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Governor No.
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Mr Crofts
Engage: as Junior Staff Surveyor

Last previous Paper.

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States he applies for agree: to provide for return passage to England instead of to Natal + because in diff: in 1st and 2nd class my pass for return to Natal is recommended as grant. Request decision on his going further his South Afr. service was not for him.

(Minutes.)

To Read.

I am afraid this is the most serious of the arrears which I have accumulated & which I have now nearly worked off. The paper was delayed first because 24822/07 could not be traced and afterwards because the pension point raised by Mr Crofts was being referred to the Interdepartmental Pleasors for their views. Unfortunately this only accounts for about half of the delay.

The C^o considered that, when a man was transferred from non-pensionable service in one colony to pensionable service in another (and the case is stronger when the earlier part of the service in the second colony is non-pensionable), there were no grounds for allowing him to count the first employment for pension on his ultimate retirement. The principle on which a man may be allowed to count non-pensionable service for pension (in whole or part) when followed by pensionable service in the same colony is based on the fact that the colony has adopted by

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experience which he gained ^{during} his
seasonable service, and other considera-
tions has so weight for a Colony which
is that benefit through his transfer
- afraid therefore that even if we
had answer for the total government
Crofts would have no case
in regard to other points. There is precedent
return passage to England instead of
it in the case of Mr. H. L. Townsend, who
initially came from Queensland (to the Gold
fields) & asked that when he was about to
return that his return passage might be
to England instead of to Australia. As to
passage fares in S. Africa, there is no
doubt that even in Mr. Crofts' position
he would not be required to travel 3rd class
on colonial railways. I believe I raised the
question generally once but cannot remember
the case.

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Governor's Office,
Nairobi.

January 7th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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My Lord,

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With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 431 of August 8th in which instructions were given for an agreement to be entered into with Mr. Crofts, a Junior Staff Surveyor in this Protectorate in the terms of Your Lordship's letter of August 8th to the Governor of the Transvaal, I have the honour to report that Mr. Crofts asks that he may be allowed a passage to England instead of to Natal on the termination of his agreement. He points out that he has not time to return to Natal, and as he would have been appointed to Natal, he has been written to a full passage to London, I conclude that his request is a reasonable one.

H.M. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

2. He further asks for a refund of the difference between the 3rd and 2nd Class Railway fares from Pretoria to Durban on the ground that the 3rd Class is only used by natives, and that it is impossible for a European to travel by it. This request also seems to me to be a reasonable one.

3. In conclusion, Mr. Crofts asks whether in the event of his remaining in the service of this Protectorate, his service in South Africa would be allowed to count towards pension, and I should be grateful for Your Lordship's decision on this point.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

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- MINUTE.
- Mr. ~~Holloway~~ 10/2
 - Mr. ~~Rand~~ 11/2
 - Mr. Just.
 - Mr. Anrobus
 - Mr. Cox
 - Sir C. Lucas.
 - Sir F. Hopwood.
 - Col. Seely.
 - The Earl of Crewe.

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Dear Sir,
I have the honour to
inform you that I have
found with great regret
that no reply has yet
been sent to your despatch
no. 7 of the 7th of
January 1908, in which
you raised certain
questions in connexion
with Mr. Crofts' engagement
as a Junior Staff Surgeon
in the S.A.P.

2. The question of whether
Mr. Crofts could be allowed
to count his service in
India for pension comes
within the scope of a
general question which was
referred by my direction to
an Interdepartmental
Committee which
recently reported into various
matters
of questions relating to
pensions. The Committee
advised

Administrative Office in the
L.A.P., and it must
be made clear that
the sanction of the
L.C. of the Treasury
will be necessary when to
his being allowed to count
for pension his
non-pensionable service
in the Protectorate.

With regard to the
matter of the passage raised in
your despatch, I believe
of this agreement for
service being notified
so as to provide for his
being granted a return
passage to England
instead of to Natal at
the end of his engage-
ment, and also to him
of the difference between
the 2nd and 3rd class
fares for Pretoria to
Durban being refunded
to him.

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