

EAST AFR. PROT  
No. 44526

Individual

(Subject.)

1906

H. S. Poston

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Asks for reconsideration of decision, and that he may either be promoted or allowed to retire on pension

Paper

(Minutes)

Mr. Read

In support of his desire to retire <sup>on pension</sup> ~~without~~ reaching the pensionable age, without a medical certificate. Mr. Fother writes the case of Dr. Moffat, & in F.O. days Major Grant of Massachusetts Dr. Moffat had an adequate medical certificate.

Mr. Grant also had a medical certificate - see F.O. file below - the papers it runs a total of 100 pages. The F.O. file contains the original copy of the certificate.

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it would appear from the Register  
that he was allowed to retire on  
pension in order to enter the name  
of a property Co. to whom he  
had been loaned while still in  
the service.

Anyhow both he & Mr Grant, true  
in spite of his loss of memory  
has been actively occupied in carrying  
out the like in Uganda since  
their retirement.

The retirement of such men while  
in good health & in the prime of  
life imposes a very heavy charge  
on public funds, & one  
the example shd. be avoided.

Reply that Dr Moffet, &  
Mr Grant retired on medical  
certificates: that it appears to be  
the case that Mr Macalister  
was allowed to retire without  
such certificate, but that Lord  
Ligon regrets that he would not  
be justified in making this  
isolated case a precedent.

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pension on resignation.

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been actively occupied in carrying  
out the like in Uganda since  
their retirement.

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life imposes a very heavy charge  
on Public Treasury resources, & such  
the example shd. be avoided.

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Mr. Grant, retired on medical  
certificates. that it appears to be  
the case that Mr. Marshallier  
was allowed to retire without  
such certificates, but that Lord  
Ligon regrets that he would not  
be justified in making this  
isolated case a precedent.

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Better not use the  
word "retire" in the  
pension report

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that he was allowed to retire on  
pension in order to enter the service  
of a protesting Co. to whom he  
had been loaned while still in  
the service.

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in spite of his loss of money  
been ~~actively~~ occupied in carrying  
forward of the like in Uganda since  
their retirement.

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in good health & in the prime of  
life imposes a very heavy charge  
on Protestant revenues, & one  
the example shd. be avoided.

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Mr. Grant, retired on medical  
certificates that it appears to be  
the case that Mr. Marshall too  
was allowed to retire without  
such certificates, but that Lord  
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be justified in making this  
isolated case a precedent.

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retiring

Butter not use the  
word certificate  
as is used in the  
charter on page 10

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that the ~~require~~  
 in view of the heavy charge  
 require that an ~~office~~ should have  
 which would be imposed on 114  
 the ~~service~~ in the ~~ground~~ etc  
~~probable~~ ~~recovery~~ by ~~allowing~~  
 that he ~~may~~ ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~required~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~  
~~any~~ ~~the~~ ~~business~~ of his ~~office~~ ~~or~~  
 officers ~~to~~ ~~retire~~ ~~on~~ ~~foreign~~  
 while still in good health &  
 in the ~~prime~~ of life

I would not suggest his going  
 to Sir P. Manson in spite of  
 what he says in para 3. as to his  
 health being not as good as it  
 might be.

We have recently retired two  
 Uganda officers Mr Walker  
 & Mr J. P. Nelson on (what  
 appeared to me) inadequate  
 certificates - against the wishes  
 of the officers concerned, and  
 since we are piling up a heavy  
 pension list as a ~~work~~ for future  
 years

X. I don't agree  
 A.J.R.

P. Walker  
 only got a  
 certificate

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Mr. Antrobus ~~is~~ ~~proposed~~ ~~as~~ ~~proposing~~  
 - & send copy of ~~report~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~committee~~  
 the ~~committee~~  
 let me see draft ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~report~~

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St. James [unclear]  
S. W.

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your despatch No  
43593/1906 of 29<sup>th</sup> November 1906.

I am extremely disappointed  
that H. His Lords of the Treasury  
do not see their way to grant me  
my pension & allow me to retire  
from the service of the East Africa  
Protectorate. I am a union collector  
of that service & have been in that

The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office  
London S. W.

that since my promotion for more than  
12 years & although frequently promoted  
I still find myself a  
collector, as far as I am concerned, am  
likely to remain in the same position  
indefinite period. The only reason  
given I believe for my non-advancement  
is that I am somewhat behind the  
times & have not kept abreast with  
the changed conditions of the  
Protectorate.

I feel myself however that I  
am perfectly capable of performing  
with despatch the duties of a  
District Commissioner & I do not think  
I am handicapped to return to  
East Africa without some hope of  
promotion. I have been given the  
impression that my name is not  
in the list for promotion & I have  
been told that I am not fit for

that I was put my heart into  
my work in the future in order to  
satisfaction with myself or to  
others. I may also state that I  
served nearly 6 years with the  
Imperial British East Africa Company  
& have therefore served altogether 17  
years in Uganda & East Africa  
& that my health, as you perhaps  
be imagined, is not so good as it  
might be or used to be.

I also venture to draw your  
attention to the fact that two  
former officers of the Uganda &  
Protectorate, Messrs Macallister &  
Grant, were granted their pensions  
& allowed to retire in 1904.

It is a matter of regret that I have  
not been able to do so. I believe  
my health is not so good as it

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12 years & although frequently promoted  
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collection & as far as I am ~~con-~~ am  
likely to remain in ~~the~~ further  
indefinite period. The only reason  
given I believe for my non-advancement  
is that I am somewhat behind the  
times & have not kept abreast with  
the changed conditions of the  
Protectorate.

I feel myself however that I  
am perfectly capable of performing  
with satisfaction the duties of a  
Sub-Commissioner & I do not think  
I can fairly be asked to return to  
East Africa without some hope of  
promotion. I have been given to  
understand that my name is not  
on the list for promotion. I do not feel that

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Protectorate, Messrs Macallister &  
Grant, were granted their pensions  
& allowed to return in 1904.

It is to be noted that the names of these gentlemen have been  
mentioned in the report of the Commission. I believe  
that their good health was not



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12 years & although frequently promised  
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the changed conditions of the  
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with satisfaction the duties of a  
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I can fairly be said to return to  
East Africa without some hope of  
promotion. I have been given to  
understand that my name is  
on the list for promotion & I believe  
that I shall not be long in  
receiving the promotion.

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that I can put my heart into  
my work in the future & give  
satisfaction within to myself & to  
others. I may also state that I  
served nearly 5 years with the  
Imperial British East Africa Company  
& have therefore served altogether 17  
years in Uganda & East Africa  
& that my health, as can perhaps  
be imagined, is not so good as it  
might be or need to be.

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attention to the fact that two  
former officers of the Uganda  
Protectorate, Messrs Macallister &  
Grant, were granted their pensions  
& allowed to retire in 1904.  
Neither of these gentlemen had  
the same length of service as I have  
& I believe in very good health & well  
paid.

personal or political grounds.  
I am also informed that some  
of the objects of the Association  
judicial power is being granted  
his person although he is not yet  
50 years of age & is to all appearances  
in good health at the present time,  
having suffered however in the past  
much from fever as have all the  
elder members myself included, &  
I am unaware whether medical  
exams have anything to do with  
his projected retirement.

I venture in conclusion to  
respectfully say that you will give  
the above matters your careful  
consideration with the view of  
possibly inducing Mr. Justice of  
the Peace to resign his  
office. I feel very strongly that

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have not been treated altogether  
with justice by the  
authorities in London & that  
I am  
extremely averse to returning to the  
country. Having given the best  
years of my life to the opening  
up & development of Uganda & East  
Africa, having borne, if I may say  
so, the burden & heat of the  
early days & the difficulties & hardships  
connected therewith, I do not think  
I can be called unreasonable.  
Being now in my 44<sup>th</sup> year, if I  
ask either that I may be given  
the promotion to which, I think,  
I am fairly entitled, or if that  
cannot be done that I may be

be granted my former's attempt  
to return from the Court African  
...  
... a fact of urgent  
importance to me in several points  
I shall be extremely obliged if  
the matter can be decided -  
with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

W. Wake

Collector of A. F.

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F. G. Foster for

19 December 06

MINUTE.

- Mr. *W. H. 15/12*
- Mr. *Read 15*
- X Mr. *Antrobus 15*
- Mr. *Cox*
- Mr. *Lucas*
- Mr. *Graham*
- Sir *M. Ommanney*
- Mr. *Churchill*
- The *Earl of Elgin*

*ansd 4.11.06*

Sir

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to ask the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. and to express his regret that it is not possible to accede to your wish to retire on pension from the service of the C. A. P., as it has been decided that you do not fulfill the conditions under of the regulations governing the grant of

*Read*  
Fresh draft submitted on verbal instructions.

*Copy done and sent 19 Dec 06*

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