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Oct. 26, 1906

(Subject.)

Mr D. Thomson

Customs Dept.

Enclose copy letter from him electing to revert to Home Customs Service, and draws attention to his title to free passage & two months leave. (Recd. from T.O.)

(Minutes.)

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apparently the F.O. wishes to raise the Comm<sup>r</sup> as to the conditions of pass<sup>age</sup>. These are clearly stated in F.O. letter to Customs House, 15 Oct. 04, attached, and printed, as Mr Thomson has stated, for free passages and 2 months full pay leave from date of leaving home, in the event of resignation.

? Copy of this letter & enclos. and of F.O. letter 15 Oct 04 to Comm<sup>r</sup> T.A.P. say that had Elgin approve of free passages out & 2 months leave as his own of the F.O. and ask Comm<sup>r</sup> to sign in of his wishes in req<sup>y</sup> to a messenger in Mr Thomson's app<sup>l</sup>.

Apply to Customs House that the Comm<sup>r</sup> attention be drawn to the matter.

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28 May 1906

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

Would you kindly let us know for establishment purposes when we may expect Mr. Thomson back from the East Africa Protectorate.

The last letter we had from your Department on the subject was dated 6 March '06 (No 6920/06).

Yours faithfully,  
do Jennings

Bottomley Esq.

Reply to this Letter  
to be addressed to the  
Secretary,  
Custom House,  
London, E.C.  
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Custom House, London,  
24th February, 1906.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Customs to forward, for the consideration of the Secretary of State, the enclosed copy of a letter that has been received from Mr. David Thomson, an Officer of this Service who was appointed by Sir Eldon Gorst's letter of 9th December 1904 as an Assistant of Customs (on probation) under the Administration of the East Africa Protectorate, and who now desires, on the completion of one year's service, to return to his former position in this Department.

I am to invite attention to the statement contained in the penultimate paragraph of Mr. Thomson's letter, and I am to suggest that the Administration of the Protectorate may be informed of the regulation contained in the 3rd paragraph of Sir Eldon Gorst's letter of the 15th October, 1904, viz:- that "if the Officers selected should elect to resign their appointments at the end of twelve months service in Africa . . . . they would be paid their passage home and allowed two months leave, to reckon from the date of their departure from Mombasa, on full pay".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Wenderson*

Under Secretary of State,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Foreign Office.



Secretary, Customs,

No. 2882  
1906

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Custom House,

Mombasa,

British East Africa,

25th January 1906.

The Honourable

The Commissioners of H. M. Customs,

Custom House,

London.

Honourable Sirs,

I respectfully beg to bring to your Honours' notice the circular letter (a copy of which I have the honour to transmit herewith) embodying the arrangements with regard to the provisional transfer of the two Assistants (of whom I am one) from the Home Customs to the Customs Department of the East Africa Protectorate.

In view of the above-mentioned letter and as I shall have completed one year's residential service on the 8th proximo I respectfully beg to inform your Honours that, owing to the uncertainty of future promotion in the Customs Department of this Protectorate as well as owing to the trying conditions of life that prevail here, I desire to return to my former employment in the Home Customs.

I have already intimated to the Government of the Protectorate that I shall elect to revert to my former employment but that, after completing one year's residential service, I should be willing to

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remain on, if it should be so desired and provided that your Honours' sanction were obtained, for such time as would allow of my being relieved by another man. I have been notified, however, that the administration here is not aware of the arrangements set forth in the letter above referred to and that it would appear I can vacate my present position after one year's service, only on condition that I shall refund the outward passage allowance, not being entitled, in such case, to the cost of my passage back to England.

Under these circumstances, therefore, I have taken the liberty of addressing your Honours.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) David Thomson  
(Assistant of Customs)

*Enclosure to Mr. Hanson's letter of 25th Oct 1904*

Secretary, Customs,

No. 2883  
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Custom House, London,  
October, 1904.

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Sir,

The Board having received a communication from the Foreign Office requesting them to recommend two suitable persons for appointment as Assistants of Customs in the East Africa Protectorate. -

I am to direct you to report to the Board, as early as possible, the names of any Examining Officers or Assistants between the ages of 25 and 30 within your port or district, who, in your opinion, are qualified for and desirous of, appointment to this position, with applications from the Officers themselves for consideration of their claims.

It is important that you should be satisfied that the general health of all Officers, whose names are submitted as candidates, is strong enough to fit them for life in a tropical country - as to which they will have to satisfy the medical adviser of the Foreign Office. The Candidates must be of unexceptionable character and strictly sober habits.

The Customs Department of the Protectorate is organized as follows :-

- 1 Chief of Customs, Salary £700 per annum.
- 1 Assistant Chief of Customs, £300 by £10 to £400 per annum.
- 2 Assistants of Customs, £250 by £10 to £300 per annum.

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The Officers selected for service in the East Africa Protectorate will not be required to resign their positions in the Home Service definitely on selection, but will receive leave of absence for the necessary period, and be appointed on probation for 12 months' residential service in the Protectorate. During this period the selected Officers would be seconded in the Home Customs Department and no increment would accrue; but they would retain their right of seniority and, at the termination of the period they would be called upon to decide whether they elect to resign the Home Customs definitely on transfer to the Protectorate or to revert to their former employment - in which case the passage home would be defrayed and leave of absence granted for two months commencing from the date of departure from Mombasa, at the expiration of which they would be re-employed in the Home Customs.

(Signed)

(In)

DRAFT.

6 March 1906

His Majesty's House

Sir,

MINUTE

- Mr. Lab
- Mr. Ross
- Mr. Ansdun
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir M. Osmanney
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyttelton

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In reply to your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> 1906 of the 24<sup>th</sup> of February on the subject of the conditions of service - the case of assistants of Customs in the E.A.P., I am directed by the Earl of Hlygon to state, for the info. of the Board of Customs, that the attention of the Comms. of the E.A.P. has been drawn to the terms of the contract which this office was offered by the F.O.

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Mr D. Thomson and  
Mr O Mitchell,  
and that he has  
been inf<sup>d</sup> that  
Lord Elgin approves  
of the

Signed R. L. ARTHUR

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Enclosure  
H. C. Hager S. S. L. C. B.

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6 March 1906

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- Mr. Pead ~~700~~ 2/3/1
- Mr. Ansdobus
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Luock.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Ommalley.
- The Duke of Marlborough.
- Mr. Lyttelton.

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Under the heading  
to be transmitted to you, for  
your info, the accompanying  
copy of a letter from the  
Board of Customs, which  
has been referred to  
the Dep<sup>t</sup> of Foreign  
Office, together with  
a copy of a letter from  
the F. O. to the Board  
on the subject of  
Customs Assistants in  
the S. A. T.

2. A copy of the letter  
returned in the packet  
from Mr. D. Thomson  
letter, enclosed in the

Boards ~~concerning~~  
 it would appear that  
 the ~~Board~~ <sup>Committee</sup>  
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 at the ~~Customs~~ <sup>Customs</sup> ~~Staff~~ <sup>Staff</sup>

~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> 1905. These  
 conditions are stated  
 in the 1905 letter  
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 as Mr. Thomson has stated  
 in his letter to the  
 Customs House, for  
 free passage out and  
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 months leave on full  
 salary from the date  
 of leaving home  
 in the event of  
 resignation after  
 completion of 12 months  
 service to appoint

Mr. Thomson is therefore  
 entitled to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~leave~~ <sup>leave</sup>  
 on leaving his post,  
 and will be glad  
 to be informed of your  
 views with regard to  
 the appointment of  
 his successor.

Yours