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Recorders of Titles

Notes importance of appointing men with local knowledge & experience. Recommended by Mr. Robert Pigott & Mr. W. S. de la Haye. Hope proposals will be sanctioned.

W. Macneighten
W. Reid

See the minutes on Genl. & Treasury
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A reply that he will now know from our despatch of the 3rd of Feb^r (in 796) the nature of the questions which must be settled before the appointment of the three Deputy Recorders of Titles can be proceeded with, that he S. of B. agrees with him in thinking that, in filing these appointments, if they are eventually granted, great weight should be attached

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to acquaintance with the native languages,
laws, and customs of the districts involved,
provided that it is combined with ~~some~~
adequate ^{legal} knowledge and experience, and
that he would be glad if the Cpt. would
send home a list of those, whether already
in the service or not, whom he considers
specially equipped for the work, giving
their qualifications in detail, so that their
claims may be compared with those of any
other candidates whom the S. of B. may
have under consideration, and say that
the S. of B. proposes, in case of need, to
consult Mr Shearman Turner, the
Recorder of Titles, who is now at home
on leave, and who, from his knowledge
of the questions involved, should be in
a position to advise as to the qualific-
ations required.

H.A.B.

Feb. 23.

I agree generally. If intimate acquaintance with native
languages, laws & customs, ^(in necessary?) it is most important that
we shall have any candidates to put up against the
local men; so we need perhaps not wish quite so fully
as Mr Godley suggests. T.C. 23/2

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Nairobi,

January 25th 1910

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 36

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's telegram of the 15th instant and previous correspondence respecting the appointment of Deputy Recorder of Titles, I have the honour to express a hope that the special qualifications needed may receive very careful consideration before any candidate is selected in preference to those who, like Mr. Botry Pigott, are in possession of local knowledge and experience.

2. The work which these officers, who have to do demands an intimate acquaintance with native languages, laws and customs such as it would be difficult for any lawyer newly appointed from England, however able, to acquire until he had resided for some time in the country.

3. There are fortunately at any rate two candidates at present in the Protectorate, Mr. Botry Pigott and Mr. W. E. F. de Lacy, who besides being fully qualified in a legal sense, have been very successful in their relations with natives.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

THE EARL OF CREWE, K.G.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,


LONDON, S.W.

4. I have recommended Mr. Pigott for the earliest appointment because Mr. de Lacy, who is a lawyer in private practice, has been connected professionally with several European concessionaires in the neighbourhood of Malindi, where the Land Titles Ordinance first comes into operation, and it might therefore be desirable to defer offering him a post until the district in question has been dealt with. I am however of opinion that he will be able to render us very valuable assistance elsewhere.

5. I observe that Your Lordship expresses a doubt as to the Treasury sanctioning the proposals made for increasing the staff of the Recorder of Titles. I sincerely trust that no difficulties will arise in this respect as I consider the matter to be of supreme and urgent importance. The honour and credit of the Government is in fact involved and we shall be most severely and justly criticized if we fail to fulfil our obligations.

I have the honour to be

Your Lordship's humble,
obedient servant,


GOVERNOR.

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Est N. 104

Gov. A. P. Girouard

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Dear

Hi
I have the honor to
ack. the receipt of your
rep. N. 36 of the
25th of January respecting
the appointment of
Deputy Recorder of
Title

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2. You will now
have received my despatch
No. 56 of the 3rd of Feb.
from which you will have gleaned
indicating the nature
of the questions which
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W. Butler 24
W. Macnaghten 25
W. Read 25
W. Fisher 25
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