

1931

Kenya

No. 17102

SUBJECT

C0533/408

Prisons Department.

Staff.

Previous

16084/30.

Subsequent

18174/32.

1 of Gov. House, Conf. II 7 February 2
states as to vacancies for Commissioner and Assistant
Commissioner of Prisons vacant by retirement of Mr
Spencer and reversion of Maj. Thurn to Home Service.
Proposes Mr. Spencer be allowed to remain until May
1932 and that Maj. J. L. Willcocks be seconded to Prisons
Dept. to enable Mr. Spencer to form an opinion if he
is fitted to prison work. Includes applications for post
of Commissioner of Prisons.

The impending retirement of the C.O.P., Mr. Spencer,
in November next. The reversion of the A.C.O.P.,
Major Thurn, to the Home Office; and the
prospective departure in June next Mr. of the Senior
Supt., Mr. Poulton, will leave the Prisons
Dept. with the three top places vacant, one,
however, temporarily only. It is accordingly
proposed (A) to bring in an Administrative Officer,
Major Willcocks, make him undergo a course in
England at his own expense, and then, subject to
his concurrence, make him either C. or A.C.O.P.
This means no expense to Kenya, except the difference
between Major Willcocks ordinary pay and that
which he will receive whilst Eq. A.C.O.P., but
the loss of an officer to the Administration.

(B) The extension of Mr. Poulton's ^{Poulton's} tour
from Nov. to May, so that he can supervise
Major Willcocks. The question of the vacancy
to be filled can then be taken up.

These arrangements would appear to
meet the case for economy, convenience and

finding a new C.O.P., and I do not
see how they can be bettered. ? approve
and arrange a course for Major Willcocks

Cythaumbini 43

The Kenya Prisons Administration has left much to be desired in the past, though the fault does certainly not rest wholly or even mainly perhaps with the officers of that administration. Conditions have, however, improved and it is to be hoped ^{as} the result of recent endeavours ^{that} still further improvement will be secured.

As you know, the Prison Commissioners hold pretty strong views as to the condition of the Kenya prison service generally, and in particular as to the system of recruiting and the inadequacy of the salaries offered. You will see from paragraph 10 of this despatch that the proposals for giving Major Willcocks the necessary insight into the ~~system of~~ modern methods of Prison administration are dependent to a large extent, if not wholly, on the goodwill of the Commissioners who are to be asked to advise as to what special instructions he should have in addition to the course referred to in the circular of the 24th December, 1930, which, as will be seen from paragraph 1 of the circular, is intended for "officers engaged in the administration of prisons overseas". Major Willcocks is not so engaged and the Prison Commissioners may, I fear, object not only to advise as to further instruction but even to his attending

attending the ordinary course. Having regard to their present views of the Kenya service it may lead them to form a very adverse opinion of this proposal to appoint an inexperienced officer as second in command. (The Prison Commissioners recently refused to agree to Kenya Chief Warden being attached to one of their prisons for instruction as they objected to the recruitment of untrained officers for such posts).

This must, of course, go to the Personnel Division in the first instance but even if it were agreed to recommend the Secretary of State to accept the local proposal it would seem necessary, before any such recommendation were made, to ascertain whether the Prison Commissioners would make any difficulty about those proposals in so far as they are concerned with preliminary training.

*Mr. Bevis says as
to this J.M.S.*

J.M.S.

17/3/31

*W. Bevis
W. Jeffries*

*I don't like to adopt the course
Patt's proposals, if
we can. They have clearly
worked the thing out with
care.*

*As to the 2 cases
applications for W. Bevis's
post at Nairobi, I don't
want to be prepared to agree.*

without further comment,
that I propose would
not be satisfactory,
but that does not prevent
action

All Adellmen

14.3.31

- I should prefer to wait until Major Willcocks arrives in view of the difficulties in the Prison Commissioners about staff for Kenya.

Adrian 17/3/31

This is, in the first instance, a question of policy. It is, I believe, admitted that the past policy in regard to prison administration in Kenya is, to say the least, open to criticism. The question is whether it is most likely to be reformed by an officer trained in proper prison administration or by an untrained officer who knows his Kenya. Considerations of economy - though they must be taken into account - and the desire of the Leg. Co. to provide openings for local

relevant.

I can only say that if we were to have a VF for the post of Commissioner of Prisons,

I have no doubt that we could (in collaboration with the Prison Commissioner) put forward a candidate

who was thoroughly trained & could be relied upon to do the job.

If therefore any arrangement is made with regard to Major Willcocks' secondment, I suggest that it should be with reference to the Assistant Commissionership only, & that he should not be given any expectation of the Commissionership.

C. J. Jeffries

17.3.31

I quite agree as to what I had not needed to accept any assumption that Major Willcocks would have the necessary training.

Mr. Spencer's post when vacant.

Accept provisionally the recommendation in the despatch. Let take no action pending arrival of Major Willcock when Mr. Kevin told he at once notified so that we can consult the Prison Commission semi-officially in the first instance.

A
All Parkinson
19.3.51

S.D.P.P.
19.3.51

W.L.S. 20.3.51
L.S.A.

Copy on file
two for head office
one for
do not expect to be
So. Gov. Comf (2) - 1 Approved - 26 MAR 1951

Just want if he did well, then call on the C. Board for the remaining for Cash somewhere in the C. Board

Called address in Denmark, Cranleigh Surrey

He also saw Mr. Parkinson. He was told of the contents of No. 2 on 17102/31 K. (he already had seen Noll). His idea in taking on duty as Asst. Commissioner of Prisons for six months on secondment was that on the retirement of Mr. Spencer he should succeed to the Commissioner-ship - he doesn't a bit want to remain Asst. Commissioner permanently. He was told however that it would be rash to assume that he would get the Commissionership; in fact that it was most unlikely that he would get it after only six months' experience; If however he then wanted to revert to the administration he could do so and no harm would be done. In the circumstances he wants to go on with the course.

I could not get hold of Mr. Bevir, but ascertained from Mr. Fox of the Prison Commission that the date of the course is June 29th to July 10th. I promised that he should hear further on the subject in the next few days. Mr. Bevir will write to him?

G. Eastwood
31.3.51

Mr. Bevir

The above is a copy of a memo written on his personal file. Would you please get in touch with him?

G. Eastwood
7/4/51

There is no difficulty about the course itself if which we can give him a vacancy. There may be difficulty about getting him specific facilities, see para 10 of 1, but if I could

Explain verbally in the sense of Mr
 Jeffrey minute of 17.3.31, and that
 also give the gist of Mr Eastwood's
 minute, I think I could get Mr Patterson
 to take an interest in Major Willcocks
 & see that he does really get some idea
 of prison working over here.

If I can say that we intend to consult
 them about the Commission when it
 falls vacant (provisional description to
 ourselves to disagree); and that Major
 W. has been told that he would be sent
 to assume that he would get the
 appointment, they would probably do
 their best for Major W. If he is good
 enough for the job, they will get a
 chance of recognizing it when he is
 with them.

Adams
 7/3/31

In view of your minute of 17/3, will
 you may do this?

Robinson 14/4.

It is not the usual practice
 to consult the Prison Commission
 about senior prison posts
 in the Colonies, but in
 writing on 1/3 I had in
 mind that in the particular
 case of Kenya we should
 be well advised to do
 so, considering the past
 history of the Colony and

the public interest taken in its
 affairs. It is quite possible
 that it may be found desirable
 to fill the Commission with
 outside the Colonial Service
 altogether.

I think therefore that
 Mr Benn may safely tell
 the Commission that it is
 proposed to consult them in
 due course about the vacancy;
 but the proposal affects
 policy & requires authority.

C. J. Jeffries
 14.4.31.

I agree -
 (Having seen Major Willcocks,
 I am v. favourably impressed)

all Parkman
 14.4.31
 G. J. J.

15.4.31
 all done
 Mr Patterson & Mr
 Fox with whom we have
 usually dealt are away
 on 15/4/31
 done

W. B. Mason
 means has
 suggested name
 his chances
 10/4/31
 9/6/31

Adams
 10/4/31
 Captain
 on 16/4/31
 11/4/31
 Major Willcocks T. F.

Mr Jordan
 to note that we must give him a vacancy
 I will proceed as an alternative offer
 B. 2/4/31
 15/4/31

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

my pen
Please see your minute of 15/4/31
shown
22/4/31

7/14

I spoke to Mr Fox & the ladies first with
self explanatory. Wait further developments
Mr Fox has not had time to read that we
should consult them due to the fact of
Commissioners that they were very short
of good Governors and would have no
names to put up.
It occurred to me that there might be
an opening here for certain Colonial
Officials - would you like this to
take a suitable opportunity of telegraphing
with Mr Fox a Mr Paterson that
possibly he might have someone else
might be useful to them? It could do
no harm or possibly he might place
someone in C. Weston.

Extract reqd.
9/5/32
personally

Adm
6/5/31

Yes, I think this would be
a good idea.

C. J. P. P.
8/5/31

I agree & I hope our action
will come of it.

S. J. P. P. at once
8.5.31

See
ad 9/5

Base: see Mr. Benin's minute
Extract from Dey's letter of 11/4/31
application form
papers relating to E. Barry Johnston
have been taken from N°1 on the
file and registered on 45834/31
26/8/31
M. Benin
4/9/31

S. Jo. H.O. — — — — — s.o. — — — — —
10/10
24 SEP 1931

6 Home Office s/o 29th September 31.
Report on Major Willcock's course in Prison
Administration; could not recommend a better man
for appointment to Kenya prison service.

Major Willcock could not have had a
better report. It should certainly go out to
Kenya and I suppose that the best way of
doing this would be to send it in a s.o. letter
to the Gov. saying that Major W. seems to
have made a good start and that we shall
be interested to hear how he gets on as acting
A. C. of Prisons.

It should also ack. (b) and thank
Paterson (sent from Mr. Benin) for the help
which the Prison Commission have given in their
letter and for the trouble to which they have
put themselves. Perhaps Mr. Benin may also

to refer to the point raised in
his minute of 6/10/31

St. Michael's 2/10

But if 6 is sent to Governor - in
view, apparently - it will be virtually impossible
to fill the vacancy for Commr. of Prison
by an outside candidate - see Mr. Jeffries'
minute of 17 March.

Admiral
3/10

I am really only concerned as far as
the substance of 6 is in question. I think
Mr. Paterson has enough evidence for this
very favourable report. Though he does
not know all our Prison Officers, he
sees a good many - especially on these
annual Circuses - & his opinion is
certainly worth having.
If the Draft wishes I could ask him
(for example) how he would compare him
with Mr. Hancock or some other Prison
Officer with a good record, to see
how far the rather important MS
addition to the second line of page 2
was premeditated. I do not think
this is necessary, however, as we have
promised to consult the Prison Commission
when the vacancy arises, and if we
have a better man, Mr. Paterson will
certainly probably know him.

I should amend the substance, omitting
the fundamental sentence.

Just also an extract for Prison file

(NB. There is no evidence in
this file that action has
yet been taken in
relation to the
release of the
prisoner.)

I agree with his view.

C. J. Jeffries

5.10.31

~~Admiral~~

~~Admiral~~

Instead of sending an 8/6 to the
Gov: I think (as no reply has yet
been sent to us) to show that
arrangement has been made, it would
be better to inform the Gov: &
dispatch with refer to us 2 that
the 1 Census were approached &
made arrangements and enclose
as a report on the course the
passages at A. R. in Mr
Paterson's letter.

Admiral

8/10/31

I think the last sentence of Mr.
Paterson's letter should also be
sent. Otherwise as proposed.

S. J. P. et al

9.10.31

P.T.O.

Major Mann now wants to
go back to Kenya as Commissioner
Officer *Edward*
16.12.51

Went
to see Mr. Eastwood
re: marginal note on
res page

To Gov. Conf (3) (4/extracts from 6) 21 OCT 1951
(1 answer)

I am too much pressed at the moment
to do this in a week. *at*

Adrian 29/10/51

Later, copy of
to go on P.F. of
D. Kelso's done
G.R. to take
extract of 6 for
press file v. this
reference
3/10

as regards Mr. Berris minute of
6/5 b.w. in three months.

Shirburn 9/11.

Mr. Berris

Reinstated reference
your minute of 6/5/51.

R 297. 11/2/52

I have had a copy taken for separate

91827/32
Personnel registration

AD

287/4/32 *at*

[Signature]

O.O.

Mr. *Estlin* 16.4

Mr. *Deaton* 17 ff.

Mr.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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DRAFT.

Wenge
As Capt (3)
Gen.

Report

A Extracts of no: 6
marked A, B & C
respectively.

Fin. action

Sir
1. In etc. refer to Mr
Monro's Capt. Dep. no. 11 of the
7 Feb 72 (and Paupers's
Capt. Dep. no 2 of the
26 March last regarding
the arrangements for
staffing the Prisons Dept.

2. On Major Brilcock's
arrival in this country
~~the~~ The Prisons Commission
was approached &
arrangements were made for
him to take the Prisons
Administration Course &
subsequently to obtain further
experience of the Home Prisons

system. I enclose for
you info a report on the Royal Wiltshire
work which has been received
from Mr. Alexander Patterson
H. N.
as a Prison Commissioner

(SIGNED) J. H. THOMAS.

TELEGRAMS - "MAYNARD" - 1481 1490008
TELEPHONE - "VICTORIA" 270

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A. 2412/2.

PRISON COMMISSION,
HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1

29th September, 1931.

My dear Bevir,

Fox is away and they have handed me your letter of September 14th (17102 E.A.) about Major Willcocks. As you know, [he attended the Prison Administration Course, and showed himself to be one of the most interested and intelligent members of the party.] He and Grice of Iraq, were two outstanding men.

[After the Course was over I arranged for Willcocks to spend three weeks as a sort of supernumerary Deputy Governor at Wakefield, where he had a chance of learning the details of the daily routine at a progressive establishment. There was also at Wakefield at that time a session of the Training School for Prison Officers, and he was able to study the way in which they were trained.

I have seen Willcocks subsequently and had a further talk with him, and I am convinced that, apart from the obvious fact of his being a man of high character and healthy outlook, he is really interested in particular views

A. Bevir, Esq.

/of

NO 5
Extract to Gov. Conf (3) 21 OCT 1931

view

of prison administration. I think Kenya Colony ^{can} ^{only}
be congratulated on having such a man in ^{charge of} their Prison
Service. [We certainly could not recommend you a
better man from our Service: I do not think we can
give much higher praise than that.]

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Cameron

C. O.

17102/31

Mr. ~~William~~ *10/11/31*
 Mr. *Bevin* *10/11/31*
 Mr.
 Mr. Tomlinson.
 Sir C. Bottomley.
 Sir J. Shuckburgh.
 Sir G. Grindle.
 Permt. U.S. of S.
 Parly. U.S. of S.
 Secretary of State.

Order for Mr. Bevin's sig.

11th September, 1931.

~~Small list~~

My dear Sir,

May I refer

to my letter to you of

(U.S.) the 6th May last, in

regard to Major Willcocks

and the posts of Commins
and Assistant Commissioners
of Prisons, Kenya Colony?

Could you as a Pate issue

~~and enquire whether you are~~

~~now in a position to provide~~

let have

~~us with a full report of~~

your views as to his

DRAFT.

Commins

W. Fox, Esq., M.C.

Prison Commission

(Home Office)

his suitability for the work?

We have, of course,
received the general report on
his year's Prim. Administration
course which ~~was~~ Willcocks
attended, in Patterson's letter
of 23rd July last.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) A. Benn

(80-484/2)

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Downing Street,

6th May, 1931.

17102/31.

My dear Fox,

I spoke to you yesterday about facilities for Major J.L. Willcocks, D.S.O., M.C. of the Administrative Service in Kenya ~~in~~ obtaining insight into methods of prison working in this country.

The position about him is as follows.

The present Commissioner of Prisons in Kenya is due to retire in the course of 1932, and there is at present no-one in the Prison Service in that territory whom the local authorities are at present prepared to recommend for the post. They have accordingly suggested that Major Willcocks should be seconded from the Administrative Service to act in the post of Assistant Commissioner during the leave of the holder of that post. Major Willcocks is at present on leave in this country, and it is suggested

that

L. S. FOX, ESQ., M.C.

that he should take the Ordinary Prisons Course next July, and in addition, such special instruction as H.M. Prison Commissioners may advise. He would then return to Kenya and serve directly under the present Commissioner until he proceeds on leave prior to retirement. This would give an opportunity of observing his aptitude for the post of Commissioner or possibly Assistant Commissioner.

I may explain that the post itself is one which may be filled by appointment of an officer either from the Prison Service of another Colony or, if necessary, from outside the Service, and it has been explained to Major Lillicock that it would be rash to assume that he would be appointed to the Commissionership, and, in fact, that it was most unlikely that he would get it after only six months' experience. If he proves to be unsuited to Prisons work, he would merely revert to the Administrative Service.

I indicated to you that in the special circumstances we should be prepared to consult you before filling the post of Commissioner, though naturally no undertaking can be given that we should necessarily be bound by your advice.

On

C. O.

Mr. Chamberlain 21/3

Mr. Allen 24/3

Mr. [unclear] 21/3/21

Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Skelton

Mr. G. Grindal

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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DOWNING STREET

26. MARCH, 1921.

DRAFT.

KENYA.

CONFIDENTIAL. (2)

GOVERNOR.

Sir,

I have the honour to

acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Moore's

Confidential despatch No. 11 of the

7th February regarding the post of

Assistant Commissioner of Prisons.

2. I am prepared to accept

provisionally the proposals in

paragraph 10 of Mr. Moore's despatch,

but this is necessarily subject to

its being possible to make the

necessary arrangements with the

Prisons Commissioners, and I

propose to defer approaching the

Commissioners

sent to Mr. [unclear] in
Mr. [unclear]'s [unclear]

Commissioners until Major Willcocks
arrives in this country.

I have etc.

(Signed) FABSFIELD.

KENYA.

NO. //

CONFIDENTIAL.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

7th
February, 1931.

RECEIVED
2 MAR 1931
COL. OFFICE

My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to the vacancy created in the Prisons Department by the reversion of Major F.L.R. Mann, D.S.O., M.C., Assistant Commissioner of Prisons, to the Home Prisons Service.

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2. Your Lordship is aware from the correspondence terminating with Your Lordship's despatch Confidential of the 3rd July, 1930, that Mr. C.E. Spencer, the Commissioner of Prisons, has been informed that he will be required to retire from the Service in November next, and that his application to be allowed to proceed on leave prior to retirement in May, 1932, after a full 30 months tour was refused on grounds of public interest.

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3. That decision was taken at a time when it seemed not unlikely that Major Mann would continue in the service of this Government and would, therefore, be available to act as Commissioner during Mr. Spencer's leave, and until such time as he or some other candidate was appointed to the substantive post. Further at the time the decision was taken the necessity for stringent economy and retrenchment was not such as it is to-day.

4. When, however, the Prison Estimates came to be considered by the Select Committee on the 1931 Estimates, they were in common with the Estimates of all other Departments most rigorously scrutinised in the endeavour to make all possible economies consistent with the

maintenance

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASSEFIELD, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON S.W.

maintenance of departmental efficiency. On these grounds Elected Members resisted the proposal to increase the emoluments of the post of Assistant Commissioner from £750 to £800, and further recommended in paragraph XXII page 33 of the Select Committee's Report that the claims of local candidates should be considered when recommendations for filling a vacancy in the post were made.

5. No increase in the emoluments of the post of Assistant Commissioner were, therefore, made, and in addition careful consideration has been given to the best method of effecting further economies during the current year. Mr. Spencer informs me that for the next ten months he is prepared to carry on without filling the substantive vacancy, as Mr. Poulden, whose promotion to Senior Superintendent of Prisons with effect from January 1st, 1930, was approved in Your Lordship's despatch No. 611 of the 1st of August last, will be available to act as Assistant Commissioner for that period. Mr. Poulden is, however, due for leave on the 18th November next, which would mean, if the present order made in Mr. Spencer's case were to stand, that in November next the Department would be left with no experienced officer available to fill the three senior posts.

6. The obvious way to get over this difficulty would be to take steps to fill the vacant post of Assistant Commissioner at once. The objections to this course are that it would result in no immediate economies, particularly if Your Lordship contrary to the expressed wishes of the Select Committee filled the vacancy from outside the Colony. Of local candidates I know of no one with the possible exception of Mr. Poulden, whom I could recommend for immediate appointment without at least some preparatory

period

period of training. Mr. Poulden has only quite recently received promotion to the rank of Senior Superintendent, and though he is well versed in Prison routine and practice, and should in Mr. Spencer's opinion be ultimately suitable for further promotion, Mr. Spencer does not consider any hardship would be done him, were he required to serve somewhat longer in his present post, more particularly as Mr. Spencer does not feel able to recommend him for the post of Commissioner of Prisons, should the vacancy arise now or in the future.

7. In these circumstances I see no alternative but to ask Your Lordship on the grounds of public interest to reconsider the order made in Mr. Spencer's case, and to allow him to proceed on leave prior to retirement in May 1932. This he is willing and indeed anxious to do, and the Government will have the double advantage both of effecting economies and giving fuller consideration to the selection of Mr. Spencer's successor.

8. In this connection I have received the accompanying applications for the post of Commissioner of Prisons made on the assumption that it would fall vacant in the immediate future. They will naturally fall to be considered with those of other candidates when the time comes for the appointment to be made, but Mr. Spencer informs me that to none of the four applicants could he give his unqualified support. Mr. Spencer is of opinion, and I agree with him, that it would be preferable, were a suitable officer forthcoming, to secure the services of an Administrative Officer with practical experience both of local conditions and of native administration, provided after the necessary period of secondment he shewed the necessary aptitude and power of command to take charge

Applications.

4/2 is for
 E. P. Brown
 R. J. Hainsford
 N. Stewart
 (placed in their
 Brown files)
 WRA

of

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of the Department. Such an arrangement would have the added advantage that it would both effect some economies, and also enable the Government to return the officer at once to the Administration, if during his period of secondment he proved himself unlikely to make a good Prison officer.

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9. Such an officer is, I believe, forthcoming in the person of Major J.L. Willcocks, D.S.O., M.C. He joined the Administrative Service considerably older than many of those who came in after the war, and is therefore relatively junior for his age. He had, however, a distinguished military record as a regular officer both before and during the war, which has been fully maintained out here. The Chief Native Commissioner has spoken to me in the highest terms of the manner in which he has performed his duties in his office, and it was both on that account and on the opinion which I had independently formed of him that I selected him to act as my Private Secretary while administering the Government. In that capacity he has given me every satisfaction.

10. I therefore propose with the full concurrence of Mr. Spencer, who considers the selection of Major Willcocks in every respect a suitable one, that Major Willcocks, when he proceeds on leave in March next, should take in June the special Prisons Course referred to in Your Lordship's Circular despatch of the 24th December last, and, if considered necessary, such special instruction as His Majesty's Prisons Commissioners may advise. During his leave he would draw his substantive salary as an Administrative Officer, the costs of any course or courses being borne by himself.

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On return to Kenya at the expiration of his leave in October next he would be seconded to the Prisons Department to act in the post of Assistant Commissioner and so allow of Mr. Poulden's departure on leave. During his secondment he would draw half the difference between his substantive salary and that of the Assistant Commissioner according to the usual rules governing acting allowances.

11. Under these arrangements Major Willcocks would be working under Mr. Spencer's observation for about six months, which should give Mr. Spencer ample opportunity to form an opinion before his retirement as to his suitability for Prisons work, and for permanent appointment to either of the vacancies, existing or prospective, of Assistant Commissioner or Commissioner of Prisons. Major Willcocks under such an arrangement would be required to serve on secondment in the Department in any case until the effective date of Mr. Spencer's retirement, and should then be called upon to decide whether he desires to remain in the Department or revert to the Administrative Service.

12. In view of the departure of Major Willcocks on leave I should be glad if Your Lordship would cause him to be informed in London of Your Lordship's decision in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

H. H. Moore

ACTING GOVERNOR.