

of Mr. Ellis' minute & pass - L. W. Bates

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all that will be necessary will, I think,
be a despatch stating that King has
pleas'd to ^{appoint} ~~appoint~~ Col. Montgomery, for to
be a member of the Executive Council and
to assign to him precedence therein, for
long as he shall hold the office of Comd. of Lands,
next after the Senior Commissioner

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I see no objection to giving
Col. Montgomery the precedence
which Col. Liston (who has also
spoken to me on this subject)
wishes to assign to him
Rd. from the
at once

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Mr. Reed:

I am anxious that Colonel Montgomery - the Commissioner of Lands - should be on the Executive Council. My despatch giving my views as to the constitution of the Executive Council must have been written before Colonel Montgomery arrived in East Africa, certainly before I knew him as I do now, otherwise I should have included his name with that of the Treasurer and the Crown Advocate. I consider too, that in view of Colonel Montgomery's position, his age, and his services under the government of India, where he served for some time on the Viceroy's Legislative Council, he should take place and precedence in the Council next after the senior Commissioner a position I have generally accorded to him in the Protectorate by letting him take precedence, when occasion required, next to the Deputy Commissioner, who will now be the senior Commissioner.

No question is likely to be raised in this connection both the Treasurer and the Crown Advocate are much younger men. I do not think it necessary in this particular case to consider the importance of the relative appointments they hold. Colonel Montgomery's appointment is a special one for a limited period, and I certainly think for the reasons given above, that whilst he holds this appointment he should rank in the place I suggest.

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As the appointment is a temporary one it will not be necessary to make Colonel Montgomery an ex officio member, he should be made an official member.

Article VII of the instructions provides that members of the Executive Council may have seniority and precedence as may be specially assigned. It would therefore appear that neither his appointment as an official member, nor the precedence I propose should be given him, will necessitate any amendment of the instructions, which I thought it might be the case.

(Signed) J.H.S.

10th March, 1907.

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My Recd

I am anxious that the Commission
 the Com^{rs} of Lands should be on the
 Executive Council - My chief object being my
 desire as to the constitution of the Executive
 Council must have been another before
 the Commission was issued in Decr. 1866, but
 before I knew how or I do know, otherwise
 I should have included this name with
 that of the Governor & the former, & the
 I would, too, that in view of the
 Commission's position, his age, and the
 services under the former Govt of India,
 where he served for some time, in the
 Governor's Legislative Council, he should
 take place in the Commission, in the highest
 post after the Governor, & the
 position I am generally considered to
 have in the Institution by which he
 has distinguished, also contains equally
 that of the Govt. Secy, who will have
 in the main Commission.

The question is likely to be decided in
 the Commission, with the Governor & the

I thought it just right to let you

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10-3-07

I have believed in the present system
 since; and do I think it necessary
 in this particular case to consider
 the importance of the election appointment
 they hold - but Huntington's appointment
 is a special one for a limited period,
 and I certainly think for the reasons
 given above that should be held
 the appointment to should remain in
 the place I suggested.

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 it will not be necessary to make
 but Huntington an ex officio member,
 he should be made an official member.

Instead of the particular persons
 that members of the Executive Council
 have been recently a knowledge as
 may be the only movement; it would
 therefore appear that within the
 appointment as an official member,
 for the balance I before should
 be given them; will appreciate any
 amount need of the instructions which

