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Fitzgerald

Date
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SS Book

Department Exped

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Col. re employment

He has since which he wages off as
lack of police in the 09 & asks for further
employment

24576

Col. Butler

Mr. Fitzgerald's appointment was
terminated because of his
continued bad habits - see

24576 log. Col. Butler that is all
we know of him.

By C. R. 222 this letter also
have been sent through the
Governor.

I send copy to Gov. for Bureau
& request him to inform Mr.
Fitzgerald that as to the
transmission of consp. through
the Gov. & that further comm-
will

Request Paper

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with the sent to lot 7. on receipt
of the Governor's reply.

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W. Reed

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May 9

at once

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10/5/11 H. P. ...

5 MAY 11

Resuma ...
British East Africa ...
25th March 11

I have the honor to refer you to the following facts in the hope that you will do me the honor of extending to them your favourable consideration.

I joined the British East African Police as a temporary Inspector on May 19th 1906 and resigned on May 19th 1909 under circumstances hereinafter stated.

During my service I passed examinations in

(a) Kiswahili, reading, writing and some other in the principal native languages used in East Africa.

(b) Law - Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, African Regulations, Ordinances, Police Act, Railway Act, Post Office Act and Police Procedure.

(c) Passed to satisfaction of the Inspector General (Capt. Edwards) a long and arduous course of shorthand and stenography, prosecuting in Town Magistrates' Courts, and lecturing the Police in the Kiswahili language on their duties.

Under
Secretary
State
for
Colonies

but?

The Inspector General also inspected
 the Chief Clerk's Office, the basis of which
 I have in charge. Having completed the full
 course of inspection he informed me that
 he had no fault to find with me.
 I was one of very few Inspectors who were
 paid through such an exhaustive course
 and almost the only one who passed
 on every subject.

During nearly the whole of my service
 I held the post of Inspector in Charge
 of the Chief Clerk's Office in the place
 where I was stationed was not also
 a place of honor on the line.

My regular work was to make reports
 frequently all called as I anticipated
 on the ground and on many many
 occasions the subject of
 these reports being to examine
 the work of my subordinates. For
 several months although this was
 the part of my work
 I was almost entirely satisfied for
 the different parts of the
 period for time being
 one of the very few Inspectors with
 a knowledge of the duty
 it was claimed for nearly ten years
 at the time I was stationed there as
 that time one of the most seriously
 illions in the service. I suffered
 severely from rheumatism for some
 that time I took fourteen days leave

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labour only, and fustian bags and
 linen, etc. I was
 applied for scientific only and I visited
 emphatic order.

In connection with the River Expedition
 of 1883, I may say that within three
 hours from the time I received orders
 I had half a company of Police on my
 parade, many of them drawn from
 military posts, ready to march, fully
 armed, equipped and rationed, and
 packed and emergency orders and
 spare ammunition complete.

I was subsequently appointed Officer
 Command of Police on the River
 Kuronko border Patrol and with
 a man excelled in capturing over
 two thousand head of cattle and three
 thousand head of sheep.

On two occasions I have had to perform
 the painful and distasteful duty of
 shooting a man, woman or child
 to death, though this might rightly
 be considered the part of my duty.

VII

I was engaged in Police duty in
 Kuronko and Smallpox duty in
 Kuronko during, without doubt, the
 it great deal of the handling of the sick
 and the dead I had to perform
 and my own hands, as the natives
 have the greatest fear and horror

III

IV. Combat

When only a few days
 away by Darwin orders I eventually
 applied for a leave for only a Darwin
 certificate order.

I commenced with the Kass Expedition
 of 1863. I may say that within three
 hours from the time I received orders
 I had half a company of Solo or
fronts, many of them drawn from
 outlying posts, ready to march, fully
 armed, equipped, and subsisted, with
posts and emergency orders, and
 upon ammunition complete.

I was subsequently appointed Officer
Commanding Solo or the Kass
Expedition border Latou and with
 my men succeeded in capturing over
 two thousand horns of oxen and three
 thousand head of sheep.

On two occasions I have had to perform
 the painful and distasteful duty of
 shooting women murderers condemned
 to death, though this might rightly
 be considered as part of my duty.

V. Plague
 I was engaged on Plague duty
 through out I met my duty in
various ways and at various
 at great deal of the hardship of the work
 and the dead I had to perform
 with my own hands, as the captives
 show the greatest fear and horror.

VII Contd.

of approaching anyone officials with
 either directly or indirectly.

VIII

I had no work to occupy myself
 after an day I had with statements
 of official work I have performed
 but would mention that amongst
 other persons

who accomplished the arrest of the
 late Chief and making 10000 Doctors
 of the Kharwada people in one night
 in the midst of the Kharwada country
 who owing to seven months drought
 and consequent famine the people
 was in a most excited and dangerous
 state of mind. I effected their arrest
 and brought back the prisoners
 without loss or collision with the
 natives.

(1) I have frequently effected arrests
 during the Marangar, a turbulent
 tribe, requiring diplomatic handling
 with great care and without casualties
 on either side.

(2) I have on two occasions been in
 charge of gold dust and other articles
 belonging to the Nation, to the value
 of £47,000 on one occasion and
 £35,000 on another occasion.

(3) I have in several occasions in
 the course of the day of the Treasury
 storeroom.

X (c) cont.

be regarded as part of my record when it was necessary that those duties should be performed. I may add that during the whole of my three and a half years' service I have never been called on for an explanation of my conduct with regard to my duty, nor has any reprimand or other punishment, to my knowledge been registered against me, and I may say with confidence that I was one of very few Police Officers who had passed in Turkestan with the foregoing subjects in hand, and almost the only one who had in addition passed in a well etc. etc. to the satisfaction of the Inspector General.

XII

Shortly after the arrival of Capt. [Name] as Inspector General it became very distinctly evident that it was his intention to replace many if not all of the Inspectors at that time serving, and more particularly those who like myself had been locally engaged and thus had no objection to support them by men who had formerly served in the same command as himself.

XIII

Almost immediately on Capt. [Name] and several officers, all of

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nearly all of South African troops
 commenced to arrive. As these officers
 were intelligently cognizant of the local
 language and general customs of
 the country, we older members of
 the force found ourselves in the
 galling position of having to teach
 men drawing much larger salaries
 than ourselves, and destined, as
 we strongly suspected, to replace us

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Finally a circular was issued
 (dated 31/1/07 & strictly confidential)
 my copy of which I unfortunately
 lost in a camp fire a short time
 ago. A copy could doubtless be obtained
 It was to the effect that "It having
 come to the ears of the Inspector General
 that members of the Officers of the
 Force were in the habit of discussing
 their superior officers and their methods
 of administration at all times and
 that such would be severely dealt with
 and that members of the Force should
 and the Inspector General acknowledged
 that the circular was necessarily only
 only a few persons who were in the
 habit of doing so, called gossip
 It was decided that the whole
 contents of this circular was directed
 against a few marked men and so
 plain a hint to them that if they do
 not choose to submit to almost any injustice
 reasons would be speedily found for

XIV. Contd.

then dismissed, that several of the old members resigned by the first favourable opportunity.

XV

I understand that several of my fellow officers of that period have even made representations to the Colonel in explanation of the situation in full.

XVI

I would mention that about three months before I left the force I was ordered for Home leave, but, at the Inspector General's request I withheld my application, especially as he added that should I insist on taking my leave immediately it would be impossible that the Inspector General would see fit to return my services.

This would free me my duty of consideration the Home Department.

XVII

I venture to say that those who were on full pay would take that after that my services would be no longer required, and that I was not entitled to passage to England as I was already engaged. Though I believe there is a similar office elsewhere in which it is held down that all persons, whether locally engaged, or otherwise, were entitled to Home leave after the

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separation of two and a half years
 absence, and I know of several
 members of the B. & A. Colliery
 locally engaged who were present
 at the trial, & who I believe to have
 prevented from going home to lay
 my case before you, and at least
 endeavor to ^{obtain} another appointment
 in the it almost seven. Before the
 expiration of my leave I sent in my
 resignation which was accepted
 and my connection with the B. & A.
 Colliery ceased.

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I may say that so far no definite
 charge has been brought against me
 which could justify such treatment
 and I assert that none can be
 brought.

I maintain that the record of my
 services and the important duties
 entrusted to me on various
 occasions (see page 10) are
 standing proof against any such
 charges which might have been
 brought against me without my
 knowledge. They certainly have
 not been with my knowledge
 and if any such charges have
 been made, it is strange that
 I have not been called on to
 answer them.

In submitting the above state-
 ment for your consideration I

respectfully beg to apply for another
 appointment under the Colonial
 Office as my part of the British
 Possessions to which you might
 think fit to appoint me. I am
 now in excellent health and fit
 for any duty. I would have
 forwarded the application before
 but have only just returned
 from a prolonged hunting and
 trading safari into the far
 interior, during which I hoped
 to be able to make myself the
 subject, or to come to England
 and lay my case before you
 personally. I have had to
 however, having lost a part
 of my horse and baggage and
 unable to do so. I am therefore
 compelled to state to you
 the date on which I returned
 several days since from the
 interior and to state that
 should my application be
 granted I should be glad to
 be appointed to the post before you
 as a sufficient evidence that I
 have at all times tried to perform
 my duty in an earnest and most
 worthy manner and that I
 am perfectly fit for the
 service to which you
 might think fit to appoint me.
 I am, Sir, your obedient
 servant and remain, Sir,
 your faithful servant,

fitness for that honour
I have the honour to be

your obedient humble servant

W. Byrnes

The Secretary of State }
for the Colonies }

Application

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MAY 11

Applicant's name } William Patrick Fitzgerald
 Birthplace } Stroudbury, Hampshire, England
 Age } 27 years
 Where educated } St. Mark's College Upper School, Chelsea
 and privately
 True name } William Cornelius Fitzgerald
 Profession } Supervisor of Inland Revenue - Deceased
 Service } I. Asst. Storekeeper, Repatriation Dept
 South Africa 1902-3
 II. Asst. Officer in Charge and
 Acty for Office in Charge
 Deyburg, Karuman Road
 Construction Roads & Bridges
 branch Public Works Dept
 Cape Colony S Africa 1903-11
 III. Sub Inspector of Roads, Roads &
 Bridges branch, Transvaal
 Public Works Dept S Africa
 1905-6
 IV. Inspector of Police, British East
 African Police May 17th 1906 to
 Nov 17th 1909
 V. South African War 20th July 1900
 to 30th June 1902
 Cape Medical Staff Corps
 2nd New South Wales Imp. Bushmen
 Field Intelligence Dept
 King's & Queen's medals, 5 clasps
 VI. Inspector of Police, in nominating
 the 2nd Field Imp. 2nd & 1st atrol
 for S Africa
 also well for African
 medal

Application form

for which applying

I think myself best fitted for Police work in Egypt, Nigeria, West Coast Africa, or Burmah and the East but open to accept any appointment in the Public Works Dept or other Department for which I might be deemed fitted

Locations

Three and a half years service in Central East African Police as Inspector, Inspector in-charge, and Police Prosecutor

Passed in Indian Criminal Law and Police Procedure

Based in the principal native language of the country; reading, writing, and conversing, in British East Africa

General knowledge of habits and customs of most tribes in Africa

Secret service in Field Intelligence Dept as South African War

detachment in South Africa and later in British East Africa

Passed in handwriting and testimony Drill, and musketry a Short-story before Inspector General British East Africa Police

Knowledge of mounted infantry drill

Qualifications

Speak, read and write Kiswahili fluently. Speak Dutch fluently. French and German sufficient for practical purposes

Application Book

Have knowledge of Fula, Mende
Koror, Wolof, Dyak, and Arabic
Knowledge of road & bridge making
and boat building generally
also for small boats and other
local articles on language, Fula
understood Fula and others & intend
to translate them

Capt. R. Reddie, Commissioner of
Police, Uganda. Late Deputy
Inspector General of Police, under
whom I served most of my time
in the British East African Police
W. T. Porter, Esq. Town Magistrate
Nakuru, British East Africa
R. Donald, Esq. Town Magistrate
Mombasa, British East Africa
Late Inspector General of Police
British East Africa

W. H. G. G. G.

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Cap.

16 May 1911

Sr,

I have the honour to

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Gen Sir E. P. G. G. G.

MINUTE

Mr. Parnell

Mr. Buller

Mr. Fisher

Mr. Judd

Mr. Cox

Mr. C. Lubbock

Lord Lucas

~~Mr. ...~~

Mr. Harcourt

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transmit to you, for your

dear, the accompanying

copy of a letter from Mr. W. P.

dated 14th inst.,

Mr. Gerald, to request that

asking for further employment

I have to report that you will inform Mr. Gerald,

attention to

the rule as to the

transmission of copies

through the Gen'l. that

you will inform him that

a further communication

reply

will be sent to him in the

when I have received

Mr. Parnell 22365

sent

and consider it Jan
of the Governor's reply
at my instructions upon it

January
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