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Name of Individual

(Subject)

Date

1907

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Offer of app't as Telegraph Inspector to Stockport

States that he has not answered his
letter of 18 Oct.

(Minutes)

Mr. Reed

I did not think that that part
of the minute letter (36886) called for
a reply. He withdrew his acceptance

(a) because of the expense of the outfit.

I was unaware that so much expense
would be entailed. I have recently had
a serious loss on the failure of the Mutual
Bank of Glasgow.

(b) because of the nature of the business
agreement.

I am sorry that though my oversight it
was not a fault in accepting the offer
that he would have to sign the agreement,
but such agreements are common enough
in private as well as public employment, & it
is, I think, clear that the immediate
expense of outfit was his primary reason
for dropping the offer. It has
never been usual to send pamphlets or to
outfit before the candidate takes the
offer.

...and I do not think any complaint
on the subject has been made before.

He left my way moderate, and
we told him that at the last we were
for guidance.

The expense he has incurred, for military
journals taken from Edinburgh, medical medicine
fee, especially vaccination, cannot well
be paid.

He has
been
affair

1845

Yes. the agreement with the Co. did
not involve any expense. If he did
not must have known that he would
require an outfit on going to
Tropical country.

Rightly that the fact that he was
required to enter into an agreement
to not refund his passage money
in certain circumstances, & that
he was recommended to obtain
an outfit suitable to his
rank, did not in 11 his opinion
justify him in withdrawing his
acceptance of the offer a moment
before he sailed. It was necessary to
of help to the Public Service. & that
in the view of the service he was
& referring to him any expense
that he may have incurred.

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Mr. E. Donaldson
215 Leith Walk
Edinburgh

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Sept 16 1904

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Dear Sir,
I call your attention to the fact that as yet no notice has been taken by the Department to my letter of 18 October in which I pointed out that in the letter of 20 September no mention was made of outfit required, nor of the value of any agreement submitted, as required by the Crown Agent. His attention was called

only means known to me
after I had been sent to
considerable expense which
I hold as both unreasonable
and unjust

I would repeat that it was
on the conditions named in
your letter of 20 September
that I accepted the appointment
and on these conditions
alone

I am

Faithfully yours

W. S. Murray

The Under Secretary of State

National Office

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21st November 1807

DRAFT

W. T. Muir

MINUTE

Mr. Boscawen, 20/11/07

Mr. Read 20

Mr. Juss.

Mr. Astorbus.

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Mr. Churchill.

The Earl of Egmont.

for ~~consideration~~

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th of November, I am directed by the Earl of Egmont to inform you that the fact that you were required to enter into an agreement to refund the certain, & eventualities the cost of your passage to Africa and that you were recommended to enter a. outfit suitable to a tropical country, did not in his Lordship's opinion justify you in withdrawing your acceptance of the the expedition the 20th which had been offered to you.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant

has a great voice
in the circumstances
and
there can be no question
of referring to you
any expenses which you
may have incurred.

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R.H.