

1933.

Kenya.

No. 3231

SUBJECT

¹
CO 533/437

Development of resources of the Tana River Basin.

Appointment of an Agriculturist.

Previous

Main file

Subsequent

23104/34.

to pres. cases.
regarding the
scheme rec'd on
main file

- 1. To H. C. Sampson (S.O.) _____ 10 October '33 . 2
 - 2. H. C. Sampson (S.O.) _____ 10 Oct. 33.
- My opinion on respective merits of suggested agricultural
at office*

Mr. Freeston,

Sir Arthur Hill spoke to me over the tele-
phone this morning about Mr. Sampson's letter of the
10th October. He said that Mr. Sampson had been
given to understand that Dr. Parr's ill-health was in
part due to inebriety, but he would not like to put
that on paper.

Sir A. Hill further said that Mr. Sampson
had intimated that he himself would like to take on
this particular job of work provided he could be
spared from Kew. I asked Sir Arthur Hill whether he
would be prepared to spare him, and he replied that
he thought he could, provided it was not for too long,
say about three months. I said I would speak to
you and let him know in due course.

J. Mibberd

12th Oct., 1933.

Mr. Edmonds (A.C. Edmonds, D.A.) is
currently with Deputy Director of Agriculture, I.C.A.S.,
Madras.

S. ...

~~The Board~~
~~The Hill~~

Off. for concern below, after further
telephone conversation with Sir Arthur Hill
(H. are in circ: in connection with
the offer to Mr. Harris of the engineering
offr.)

A. H. Hill
16/10

- 3. To Sir A. Hill (s.o) _____ 16 Oct. '33
- 4. Sir A. Hill (s.o) _____ 17 Oct. '33

Mr. G. G. G.

(6) Please see notes for Sir A. Hill
below. These papers should now be for
to E.A. Reports for registration in the
appropriate Kings file?

J. H. Hill
21.10.33

Yes - and circulate to me pl.

A. H. Hill
23 Oct

- 3. To Sir A. Hill - 14 Oct 33
- 6. Sir A. Hill (s.o) _____ 20 October '33

More details of financial business to be shown to make.

? How offer offer to Mr. Sampson
v.p. to Sir A. Hill.

A. H. Hill
26/10

Sir C. Bottenley
Mr Holm, while keen on seeing an agricultural
man with soil knowledge selected, didn't quite think
Mr Sampson would do. Sir A. Hill does so do we.

? As proposed

1.2.34.20

26.10.

I have spoken to Mr. President
he is looking into terms, etc.

I should say that Mr.
Sampson will be on thank lines
to the absolute bond being
against would be - this
attention has been invited to
the point in 60:1.

D.P. M. Curran

W.C.S.

27.10.33

4. Sir A. Hill (S.O.) 27 Oct '33.
States has written to Ministry of Agriculture to ascertain
whether there would be any objection to Mr. Sampson being
employed secondarily with agricultural result.

In view of No. 7, we can hardly
offer the offer to Mr. Sampson till Sir A.
Hill has reported progress.

Meanwhile it would be well to secure

the convenience of C.D.C. in the excess
expenditure. *[illegible]*

X Copy attached
on 7a

As regards the terms to be offered to
Mr. Sampson, the rate contemplated in the Kenya
Estimate was £2,100 per annum as compared with
£2,400 for the Irrigation Officer. Please see in
this connection the last paragraph of Sir John
Campbell's Minute of 6th July and Mr. Stockdale's post-
script to his minute of July 5th on 3231.

Reference to the India Office List shows
that the salary attached to the position of
Consulting Engineer (held by Mr. Harris) is Rs. 33,000
and to that of Director of Agriculture, Madras (from
which Mr. Sampson retired) Rs. 24,000 to Rs. 27,000.
I have not been able to ascertain the amount of their
respective pensions but the Establishment Officer
at the India Office assures me that there is no
question of abatement.

Mr. Sampson's present emoluments at Kew
are under scale £603-15-0 - £832.10.0 (inclusive).

The above circumstances point to £2,100
as an appropriate maximum in our negotiations with
Mr. Sampson.

See also on 3201.

Sir A. Hill has now sent over a New file
(which to be returned) from which it appears
that Mr. Hill will not object.

? The offer may now issue
Salary @ £2100
Subsidies all of a sea and £1 on land
As return passage.

[Signature]
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Yes, this seems reasonable.
In approval of note proposed

1.10.33

P.T.O.

Sir S. Wilson

The letters for Mr. Harris
having been called, there need
be no question about them
for Mr. Sampson, but I
said on at this stage in
order that you may know
of the investigation.

W.S.
3.11.33

Dear, thanks

W.S.
10.11.33

Mr. Frustan

London River Investigation Scheme

Please see last two letters in Kew file
1/C.O./17 attached, which Mr. Sampson has
sent to me for perusal. It would seem that
in order to be able to secure Mr. Sampson's
services, whether or not he is still in the
employ of the Royal Botanic Gardens etc. &
and of the canal year?

W.S.
1.11.33

See a 3731/1 to which should be attached
a copy of the 17/11/33 letter of 30 Oct. herein.

x 7/6

W.S.
1/11

- 8 To Mr. Sampson (info - 9) Contd. 17/11
- 9 Sir A. Hill (copy Kew file (transd.) 17/11/33
+ no. 8 - orig.) 1/11

Parents to
see 8 on 10
Linn
1/11

10. H.C. Sampson _____ 20 Nov. 33

Accepts abdt. on terms stated.

Before telling C.A. & Hov., it would be well to await the result of the further application to C.D.P. (N.B. 29/33).

? Ack 10, for which soft. into with pleasure that he accepts & re-ins. (with 5131) on Nov. 30.

Noted
of

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Yes.

replied 24.11 same

11 To H.C. Sampson (10 accord.) 23/11/33

12. Sir A. Hill (s.o) _____ 22 Nov. 33

Re No 99 considers Mr. Sampson is the right man to undertake the work.

Put by

27/11

Mr. Sampson called today. I promised to send him various pp.; & gave him Mr. Harris's address. He will write to Mr. H., & when contact has been established they will both seek to get into touch with Mr. Stone. Let P.C. N.P.; I promised to write to Mr. Stone, when asked to do so.

13. H.C. Sampson (s.o) _____ 6 Dec. 33

States agrees with Mr. Harris's suggestions as to date of sailing & meeting with Mr. Stone. Returns files etc.

14 To H.C. Sampson (s.o) _____ 8 December 33

(10 accord.)

Have Stone, Harris & Sampson
(See further in main file)

15. H.C. Sampson _____

recd. 2 Jan. 34

Emergency address.

Put by

S.F. Whitehouse

15/1/34 at. mail

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Officers of the Colonial Service are required to inform the Colonial Office of the names and addresses of one or more relatives or friends to whom communication can be made, if necessary, during their absence from England.

You are accordingly requested to complete the attached slip and return it to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Downing Street, S.W. 1.

THIS SLIP SHOULD BE RETURNED WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY ALTERATION OF NAMES PREVIOUSLY RECORDED.

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THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, S.W. 1.

In case it is necessary to communicate with my friends during the time I am absent from England, I wish the following to be recorded at the Colonial Office.

(a) (Name) Mrs Sampson
(Address) Old Aruna Farm, St Leonard, Leeward, Barbados
(Relationship, if any) wife

(b) (Name) _____
(Address) _____
(Relationship, if any) _____

RECEIVED
- 2 JAN 1954
C. O. REGY

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Name Mrs Sampson
Appt. & Colony Colonial Mission Tana
Rivers Valley, Kenya

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COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET,

8th December, 1933.

Dear Sampson,

Thank you for your note of December 6th. Passages have been booked by the "Llangibby Castle" on January 25th, and I have written to Stone to ask him to come up to town on any day between December 12th and Christmas. I will write again on hearing from

you.

Yours sincerely,

CR

E. G. SAMSON, ESQ., C.I.E.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

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All communications should be addressed to

THE DIRECTOR,

at the following number:

RECEIVED
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C

KEW, SURREY.

Recd 2 2830

6th December, 1933.

Dear Preston,

I am sorry that I did not get your letter in time to meet Dr. Carlyle Johnstone, but I took a day off on Monday to go over my camp kit and see where it wanted repairing and replenishing.

I have heard from Harris to-day. He suggests that we sail by the LLANGIBBY CASTLE which leaves London on January 25th and arrives at Mombasa on February 18th. I have not looked up the sailings but presume this is correct and, if so, could you arrange to book berths for both of us by that boat? The next sailing is a B.I. boat, which does not reach Mombasa till March 9th, which is rather late. Harris asked me to inform you if I agreed.

He also tells me that he has written to you to say that any time will be convenient for him to come up and meet Stone. The same applies to me, so will you be good enough to see if you can arrange this?

I am returning the files which you sent down. These I have addressed to you personally.

Hill tells me that Sharpe, who is a friend of his, is the D.C. at Garissa. He was at Kew, I gather, for a short time and he sometimes sends us seeds, etc., which he collects on his travels. Unfortunately he is going on leave in March, so we shall probably miss him.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature

L. B. Preston, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

in record

Answered 8th Dec 33

3231/1/33 K

J. G. [Signature]
13/11

I assume that letter
of 20 refers to is
in reply to the official
offer which was sent
via Sir K. Hill,
as has been fully re-
spected in the above
file.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY

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All communications should be addressed to

THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number:—

1/C.O./17.

22nd November, 1933.

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22 NOV 1933
C. O. REGY

Dear Mr. Hibbert,

Many thanks for your letter

No 9

No. 3231/1/33 of November 17th with enclosure to Sampson containing the official offer of

employment in connexion with the proposed investigation of the Tana River Development

Scheme. As you will have seen from Sampson's reply of November 20th, he has accepted the

No 10

appointment on the terms of the letter. I need hardly say I shall be very sorry to lose his services for so long a period but I think he is quite the right man to undertake the work.

Yours sincerely

William Hill

J. G. Hibbert, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
2 Richmond Terrace,
S.W.1.

12
13 November 3

3231/1/33.

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of November, and to inform you that he notes, with pleasure, that you are willing to undertake, in collaboration with Mr. D.G. Harris, C.S.I., C.I.E., the investigation into the possibilities of the development of the Tana River Valley, on the terms mentioned in the letter from this Department of the 17th of November.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. G. SAMPSON, ESQ., C.I.E.

C. O.

3231/1/33

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PC

Mr. *Evans* ^{27/1/33}
Mr. *Keating* ^{27/1/33}

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Perm. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

C. O.
R 22 NOV
D 72

23 November, 1933

DRAFT.

A.C. Sampson, Esq. C.I.E.

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the receipt of your letter
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the possibilities of the
development of the
Tana River Valley, on
the terms mentioned in
the letter from the
Department of the
17th of November.

I am etc

FURTHER ACTION.

*Rec'd
V. Minnells*

(Signed) I E W FLOOD



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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

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THE DIRECTOR,

using the following number :-

20th November, 1933.

1/C.O./17.

RECEIVED
21 NOV 1933
C. O. REGY

Annex (11)

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 3231/1/33 of November 17th, 1933, relating to the Tana River Irrigation Project in Kenya Colony, and to inform you that I am willing to undertake the work referred to on the terms you have offered.

No 8

W.P. & Kenya (42 on 3231/33)

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Sampson

ECONOMIC BOTANIST.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

2, Richmond Terrace.

Whitehall, S.W.1.

November, 1933.

3221/1/33.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th of October, reference 1/G.O.17. We understand that the Ministry of Agriculture would raise no objection to Sampson's being seconded for employment in connection with the proposed investigation of the Tana River Development Scheme.

I enclose a letter addressed to Sampson containing the official offer of appointment. If you have no objection, would you kindly pass it to him.

Your file is returned herewith.

Yours sincerely,

ISEJ J. G. HIBBE.

SIR ARTHUR HILL, K.O.M.G., So.D., F.R.S..

C. O.

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P.C.
F.P.
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Mr. Grosmith

Mr. Penning

Mr. Freestone

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Perms. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

13/1/33
13/11/33
14/1/33

(For Mr. Hibbert's signature)

November 1933

DRAFT.

Dear Sir Arthur,

SIR ARTHUR HILL,
K.C.M.G., Sc.D., P.R.S.

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Thank you for your letter of the 27th of October, reference 1/3.0.17. We understand that the Ministry of Agriculture would raise no objection to Sampson's being seconded for employment in connection with the Tana River Development Scheme.

*Has 1 app. (any app.)
New file No. 7.*

I enclose a letter addressed to Sampson containing the official ~~offer~~ *offer* of appointment. If you have no objection, perhaps you ~~would be good enough to pass the letter to Sampson.~~ *Kindly send it to him.*

Your

2 Drafts

FURTHER ACTION.

Your file is returned herewith.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. WIBBERT.

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17 November 3

3221/4/33.

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Ounliffe-Lister to inform you that the Government of Kenya desires that an Irrigation Expert and an Agricultural Officer with experience of similar undertakings in India and elsewhere shall visit the Tana River Valley in that Colony, with a view to reporting upon the possibility of its development by means of irrigation. I am to enquire whether you would be willing to undertake the enquiry with regard to the nature of the soil, the climatic conditions and the economic prospects generally, in collaboration with Mr. D.G.Harris, C.S.I., C.I.E., who has been selected to investigate the irrigation possibilities of the valley.

2. You would receive remuneration at the rate of £175 a month calculated from the date of year

L.C. HARRIS, ESQ., C.I.E.,

your embarkation from this country to the day preceding your arrival in England on return: subject to the undertaking that the period allowed for the voyage in each direction does not exceed 28 days. It is anticipated that the period of your absence from England would be about 5 months.

In addition you would be granted subsistence allowance at the rate of 5/- for each day of the voyage, and £1 a day while in the Colony. You would be provided with a free return passage between England and Mombasa at B3. Union Castle rate, and free transport (by rail, road or river) when travelling on duty in Kenya.

3. I am to ask you to be so good as to state whether you are willing to undertake the investigation on the terms outlined in the preceding paragraph. If so, you would be asked to proceed to Kenya by a convenient vessel leaving this country about the middle of January.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. V. FLOOD

C. O.

3221/1/33.

Mr. Grossmith. 13/11/33.

Mr. Venning. 13/11/33. *sent 14/33*

Mr. ~~Forster~~ *14 p.*

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DOWNING-STREET

17 NOVEMBER 1933.

Announced by No 10

Sir,

I am etc. to inform you that

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the Government of Kenya desires that

H.C. SAMPSON, ESQ., C.I.E.

(ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW).

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Officer with experience of similar under-

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reporting upon the possibility of its ^{ment by means of irrigation} developing the ~~valley~~ of the Tana River.

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climatic conditions and the economic ^{prospects} conditions generally, in collaboration with

Mr. D.G. Harris, C.S.I., C.I.E., who has been

selected to investigate the irrigation ^{of the valley} possibilities ~~of the Tana River Valley.~~

(u.f.s. to Sir A. Hill in accompanying letter - draft herewith).

2 drafts.

off to Kenya (42 on 2231/33)

FURTHER ACTION.

C.D.
To make copy of last letter 30/10/33 on Kew File 1/C.O.17 for attachment to 3221/1/33.

Done

[Handwritten signature]

2.
3. You would receive remuneration at the rate of £175 a month calculated from the date of your embarkation from this country to the day preceding your arrival in England on return: subject to the understanding that the period allowed for the voyage in each direction does not exceed 28 days. It is anticipated that the period of your absence from England would be about 5 months.

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not be
payable)

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I am etc.,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Whitehall Place,

S.W.1.

30th October, 1933.

My dear Hill,

I am returning herewith your file 1/C/O.17) which you enclosed with your letter to me of the 27th October.

I have had a word with Dale on the subject. As you know, it is impossible, at the moment, to foresee what provision, if any, will be made as regards the continuance of Sampson's appointment at Kew after 31st December. If, however, he should still be in the service of the Royal Botanic Gardens during the first six months of 1934, the Ministry would raise no objection to him being seconded to the Colonial Office for the purpose of the proposed visit to Kenya discussed in the file returned herewith and to you employing the money thus saved in the temporary appointment of a substitute for the period in question.

Yours, etc.,

(sd) H.L. French.

Sir Arthur W. Hill, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.

Royal Botanic Gardens,

Kew, Surrey.

Off. on main file

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C.D.A.C.1382.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

With reference to C.D.A.C.1330, I circulate for consideration a Colonial Office memorandum applying on behalf of the Government of Kenya for a further free grant of £450 to be spent on the investigation of the Tana River Basin.

This sum is required in addition to the free grant of £2,000 already approved because the two experts selected for the investigation will have to proceed to Kenya from England instead of from India as was previously anticipated.

J.B.Williams.

Secretary to the Committee.

Colonial Office.

17th November, 1933.

copy
(for record)

MEMORANDUM.

TANA RIVER ENQUIRY.

At their meeting on the 27th of September the Committee recommended a grant of £2,000 to the Government of Kenya to cover the cost of a preliminary enquiry into the possibility of developing the Tana River valley.

In drawing up the estimate of cost the Government of Kenya contemplated that the two experts required to conduct the enquiry would be engaged from India, and provision was made for return passages between Bombay and Mombasa.

After consultation with the India Office, the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and other authorities the Secretary of State is satisfied that the mission can best be entrusted to two officers retired from the service of the Government of India who are now resident in England. They are:-

Mr. D. G. Harris, C.I.E., late Consulting Engineer to the Government of India, and

Mr. H. C. Sampson, C.I.E., late Director of Agriculture, Madras and now Economic Botanist on the staff of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Both officers have been sounded and have expressed their readiness to undertake the enquiry.

It is estimated that the additional cost involved by the selected ^{two} of officers from England instead of from India will amount to about £421. Details of the anticipated excess are attached, and the Secretary of State now invites the Committee to recommend a further grant (not exceeding £450) from the Fund to meet the expenditure actually incurred.

Kenya Estimate.

Revised Estimate.

Salaries for four months	£1,500
Subsistence allowances (£1 per day on land)	180.
Passages, Bombay to Mombasa	102
Passages, Indian servants	62
Contingencies	156
	<u>£2,000</u>

Salries for five months	£1,875
Subsistence allowances (5/- per day on sea £1 per day on land)	208
Passages, London to Mombasa	182
- -	-
Contingencies	156
	<u>£2,421</u>



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30 OCT 1933

C. O. REGY

27th October, 1933.

Dear Hibbert,

I have now had an opportunity of discussing the question of Sampson's being employed by the Colonial Office on the Tara River Irrigation Project and have written to the Ministry of Agriculture semi-officially to ascertain whether there would be any objection to his being seconded for this work in the event of his post continuing after December 31st. I will let you know the result as soon as I hear.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Hill

J. G. Hibbert, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
2 Richmond Terrace,
S.W.1.

X? m.m. 17/A
Ans. 9

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2, Richmond Terrace,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

19th October, 1933.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you for your letter D.5592 of the 17th October. We are very glad to learn that there is reasonable prospect of Sampson's being able to undertake the mission.

With regard to the financial side, you know of course that from the Treasury point of view there is serious objection in principle to the provision of funds for one object from two Votes simultaneously. It will, therefore, be best if matters can be so arranged that the whole cost of sending Sampson to Kenya is met from the Colonial Development Fund grant.

Would it not be possible for you to provide for an Economic Botanist in your Estimates for the financial year 1934/35? If this provision is approved, the Colonial Office could take Sampson entirely off

your

Sir Arthur Hill, K.C.M.G., Sc.D., F.R.S.

your hands for the period of his mission to Kenya and the money provided on your Estimates for his salary during that period would be available to meet the salary of a temporary substitute. If the provision for an Economic Botanist in your Estimates is not approved, the Colonial Office could then deal with Sampson as a free-lance, and no question would arise of providing a substitute at Kew.

These suggestions are, of course, subject to any views which may be held by the Ministry of Agriculture, to whom you will no doubt explain the position.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. HIBBERT.

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Yours sincerely,

J. G. HIBBERT.

URGENT.

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BY HAND

W. H. Gilbert.

This has come to me in error

- having mysteriously hitched itself on to some quite unrelated pop. which

covered up the real slip. I only came across it tonight at 8 pm, after all messengers had gone.

Gone.

W. H. G.

187033

W. J. Frost The Heart

If you can, let me
 get a return to me by
 post - I will
 be glad to hear from you

W. J. Frost
 5/10

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C. O.

Mr. Hibbert }
Mr. Preston } 18
Mr. Hood 18.10 J.S.
Mr.

- Mr. Parkinson.
- Mr. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Sauchburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Party U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

pto. for Mr. Hibbert's signature.

ansd (6)

2, Richmond Terrace,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

19 October, 1933.

DRAFT.

Sir Arthur Hill, K.C.M.G., Sc.D., F.R.S.

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What would be the situation if you

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FURTHER ACTION:

that

that the whole cost of sending Sampson to Kenya is met from the C.D.F. grant.

Would it not be possible for you to provide for an Economic Botanist in your Estimate for the financial year 1934/35? If this provision is approved, the C.O. could take Sampson entirely off your hands for the period of his mission to Kenya, and the money provided on your Estimates for his salary during that period would be available to meet the salary of a temporary substitute. If the provision for an Economic Botanist in your Estimates is not approved, the C.O. ~~and~~ ^{could} then deal with Sampson as a freelance, and no question would arise of ^{providing} ~~regarding~~ a substitute at Kew.

These suggestions are, of course, subject to any views which may be held by the M/A., to whom you will no doubt explain the position.

Yours sincerely,
J. G. HIBBERT.



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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

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THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number:—

D: 5592.

Encl

17th October, 1933.

Dear Mr. Hibbert,

No. 3

Thank you for your letter of October 16th with regard to the possibility of Sampson's visiting the Tana River in Kenya.

December

I think from the information you give me it should be possible for Sampson to undertake the mission. He would like to go if it could be arranged and I think he would be a very useful man to help in the enquiry. My only trouble in the matter is with regard to the Empire Marketing Board grant. This, as you know, expires, as far as we know, at the end of ~~September~~ *September*, and I have no idea what arrangements may be made after that date. If the whole of the Research Grant should be terminated - which I hope may not be the case - then, of course, Sampson would be a free lance from the beginning of the year and it would be for you to make arrangements directly with him. If, however, I am allowed to retain his services here, then the finance side of the question could probably be somewhat modified. He would be able to be seconded from his work here for the mission and, as in any previous Overseas visits, he would continue to receive his salary as a member of my staff while engaged on the work. The main charges for his services with the Colonial Development Fund would be subsistence allowance, travelling and, probably, an honorarium.

Ans'd. (5)

As I may be away myself part of May and June, I should certainly be glad to have someone to help me in carrying out the work that Sampson does here, and I do not know whether this could be arranged and payment made for the services

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Colonial Office,
2 Richmond Terrace,
S.W.1.

of such an officer. It might, of course, be done in one or two ways: I think that part of Sampson's salary here could be diverted to his substitute, or a grant could be made from the Colonial Development Fund to pay for the substitute. This no doubt could be settled later, if the principle could be agreed on. But until one knows the fate of our Empire Marketing Board grants it is a little difficult to say. The question also arises with regard to my estimates and whether I should include any sum in my estimates to cover Sampson's mission. As I have to send up these estimates in a week's time, I shall be glad if you can give me any particulars as to what you think my proper procedure should be.

Yours sincerely,

(Arthur Hill)

2, Richmond Terrace,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

16th October, 1933.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The Colonial Office would be delighted to secure Sampson's services for the Tana River enquiry in Kenya if it could possibly be arranged. The outstanding difficulties are two:-

(a) Time. The following is an extract from the Kenya scheme:

"The river should be low during January, February and March and probably to the middle of April. It is therefore desirable that the Commission should arrive in this country about the end of February 1934, in order that, after preliminary conversations, Kipini may be reached about the middle of March - that is to say when the river should be about at its lowest. The Commission should then proceed up stream and be at the highest point which it is proposed to visit by the middle of April, by which time the river should

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should start to receive flood water from the long rains in Kenya. By the time the Commission has returned to Kipini, the river should be in full flood. Allowing for loss of time in travelling and for further conversations at the end of the tour, the Commission should be able to leave the Colony by the end of May".

Allowing a month for the voyage each way, you will see that if he undertakes the mission Sampson will be away from the end of January till the end of June. This period might be shortened by six weeks if he arranged to travel by Imperial Airways; but this brings me to the second difficulty.

(b, Finance. The grant from the Colonial Development Fund provides for a maximum of £700 as a fee (4 months at the rate of £2,100 p.a.): £90 as subsistence allowance (£1 per day): £82 for travelling (from Bombay to Mombasa and back, the idea having been to borrow a man from the Indian active list).

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determination is therefore whether it would be possible to come to some arrangement within these limits which would satisfy both yourself and Sampson.

We should be grateful for an early expression of your views, as, if Sampson is to be ruled out, we must lose no time in looking elsewhere for the right man.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Amend by No 4

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Dear Sir,

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
LONDON, W. 1.

The following is a summary of the information received from the Hydrographical Commission of the River Nile, in connection with the proposed visit of the Nile Commission to the Nile delta in April, 1910.

The Nile delta is situated in the north-western part of Egypt, and is bounded by the Mediterranean Sea to the north and the Red Sea to the east. The Nile river enters the delta from the south, and divides into two main branches, the Rosetta branch and the Damietta branch, which meet the Mediterranean Sea at Rosetta and Damietta respectively.

The Nile river is subject to annual floods, which are caused by the melting of snow in the mountains of the East African highlands. The floods usually begin in June, and reach their maximum in August and September. The water level of the Nile river at Khartoum, the junction of the Nile and Sobat rivers, is about 100 feet above the level of the Nile delta at its lowest.

The Nile Commission, which was formed in 1908, is composed of representatives of the British Government, the Egyptian Government, and the Sudan Government. The Commission is charged with the task of investigating the Nile river system, and of proposing measures for the improvement of the Nile delta.

The Nile Commission is expected to visit the Nile delta in April, 1910, and to spend several months in the delta, during which time they will examine the Nile river system, and will propose measures for the improvement of the Nile delta.

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Mr. Freeston.

A propos of our conversation this morning, the Empire Marketing Board has during the last six-and-a-half years made grants to Kew to provide for "Visits of Economic Botanists to Dominions and Colonies, and the employment of Botanical Collectors for work overseas". These grants have apparently included Mr. Sampson's salary, and this year the Ministry of Agriculture applied to the Board for £2,000 to cover his salary and work during 1933/34. The Board set aside £1,000 in their estimates to cover the six months ending September 30th, after which date they were no longer in a position to make further grants. The £2,000 included a sum of £300 which it was thought might be required to pay the expenses of sending a Collector to South America to investigate ~~the~~ Witchbroom disease.

This service is amongst those listed by the Imperial Agricultural Bureaux as possibly suitable for continuance on a co-operative basis

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as envisaged by the Skelton Report. The Executive Council of the Bureaux which, as you know, includes representatives from all the Dominions, has yet to say whether this is recommended, and from what I hear at present it may be some little time before ^{their} ~~the~~ decision is known.

J. H. M. 10

Edward

Oct 10th 1935

Dear Herbert

I am at present taking
my holiday & will have awarded
the grant later. I enclose no
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After reading the Enclosures
I would suggest retaining
both your contribution & Agricultural
from Madras as the problems
are much more closely connected
with Madras conditions than
would be those of the Punjab
and elsewhere in India

where large irrigation works
have been developed.

The reason why I suggest
Madras is that most of the
mass in India have used
the Rags & Bungal. & practically
all of them have been borrowed
for irrigation. In some such
as the Godavari & Krishna
irrigation is mainly confined to
the Delta regions but in others
such as the Cauvery, Godavari,
&c there are anirradiated
which extend irrigation to
the upper reaches of these
rivers.

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In Madras very varied conditions
of soil, drainage, alkalinity
are met with & this
experience has been gained
from failures as well as
many outstandingly successful
schemes.

Of the names which the
India Office have given for
one D. Parr has had
experience of as an Agricul-
tural Officer dealing with
the agricultural crops of
the Indians. Clarke was
Agricul. Chemist in the I.P.
& would therefore have better

actual experience of practical
agricultural problems.

Finkow has served in
Bengal for the whole of his
service & was Fin (I think)
expert to that Government
& has specialised in that work.

Instead before he became
Dir of Agric. in Madras was
for the whole of his Indian
service D.S. Dir for the Panchayats
districts. & his experience is
confined to crops such as rubber
Tea & Coffee. He has no
practical experience of the arable
crops of the plains.

Tarr is an excellent man
from all accounts. I heard
numerous however that his

health was not very good.
Whether this is so or not.
I do not know. I have not
seen him for many years.

Edmonds in Madras
should be a useful man if
you can get him. He is
much younger than any of
the others mentioned & has
about 13 years service in
Madras. I know him about
he had been out about a
year or eighteen months. He
has I believe been D.S. Dir of
Agriculture in the Madras
Circle most of his time & would
be familiar with irrigated
Agriculture as the headman

irrigation project are in
his care.

Yours sincerely

W. Sampson

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W. S. Sampson

3231/33 Kenya.

Downing Street.

October, 1933.

Dear Sampson,

Before he left for Jamaica, Stockdale gave us some preliminary advice on a scheme for sending a couple of men to Kenya to investigate the possibility of developing the valley of the Tana River.

The scheme is set out at great length in the enclosed papers. Briefly the problem is twofold:-

- (a) Can the valley be irrigated?
- (b) If so, are the nature of the soil, the climatic conditions and the economic conditions generally such as to make irrigation worth while?

It is therefore proposed to send out an irrigation engineer to advise on (a), and an agriculturist (not a settlement officer) to provide an answer to (b).

Matters have now reached the stage where we

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can rely on getting the £2,000 from the Colonial Development Fund, and we are anxious to select the two experts in time for them to reach Kenya by February next. As regards the Agriculturist, the following are Stockdale's comments on the papers.

I am not particularly happy in regard to the information contained in the memorandum of the Agricultural Chemist. Many difficulties have been experienced in irrigation schemes in India on account of alkaline soils or by the accumulation of alkaline salts.... It therefore appears to me that it is of far greater importance to have the area in the first instance properly surveyed and investigated by an experienced Agricultural Officer in association with the Irrigation Engineer.... It has to be decided whether the area is likely to be more suited for development by large scale capitalistic enterprise or by small peasant settlements, and it is very necessary that the agricultural possibilities should be examined in the fullest detail by an experienced agriculturist....

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There have been so many disappointments over irrigation schemes in areas with soils inclined towards alkalinity that the utmost caution is necessary. The association of an agriculturist with Indian, Egyptian or Australian experience would be most desirable."

We have consulted the India Office informally and they have sent us the following list of possible names:-

Clarke C. C.I.E., F.I.C., F.R.S.

55. Director of Agriculture, United Provinces. c/o Barclays Bank, 54, Lombard Street, E.C.4.

Finlow, R.S., C.I.E., B.Sc., F.I.C.

56. Director of Agriculture, Bengal. c/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co., 54, Parliament Street, S.W.1.

Instead, R.D., C.I.E., M.A.

57. Director of Agriculture, Madras. 82, Braekendall Road, Bournemouth.

Farr, A.E., B.Sc., Ph.D.

49. Offg. Director of Agriculture, United Provinces. c/o Westminster Bank.

I shall be most grateful for your opinion on the respective merits of these or any other names that may occur to you. It should not be forgotten that

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sound health and the ability to 'rough it' are essential qualities.

Yours sincerely.

SM J. G. HIBBER.

P.S. Will you kindly return the enclosure with your reply, as it is the only remaining spare copy we have.