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FROM EDGAR, MISS E.M. (THROUGH CROWN AGENTS)

DATE

25th MAY 1923.

RE 31 MAY

FOR CIRCULATION :-

- Mr. *Jeffries*
- Mr. *Doonanley*
- Mr.
- Asst. U.S. of S.
- Permt U.S. of S.
- Part U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

SUBJECT

MR N.T. EDGAR.

Alleges unsatisfactory dismissal from employment as Engineer on Uganda Railway, and that an amount of between £80 and £90 is due to him. Requests advice.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

We do not appear to have any trace of Mr Edgar.

*her letter has been referred to by the C.A. that*

? inform the writer that there is

no record in this Office of her brother's ~~work~~ employment with the Uganda railway, and say that he should represent his case in the first instance to the Govt of Kenya through the General Manager <sup>of the Railway</sup> and that if he is not then satisfied, he is at liberty to request the Governor to ~~forward~~ <sup>submit</sup> his case to the Secretary of State for his ~~conson~~ <sup>consideration</sup>.

And say that if he desires further employment under any C.B. for he should submit an application through the Govt of Kenya to the C.A. for the ~~C.A.~~

*Unrecd 7 June.*  
*Copy of your memo 79 7 June 23 to Mr. Doonanley & left '23 in day 1/29/23*

Subsequent Paper

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ON THIS SIDE.

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form of application from  
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Sgt.

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21 Offley Road,  
Brixton, S.W.9.

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31 MAY 23  
to the  
Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Dear Sirs :

I trust you will pardon me if I am taking a liberty in writing you about a personal matter, but I should be greatly indebted to you for any help or advice you can give.

I have a brother who went out to British East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, in February 1921, at the recommendation of a friend (work being so bad here) on the understanding that there were good prospects and plenty of opportunities for men in his particular trade, viz: engineering, but on his arrival there things were in a deplorable condition - there being scarcely any work at all to do in his trade, and he has had a terrible struggle since and has suffered awful deprivations - this being in a strange country making things harder.

He has tried every means of obtaining employment, doing little odd jobs here and there just to live, there being nothing whatever going in his own line, and eventually got engaged with the Uganda Railway on which he had been working some months. His work having been approved his contract was applied for and he was waiting for this to come through, but owing to some dislike of him the Works' Manager has caused it to be refused, in spite of his satisfactory work, and he together with another Englishman were dismissed, and Indians taken on in their places. My brother had about £80 or £90 back money to come to him, but this also was stopped, and on this money he was absolutely relying.

Surely this seems very bad treatment of Englishmen in a British Colony, as my brother held the highest references in England and was considered an exceedingly good man in his trade.

He is now quite stranded and has had to go up to work in the cotton swamps in order to live. There are no other white men and the place is infested with mosquito and fever is rampant, though he writes that he is going to fight on if he can, but everything seems so much against him, he having tried every possible thing.

If you could possibly help him to obtain some congenial employment out there or could give some advice I should very very grateful.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply, and trusting you will excuse my appealing to you for help,

I remain,

Yours very faithfully,

Edith H. Edgar

My brother's name is:-  
Harold Thomas Edgar,  
Y.M.C.A.  
Nairobi,

is now at Mwanee.  
Kenya Colony.

U.S.  
~~Mr. Jewell,~~  
Colonial Office.

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Will you deal with the enclosed letter. We have  
no papers regarding Mr. H.T. Edgar.

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"I" Department,  
Crown Agents,  
28th May, 1923.

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C. D.  
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DRAFT.

E. M. Edgar.

Madam,

I am so to ack. the recd

of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> of  
May, regarding your brother,  
Mr H. J. Edgar, which has  
been transferred to this Dept.  
by the C.A. for the C, & to  
inform you that a copy of  
your letter is being sent to

MINUTE.

- Mr. Brien June 5
- Mr. Jefferys
- Mr. [Signature]
- Mr. Davis --
- Sir G. Grindle
- Sir H. Read
- Sir J. Masterton Smith
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Duke of Devonshire

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The Report of Kenya for

Consent & report.

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to send to you when a  
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- Mr. [Signature]
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- Duke of Devonshire

Miss Edgar 25 May

18/6

7 June 1923.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you, for your consent & report, a copy of a letter from Miss E. M. Edgar, in which she states that her brother, Mr. J. F. Edgar, who has been employed ~~working~~ on the Uganda

Ally, has been dismissed  
and it is unable to obtain  
his share of pay.

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE



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