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be present at any rate remain on an indispensable position

Mr. Arthur

Secretary

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for employment in the British colonies
on a non-ferocious basis

Yours

Mr. J. H. H. H.

I am afraid that we cannot
make much of this point. One or two of
the men, such as the tropical agriculture
expert, may have to work in the unhealthy
parts of the colonies. But the work of the
majority of the staff will be done in the
healthier places.

In the reply to this letter the following
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TREASURY CHAMBERS.

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7 May 1907

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Anstobus's letter (2817/1907) of the 23rd ultimo and the enclosed correspondence in regard to the Agricultural Department of the East Africa Protectorate

In reply I am to request you to convey to the Earl of Elgin their Lordships' sanction for (i) the expenditure (£13,018) provided in the Protectorate Estimates 1907-8 for the Department - which, They note, will be grouped with the Forestry, Survey and Veterinary Departments, each with its separate head, subject to the general direction of the Commissioner for Lands, - and (ii) the salary, £800 - 50 - £1,000 which it is proposed to assign to the Director of Agriculture.

My Lords must however stipulate that for the present at any rate the Director of Agriculture, and the other officials in the Department generally, shall remain on an unpensionable footing, and that this shall be clearly explained to all concerned.

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Murray

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.



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Secretary

to the Treasury

Downing Street,

15 May, 1895

MINUTE

Read 10th May

Mr. Ambrose. 10

Mr. Coe.

Sir,

Mr. Lucas

Mr. R. Hodgwood. See Minute

Mr. Churchill

See Parl. of Minis.

... directed by the Earl of

... to acknowledge

letter (No. 7500/97) of the 7th of

relating to the Agricultural Department of

the East Africa Protectorate, and to trans-

mit to you, to be laid before the Lords

Commissioners of the Treasury, with refer-

ence to the last paragraph of the an-

company's extract from a letter which

Mr. F. B. Smith, the Director of the Agricul-

tural Department of the Transvaal addressed

Direct from S/4282/95
of 1895.

Copy to 16 May 1895



to Governor with copy

(M. L. P.)

to the Colonial Office last year.

In this extract Mr. Smith points out with great clearness the importance of a properly equipped Agricultural Department to a developing country like the East Africa Protectorate, and, as the Head of one of the largest and most successful institutions of the kind in the world, his views carry great weight. They have been laid before the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate and is an entire accord with them and Lord Algin has no doubts as to their soundness.

Lord Algin fears, however, that there is little or no prospect of creating a really efficient department on the temporary basis suggested by their Lordships; and rather than allow the unsatisfactory state of affairs which has hitherto prevailed to continue he considers that it

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and is better to drop the subject.

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4. His Lordship is satisfied that he would like to see made available a person specially qualified to place the Department on a sound footing; but it is scarcely to be expected that, making due allowance for the ~~difference in the~~ ^{change in the} ~~position of the~~ ^{position of the} ~~country~~ ^{country} of India, this

essential, who has had considerable service and is a man of mature age, will be willing to accept his present permanent appointment, which carries a salary of £1,200 a year, for a temporary appointment of £800-£1,000. Nor does his Lordship consider

that it will be possible for him to obtain on solely temporary engagements, the best men for the other principal appointments which are to be filled by Europeans.

Briefly, Lord Elgin is of opinion

that an Agricultural Department is essential to the development of the Protectorate but that it will be impossible to provide a really efficient one on a temporary basis, and further that, in a department of this kind will be required for many years to come, an investment of considerable funds to maintain the same.

In these circumstances Lord Elgin would advise His Majesty's Government that the Director and principal subordinate officials be appointed on a pensionable footing in the same way as in the other departments of the Protectorate.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.)