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Ms. G.H.

Re employment

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on termination of present appl. as Commi
of Public Works on 31 March 1911.
Request - mentions appl. of Ch.
Engineer Uganda, if vacant.

General Dept.

See also En 22025/10 Kenneth
Calphelby H. J. R.
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Mr. Ross.

Mr. Walter has had long service in the
P. B. S. in India, & only been three years with us.
In India, he seems to have done distinguished
service & held high positions. I assume he has
done well in the E. A. P. but the General Dept. has no
reports on his work.
He is now 38, & the medical report of three years

his age, & it seems to me questionable looking to
Mr Walter's security & the old medical report
whether it would be safe to send him to
so far a chart as that of Uganda.

If you wish it we can of course consider him in
connection with the vacancy in the Chief Engineer,
Uganda.

T.C.H. 26/7

W. Macgregor

Better consider him,

I think

H. J. A.

26/7

Mr Hunter

note at please

[Mr Hunter does not propose to answer]

T.C.H. 27/7 at once

Noted W.H.

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My dear Head

As the Finances of this

Protectorate are not increasing sufficiently rapidly to admit of large Public works being constructed in the near future, ^{to any great extent} it has been found necessary to still further reduce the Establishment of this Department as soon as possible consistent with existing agreements with its various Offices.

Therefore the services of a number of Temporary Supervisors, Messrs, we have already been dispensed with; and Messrs, by H.E.'s orders has written to inform me that my active services

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after 31/3/11
in the event of the requirement - (also that
Lyford, may go on full
pay for three months at any time
from now to the end of Decem^r next,
that he will not be re-engaged after
his leave is up).

H.F. was unfortunately on leave
when I heard from Morson, but I
understand from Bowry that Sir
Percy will recommend me for 6 months
leave, or an equivalent money value
to be paid on 31/3/11, so I am being
treated quite generously.

In my departure I believe
the post of Commissioner P.W.D. will
be abolished, & Macgregor Ross
will be quite capable of being
again Head of this Department

after all that has been done in the
way of organization &c in the past
3 years.

Now I have no wish to remain
idle when I leave B.E. Africa, so I
shall be very grateful if you will
kindly ascertain if the C.O. will
give me another appointment any
time after March next in some
other Colony. Of course I should
prefer six months leave before
taking up fresh work, but rather
than lose a new billet I would
not take any leave at all.

In connection with possible
vacant appointments I may mention
- that I saw Boyle today on his way
home, & he told me Osborne is going

not so reluctant of I take for £800 a year
 - (I draw £1200 a year in B.E.A.) - in
 Uganda & a four years agreement. If
 however Uganda funds cannot at present
 afford this salary then I am prepared
 to take U.S. Govt. Salary - viz £750
 a year - but taking into consideration
 the disparity of age, of length of service
 & experience between us, I think I am
 not unreasonable in asking for £800
 a year; the more especially as I lose
 £130 a year of my Indian Pension by
 living in a country with a higher currency
 & also have to pay tropical rates for
 subscriptions to widows & orphan funds
 & Insurance Premiums.

I regret that H.E. is not here
 to

up his appointment in Uganda (the latter
day my ~~the~~ ^{he} is at present in Hospital) —
I then told Boyle that I should be glad
to take Urhomi's appointment if M^r
Clure (who is very young) was not going to
succeed him.

Should I be given his appointment
I do not know if I can leave here before
1/4/11, but if Sir Percy can dispense with my
services and matters can be so arranged
by the B.E.A. and Uganda Governments
that I do not suffer any severe financial
loss — I am prepared to lose a little in the
matter — I am willing to leave the former
Protectorate whenever Sir Percy sees his
way to letting me go — much as I should
regret giving up my very interesting work
here before my present detention comes
to an end.

As regards home, I think I am

consult, but as the Uganda matter is
superior to home govt. Home next month,
I take the liberty of addressing you.

As regards my service, no here
I am not being got rid of in Rome,
I told me the other day, because I have
been a failure, but solely because the
Protectorate has not the funds with
which to keep me on in active service,
after the end of this financial year.

My leave pay ^{will} however be a
change on the funds of this Protectorate
when they shall leave in April 1911,
or go to Uganda then, or before that,
without taking leave. Knowing how
-ever is away in Mombasa to I do
not know the rules which apply
to an officer who has leave due from
me Protectorate, and goes straight to

service in another one, without his having
been able to avail himself of it. 300

As regards health I am really
feeling as fit & strong now as when I
left England in August 1907. It may
however be argued that I ought not
to serve for four years or more without
taking leave. My answer to this is
that I was in India from December
1875 to July 1882, from October 1882
to March 1884, from June 1886 to
June 1894, from September 1895
to April 1901, & from October 1901 to
April 1907, so why should I not
be able to stay for so long periods
in B. E. A. & Uganda & in India
without injury to my health?

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B. E. Africa

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Dear Ned

in continuation of
letter of last week I may mention
that in the absence of H. E. in F. M. S.

W. H. H. kindly allowed Pearson
to telegraph to Sutcliffe saying
that I wished to be a candidate to
succeed Osborne as Chief Engineer,
a reply came saying that this
post would be vacant on 1/11/10.

I hope to see Sir Percy next
week & I will then talk over
matters with him.
Yours truly
John H. H. H. H.

The Uganda Government is
as of the successor to Upton
has not yet been appointed
hope therefore that I may have
a chance of filling the place

I mean to have written
to Mr. Jackson by the Mail
I am sorry to say I have had
time to do so. Will you please
ask him what he thought
of me here? I believe to
be pleased with it

It is so cold that
I can hardly hold my pen

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