice.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

sd. Sydney Chivers.

H. M. Customs,

Mombasa,

British East Africa,

19th October 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your two letters dated 1st August and 30th September 1914 respectively I have to inform you that no vacancy exists at present in this Department to which you can be offered appointment. I have however noted your name and should a vacancy occur you will be duly considered for appointment to the vacant post.

The pay of appointments for which you would be eligible is £.150 by annual increments of £.10 to £.250 and uniform allowance of £.10 with free quarters or an allowance in lieu thereof and free medical attendance. The cost of living here is not as high as in South Africa and the leave arrangements are good.

I am etc.,

(Sd.) P. W. Major,

Chief of Customs.

Mr. Sydney Chivers,  
H. M. Customs,  
East London,  
South Africa.

H. M. Customs,  
East London,  
Cape Province,  
May 26th 1915.

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F. M. Major Esq., I.S.O.  
Commissioner of Customs,  
British East Africa.

Sir,

As it is my intention to apply to the Commissioner  
of Customs of the Union for lengthy vacation leave  
which is due to me, I shall be very much obliged to you  
for any information you can furnish me to enable me  
to approximate the date upon <sup>which</sup> there is likely to be  
a vacancy at Mombasa.

I am, of course, still as anxious as before  
to join your staff, therefore I do not care to run  
the risk of being absent from East London at the  
moment when your call arrives.

Any guidance you may give will be gratefully  
received.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,  
sd. Sydney Chivers.

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H. M. Customs,  
Mombasa,  
British East Africa,

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22nd June 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th May last,

I thank you very safely take your leave.

An officer is now on leave who may not return to East Africa. If he does not return a vacancy will occur but should you be recommended for the vacant post the recommendation will have to go before the Secretary of State for the Colonies and your appointment will have to be approved by him.

If you are selected I presume that your address can be obtained from the Customs Department at East London.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

sd. F. W. Major,

Chief of Customs,

Mr. Sydney Chivers,  
H. M. Customs,  
East London,  
Cape Province.

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