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(Subject.)

Miss Helena Donald,
Nurse.

For papers regarding. Recommends for appl^t

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

has been delayed through my being
unable to go out with the conditions
of appointment of nurses in East Africa and
through his having been away from the
Island for 21 days. That nurses
are engaged by the C. O. in general

I submit draft.

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The Colonial Nursing Association

Imperial Institute, S.W.

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Sir

I have the honour to inform you that on March 15 last, this Association was proposed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to recommend a nurse for service in the Mombasa Hospitals; and I am now directed to forward to the Department the application and papers of Miss Helena Donald, also a note of the terms of the appointment as supplied to her by the Association.

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Miss Donald was trained at Charing Cross Hospital and has since had very wide experience in all kinds of medical & surgical work, she has also taken the examinations of the London Obstetrical Society and is qualified in midwifery.

The Department will note that a certificate from Sir Patrick Manson, accompanies Miss Donald's papers, and I am directed to explain that under the arrangements made some years ago with the Foreign Office this Association undertook to provide the necessary medical certificates, and that this had already been done before the Committee learnt that Miss Donald's

papers

Letters should be sent to the Department
and not to the Foreign Office.

Sir

Your obedient servant
Caroline A. Hutton
(Her Secy)

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office S.W.

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and not to the Foreign Office.

Sir

Your obedient servant
Caroline A. Hutton
(then Secy)

The Hon. Secy of State
Colonial Office S.W.

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Dear Sir

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Dear Sir

Lord Lauriston desires me to
ask you whether you are able to
nominate a name for the Honorary
Professors. His Lordship understands
from Sir Donald Stewart that any name
appointed should, if possible, be qualified
in obstetrical as well as in general
medical & surgical nursing.

Lord Lauriston would be much obliged
to you if you would inform him
whether you know of a lady suitable
for such an appointment.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully
Harry Vernon

The Secretary
Colonial Nursing Assⁿ

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Dear Sir

Lord Lansdowne desires me to
ask you whether you are able to
nominate a nurse for the Mombasa
Protectorate. His Lordship understands
from Sir Donald Stewart that any nurse
appointed should, if possible, be qualified
in obstetrical as well as in general
medical & surgical nursing.

Lord Lansdowne would be much obliged
to you if you would inform him
whether you know of a lady suitable
for such an appointment.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully
Harry Verney.

The Secretary
Colonial Nursing Assn

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The Colonial Nursing Association,
Imperial Institute, S.E.
March 12th, 1905.

Dear Madam,

The Committee have been asked by the Foreign Office to recommend a nurse for the small Government hospital in Mombasa, East Africa.

The terms are as follows:--

Salary £165 a year.

Free quarters.

Uniform allowance £10 a year.

Free passage out and home.

Two years agreement.

The Committee would be glad to know if you would like your application considered for this post, and whether you would be able to meet them here for an interview on Thursday, April 4th, at 12.30.

I should be much obliged if you could let me have an early answer.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

M.E. Dearyville Esq.

Application for Employment as Matron or Nurse in the Colonies.

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To be filled up by the applicant herself, and sent to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, ~~London~~, by the Consular Officer, ~~London~~.

Name in full: **Helena Donald.**
 Date of Application: **April 6th 1906.**
 Profession or Occupation: **Nursing.**
 Name of Institution: **Earle Villa & Broughty Ferry, N. 13.**

Name of Parent: **Fred Donald.**
 Profession or Occupation: **Jute & Linen Manufacturer.**
 Address: **Earle Villa, Broughty Ferry, N. 13.**

Date and year of birth: **April 16th 1870.** Age last birthday: **36.**
 Place of birth: **Craigie Bank, Leven, Dundee.**
 Single, married, or a widow: **Single.**
 Sons: **None.** Aged respectively: **None.**
 Daughters: **None.**

Education: **First year Buchanan Academy, Leven, 1880-84.**
Board of the National Institution, Dundee, 1884-87.
Leven Academy, Dundee, 1887-89.
Leven Academy, Dundee, 1889-91.

Professional Experience: **Residence & Matron, Charity & Hospital, Dundee, 1890-91. Then in charge of Charity & Hospital from first to sixth floor in charge of accounts and at Home & School & Home & Hospital, Dundee, 1891-92.**
Eight Months at Royal Waverley, Hospital, Dundee.
For six months.

Professional Experience: **Matron in charge of Maternity Ward, Dundee, Dundee Hospital, Dundee, 1900-1902.**
Eight months at Dundee Hospital for women, 1902-1905.
For four months in Feb. 1904, at Royal Infirmary Dundee obtaining my Maternity Certificate. Am registered on Dundee District Board.

Professional Experience: **Left Dundee & Hospital & then in charge of training, Scotland & Home to Perth, Dundee & Royal Hospital, Dundee, 1905 on being offered post at Dundee & Dundee Hospital, Dundee, on terms of Maternity & Home & Hospital for Women, Dundee, Dundee & Dundee Hospital, Dundee.**
Nurse, Government Hospital, Bombay.

Signature: **Helena Donald.**

End of Application.

References

Give the names and addresses of two references. They should be competent persons who know you well, either in your own or professional life. At least one should be well acquainted with you in private life. The names of distinguished persons should not be given unless they really know you well.

1 Name *Miss Fuff*
 Address *Royal Infirmary, Dundee*
 Occupation *Matron of Royal Infirmary Dundee*
 2 Name *John Habes Murray Esq. D.D. F.R.S.*
 Address *Weston House, Broughty Ferry*
 Occupation *Retired Surgeon of Army*

Testimonials

Give the name, address, and position of each of your testimonials. Copies certified by the original Association must be sent to the Registrar's Office. The paper may be either in MS. or in print. Each paper not larger than this form.

- (1) *Miss Gordon Lat. Lady Surgeon General Chancery & High*
- (2) *Dr. Berry Hon. Surgeon Royal Albert Edward Hospital High*
- (3) *Miss Curlew Lat. Matron Aberdeen Hospital High*
Permanently William Pringle, Surgeon
- (4) *Dr. Walter MacAlister Esq. D.D. F.R.C.P. St. John's Hospital*
- (5) *J. B. Broadbent Esq. F.R.S.P. Young's Hospital*
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21 QUEEN ANNE STREET,
CANNON SQUARE, W.

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This is to certify that I
 have today examined
 Mrs. [Name] and
 that she is in good health
 in all respects. In my
 opinion in every respect
 physically fit for service
 as a nurse at [Name]
 [Name]

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COLONIAL NURSES.

STATEMENT for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for record in

Colonial Office, respecting Miss Helena Donald

is an applicant for the post of Nurse in the Colony of Trinidad

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. How long you have been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From Oct 1922

to present time

2. From what circumstances does your knowledge of her arise?

2. First as night sister at Chelsea Hospital for Women, Chelsea Road, subsequently as a personal friend.

3. How you were acquainted with her was she

- a. house?
- b. school?
- c. generally well conducted?

3. Yes.
Yes.
Yes.

4. How her health was?

4. Yes

5. How has been employed under you, will you state the nature of her duties, and how she discharged them?

5. Night Sister & she discharged these duties to my satisfaction.

6. How you state the cause of her leaving—whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

6. Miss Donald was still night Sister when I left Chelsea for my present post

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QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS

7 Do you consider her to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as she now desires?

1. I am not in a position to judge whether she possesses qualities required by a matron as a nurse etc.

8 Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

8.

9 The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

9.

Signature Mildred Heather Biggs
 Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. Matron of Charing Cross Hospital
 Address Charing Cross Hospital Strand
 Date Jan 31st 1922

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STATEMENT for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and for record in the Colonial Office, respecting Miss Helena Donald
 who is an applicant for the post of Nurse in the Colonies

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

1. Will you be good enough to state how long you have been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From November 1920
to present time

2. From what circumstances does your knowledge of her arise?

2. Miss Donald was Sister at Addenbrooke's Hospital when I was matron there

3. What are you acquainted with her as the

a. house?

b. sister?

c. generally well acquainted?

3. } most certainly

4. Was her health good?

4. Excellent.

5. If she has been employed under you, will you state the nature of her duties, and how she discharged them?

5. Her work & her management of her Ward was always quite satisfactory.

6. Will you state the cause of her leaving - whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal or otherwise?

6. She resigned her post in May 1922

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

7. Do you consider her to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as the now appears?

Yes

8. Are there any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

No

9. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

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Signature Mary Newcombe Curston
 Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. Late Matron of Addenbroke's Hospital, Cambridge
 Address Rose Hill, Bredgworth, Shropshire
 Date February 1st 1925

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COLONIAL NURSES.

STATEMENT for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for record in Colonial Office respecting Miss Helen Donald
 an applicant for the post of Matron in the Colonial Hospital, Port Elizabeth
South Africa

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

1. Will you be good enough to state how long you have been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From Mr. Mitchell
the proposed time

2. From what circumstances does your knowledge of her arise?

2. From my being the house
attendant of her family.

3. How long have you been acquainted with her and what is the nature of your acquaintance?

3. 18
years

4. How do you estimate her character?

4. Very good.

5. Has she ever been employed under you, will you state the nature of her duties, and how she discharged them?

5. She never served under me.

6. Do you know the cause of her leaving whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

1. Is the candidate by whom the appointment is made to undertake the duties of such an appointment as this now occurs?

Yes, highly qualified

2. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

None

3. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

She belongs to a family of highly respected and had excellent opportunities acquiring proficiency in a number of her papers. These opportunities she would be best used in her private interests in her

Signature *John L. Lemay*

Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. *U. S. F. & P. S.*

Address *Westmore House
Brighton*

Date *7th April 1902*

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

1. Do you consider her to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as the case requires?

Yes, highly qualified

2. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for such an appointment?

None

3. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting her character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

3. He belongs to a family
an highly respected
and excellent opportunities
acquire proficiency in a
branch of his profession
his opportunities
and the best way
was interested in his

Signature

John E. ...

Occupation, Professional qualifications, etc.

h. D. S. P. ...

Address

*Waltham House
Bungay Street*

Date

7th April 1905

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Charing Cross Hospital.

LONDON W.C.

9th. Oct. 1898.

... entered this hospital on April 1894 and
 ... of Surgical nursing
 ... for the last year and now leaves
 home for
 ... is a conscientious nurse. she works please
 with her ... health

...
 ... superintendent.

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Caring Cross Hospital,

LONDON, W.C.

9th. Oct. 1944

... into care of this hospital on April 1944 and
... all the ...
... for ... and now leaves
to go home ...

... she ... work - pleas-
... with her ...

...
... superintendent.

THE ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY. WIGAN.

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Sister Donald having applied through the Matron to the Medical Board of the above institution for a testimonial, the Board have much pleasure in granting the request. Sister Donald has had charge of Female Wards since November 1898. During the whole of this time she has discharged her duties as a capable, conscientious and reliable nurse. She is kind and considerate to the patients under her charge as well as punctual in the discharge of her duties as a nurse. The Medical Board have pleasure in recommending her for the position she seeks, feeling sure that from the experience she has gained, and also from her methodical disposition she will fulfil any duties imposed upon her to the satisfaction of her superiors and with credit to herself.

(Signed) W MITCHELL PROCTOR, Chairman

March 21st. 1900.

WM. BERRY.

Hon. Secretary.

Medical
Board:

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St. John's College.

CAMBRIDGE.

16th May, 1902.

Miss Helena Donald was for many months Nurse in charge of the Womens' Ward under my care at Addenbrooke's Hospital. During the whole of that time her work commanded itself to me as carefully, promptly, and tactfully performed; and she showed herself to be well-trained and capable in all that concerned her professional duties. Although I have ceased to take an active part in the medical work of the Hospital, I regret in the interest of the institution, that Miss Donald is relinquishing her connection with it.

Donald MacAlister, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Consulting Physician to Addenbrooke's Hosp.

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4 St. Peter's Terrace, 283
CAMBRIDGE,
17th May 1902.

I have much pleasure in stating that I consider Miss Donald, who has had charge of the female medical ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital for the last 12 months, a kind, intelligent, conscientious and capable Nurse.

At times the work of her ward has been very heavy, but she has met every emergency with the utmost good nature and has proved herself very resourceful.

(Signed) T. B. Bradbury, M.D., F.R.C.P.
Senior Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Visiting Professor of Medicine in the University of Cambridge.

Home Hill,

BRIDGTON

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It gives me much pleasure to say I consider Miss Helena Donald a conscientious, reliable, good nurse. She was one of my sisters at Addenbrooke's Hospital. In her work and in the management of her ward she gave entire satisfaction to the staff and to myself. Her patients were always well cared for and her ward orderly. I think her well suited for the post for which she is applying and I wish her every success.

Mary Gertrude Curator.

Late Matron of,

Addenbrooke's Hospital.

CAMBRIDGE

Water 15th., 1904.

26 April 1905

DRAFT.

Sirs

Gentlemen,

I am directed by
 Mr. Secy. Lyttelton to
 inform you that Miss
 Helena Donald, whose
 address is Earle Court,
 Brompton, W.,
 has been selected for
 employment as a
 Nurse in the Government
 Hospital at Bombay,
 East Africa Protectorate.

I am to request that
 you will enter into the
 usual agreement with
 Miss Donald and that you
 will make the necessary
 arrangements for providing

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- Mr. Lucas.
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- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyttelton.
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