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1914

1 May

Last previous Paper: The 2579 (Kennedy)

Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer

States qualifications desired, & expresses regret that none of the Senior Vets Officers would appear to possess them. Recommends W. Kennedy for post.

W.B. Stantley to Retire Emily Fielder

The V.O.'s in the running for the post of Deputy C.V.O. (£300 + £20 £60 + £50)

- are -
- W. P. Plunder (£460 + £40 personal) Jan 24 '06
- D. G. Doherty (£440) Sept 28 '06
- H. Brauer (disards) (£440) Sept 11 '10
- F. T. McCull (£440) March 8 '10
- W. Kennedy (£440) May 25 '10

The Col proposes to promote Col Kennedy. We know very little of any of these men. Col Kennedy has not been reported on but has shown great keenness in several cases on leave. I saw him several times when he was here on leave recently, and was favourably impressed by his and of commanding appearance with a little more polish than many V.O.'s)

There is nothing against any of his four names as far as their P's is shown.

Brassey Ed

no conference effects

Next subsequent Paper.

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Brassey Edwards' report for Jan 1914 is  
merely "he has earned the approval of the  
C.V.O." He was placed on the permanent  
staff last year.

Osborne (File 627) has the same report as  
Brassey-Edwards for 1914, and a rather  
fuller report for Dec. 1913 in which he is  
stated to be "a capable officer" who has  
retained the settlers in the neighbourhood of  
Nakuru-land, and is competent ~~to hold~~ the  
responsible position which he holds.  
~~permanent~~ permanent staff in Feb 1914.

Pennington (File 2320) has the same report  
as the above for 1914 and in 1913  
is stated to have earned a good report  
from the C.V.O.

McCull (1988) has the same report as  
above for 1914 - is taking annual  
leave during his present leave and is  
to represent the P.A.D. at the International  
Forest Congress, which is to take place in  
August, 1914.

It was placed on the permanent staff at  
the same time as McKenna, viz July 1913.

See Ref 22728/13. To judge from the  
accounts given of the work of these two  
officers on 22728 there is not much to  
choose between them. Mr McCull has  
done good work amongst settlers on  
the main Geroni plateau (mainly Boxes  
I suppose) and Mr Kennedy distinguished  
himself during the Masai Move.

Mr McCull will no doubt feel a little sore  
at Mr Kennedy's promotion, but after all  
he was one step a little more than a  
month earlier.

I think we cannot do better than follow  
the Gov's recommendations in the matter  
though the promotion of Mr Kennedy above Mr  
McCull is certainly a strong measure. H.P.D. 295/14

I see nothing for it, but I should  
much have preferred to have had the  
information from the accounts given to the Govt  
of the various cases. The S. Off. has a right to  
as detailed information as the Govt in a  
case of this kind.

I thought we  
said this recently  
perhaps in W.A.  
P.M.

Oct 27

We ought to have full info when we are  
asked to suspend officers who are before  
in the list & before going further. I think  
that we sh<sup>d</sup>. ask for the fuller report  
suggested by Mr. Protherby

H. J. R.  
27/10/14

Almon (P.M. 29. 8. 14)

Mr. Protherby with ref. to J. S. Fisher's marginalia  
in para 3 of despatch of 2 March in File 4789/2  
(France) we reminded the Govt that when  
an officer is recommended for prosecution out  
of turn the reasons should be fully explained  
in the despatch in which the recommendation is  
made. I have inserted a note to this  
effect in the despatch on this paper for comment.

H. J. R. 1. 6. 14  
W.A. 1. 6. 14

at once  
H. J. R.  
1/10/14

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

CONFIDENTIAL No. 79

C. O.  
18879  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI, 20 14  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

1st May 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the appointment of a Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer in succession to Mr Brandt.

2. The post is one which demands certain essential qualifications in view of the importance of the stock industry to the future of the Protectorate and must be filled by an Officer who is energetic and tactful, thoroughly versed in the theory and practice of his profession and possessed of conspicuous administrative ability. His duties will bring him into contact with all sections of the community and much will depend on his character and personality.

3. I have been into the matter very thoroughly with the Heads of Departments concerned and regret very much that I have to report that none of the senior members of the Veterinary Staff would appear to possess the necessary attributes, although well qualified for work in the field and for the duties of the posts which they hold at present.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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4. Mr W. Kennedy, who is fifth on the list, is, however, reported to me to have all the qualifications enumerated above and is recommended as a man who would make an excellent Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer. I would, therefore, while regretting the necessity for passing over several officers with considerably longer service, submit his name for your favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Albion, Keppel*

GOVERNOR

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June 4<sup>th</sup> 1914

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Sir,

I have etc to ackn the  
act of you conf. dup. of  
(879) the 1st of May, last on  
the question of the filling  
the vacancy of Deputy  
Chief V.O. caused  
by the transfer of Mr  
Brandt to Nigeria.

2. Before approving  
your proposal to promote  
Mr Kennedy to the post  
I should be glad if you  
would furnish me with  
the detailed accounts on  
the various officers concerned  
which were supplied to you  
by the Heads of Departments  
whom you consulted.

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C. A. Conf.  
S. P. H. C. Belford

MINUTE

- Mr. Dawson 29.5.14
- Mr. B. B. 14.6.14
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt

In common

Further minute.

V.O.