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Female Postal Clerks & Telegraphists

Recommends Miss J. Williamson for
Supervisorship Misses M. Broach, E. M. Broomhall
& Bonell & B. Snowden as Sorting Clerks &
Telegraphists & Misses L. Blackburn as Call Wives
& Telephone. If any of these do fail to take up the
above recommends Misses J. & Leah & Miss J. Bond

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I intend to send her to P.O.
after speaking to you. Miss
must wait until we have definitely
ascertained through the P.O. that her
qualifications are sufficient to accept
appointment on the conditions specified

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, W. 10

31 May 1910.

Mr.

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, No. 1268, 1909, and to previous correspondence, concerning the vacant appointments for six Female Postal Clerks and Telegraphists, one to act as Supervisor and Matron, at Nairobi, British East Africa, I am directed by the Postmaster General to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that a large number of applications for the posts have been received.

According to the requirements of qualifications enclosed with your letter of the 10th of December last, No. 29077/1909, it is desired that candidates shall have a knowledge of counter work and be able to send and receive telegrams at not less than 30 words a minute; and that two of them shall have practical experience of the working of a telephone exchange, but, in the case of these two, a knowledge of counter work is not regarded as essential. A fair proportion of the candidates was found to be qualified in all three kinds of work; and it would doubtless be of considerable advantage to the Post Office of British East Africa for the female staff at Nairobi to be interchangeable, it has been considered advisable to give such candidates the

Under Secretary of State

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preference.

The most suitable candidate for the Superintendence appears to be Miss J. Williamson, age 35, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist at Edinburgh, who has a good knowledge of counter and telephone exchange work and is an excellent telegraphist. She is described as eminently qualified for the post. She is stated to be of good appearance, self-reliant and likely to gain the respect of officers under her control. She has had 20 years' service in this Department, and has had some experience as a supervising officer. She has also been on the Dining Room Committee of the Edinburgh Post Office and states that she is well used to catering for a fairly large household.

The five most suitable candidates for the Minor Appointments appear to be Misses M. Broxup, E. M. Broadhall, L. Bleakman, L. Bonell, and E. G. Snowden, aged respectively 31, 27, 26, 33, and 28, all employed in provincial Offices, Miss Broxup as a Call Wire telephonist and the four others as Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists. All of them have good health; but, in case any of them should not be passed by the Medical Officer to the Colonial Office or for any other reason should fail to take up the appointment, the Postmaster General suggests Miss E. C. Leak and Miss I. Bird, provincial Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, aged respectively 30 and 29, as the two whom he would next select.

It is to be expressed the Postmaster General's regret that, in view of the large number of applications received, and the difficulty of making a selection from candidates of almost equal qualifications, he has not been able to make a recommendation.

recommendation at an earlier date.

Each of the Officers appointed will be "seconded"
for a period of three years.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Matthew Nathan

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Immediate
to

6 June 1900

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The Secretary
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- Mr. 1276 4/6
- Mr. Balle + FS.
- Mr. R. d.
- Mr. Niles
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. G. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Beely.
- Lord Crace.
- In witness

once more

I am sorry to hear the
 result of your letter to
 29/5/00 of the 1st of May
 concerning the present
 arrangements for the Annual
 Postal Clerks' Illness Benefit
 at Norwich, etc., and
 to request that you will
 convey to the P. & Q. the
 substance of his letter

Copy of P.O. letter
 this will be for 10
 p. to me letter of 3rd May
 1899
 of 33rd June

thanks for the book
 which has been taken
 to the printer
 of the Committee

