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Kew

1914

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Agricultural Instructor

Suggest Mr Watt. Darling him, one of the Curators in Town or B. Judges might be suitable.

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Kewy Letters

Mr Read
Mr Bottomley

W. Watt's paper seems to open
out very well. I think
he has got all the material
of value to him. Personally I have
found it far that I thought him
gathered up by the police that
met Edges (of C. Anderson's) long enough
in a letter to Mr Kew speaks
of him as possessing a great em-

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of salary & go in his discretion
and of course have a much
better judge of an agricultural
candidate than the P.S.

There I do want to talk

I naturally think that

you should have seen the

paper where New was consulted

Mr Butterby

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8. I am afraid so, but the chief object
of our letter to New was to take things
down as to salary.

I agree that Mr. Catt is pleased
to accept at £250 - so that
he ought to be able to get a more
experienced man for the £350 which
is proposed as the initial salary.

He would probably do all right (I
wrote not to clearly to be an
effort in propagating growing as well
(as rubber), but first he better
right go to the head of the Mysore
I believe to a few tropical
African charists invited?

C.W.

27/3/04 H.S.R.
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Pathmore Dept.

Has you any candidates
to hang forward

WTS

20 Apr 14

To B. Phillips
B. Hollands

I have gone through the Agricultural List and find that our candidates are mostly men with West Indian experience, therefore, they might not do for rubber or tobacco. Before I go further into their qualifications I think be glad to discuss the matter with you or to hear that you think we had better leave our people out of consideration.

C.H.

11 April 14

To Battellace

We discussed the Agricultural List and agreed that I should make more known my list and send you a note to be submitted to Kew (of Reg at the hot fruits) along with Mr. Watts & compare also you have.

Mr. House & Mr. Martens - both with Jamaica Service - are the only likely ones. Mr. Hunter will help you to get out one of the two you are ready.

C.H.
29 Apr 14

Mr Bottomley 25/5/24

Mr Regd

Mr Harris

Now please see pp 17
Mr Farmer herewith respectfully
states from view of the visit.

You will see that Kew
considers him definitely superior
to Mr. Hoare & Maitland
& to Mr. Watt.

In view of this I propose
to submit him to the D.G.
if you agree. I have now
obtained satisfactory
replies from his referees.

R.D.

Very suitable I should say

I trust that there will be no objection to my
inviting general advice & assistance to
Mr. Harten (of New York) Mr Hill (147-45)

Supposes the work will be largely among
savages & if so recommends him
but same will be able to go after there
is any strong reason to suppose that he
would not be foolish in dealing with

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planters. If this isn't I do not think
we could possibly do better.

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spoken to our head. In Harcourt's exp^r we are not entirely ordinary & I don't say his best
would be with native
Definite I agree it w^t Farmer

25/5/14

H. Wd.

25/5/14

Print Secretary

Very truly

C. H.

26 May 14

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Mr Harcourt,

For this appointment I submit

MR GEORGE FARMER, 42; married; Mr Farmer has had a long experience of planting in tropical agriculture in the West Indies, British Guiana and the West Coast of Africa, where he has recently been Manager of the Christinville Estate in Sierra Leone. He does not possess any professional qualifications, but his practical experience has been very ~~much~~^{large and} varied. He makes a good personal impression and is recommended for the post by us. His reports generally are good, and Mr Hollis, so far as we have written with regard to his reputation in Sierra Leone, states that what little he knows of him is to the good. It has been rather difficult to get a ideal candidate for this appointment and after consulting here and there Dept. with regard officers already in the Colonial service, I put forward Mr Farmer as the best man at present available.

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11.6.14

Approved

11.6.14

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Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

March REC'D 1914.

21 MAR 1914.

COL OFFICE

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 3940/1914 of 19 March, 1914, informing me that it is proposed to appoint an Agricultural Instructor for the Coast Region of the East Africa Protectorate, to give advice and general assistance to planters in that district, I note that the officer is expected to have experience in the growing of coconuts, sisal, rubber and other economic plants which may be found in that region.

I think it may be possible to find a suitable man for this post on the terms offered by the Government of British East Africa and would suggest for the consideration of the Secretary of State the name of Mr. J. M. Watt who has had considerable experience with rubber and tobacco plantations in the East and possesses the kind of knowledge which should make him useful as an Agricultural Instructor.

Mr. Watt was accorded an interview in January last at the request of the Private Secretary for Patronage Mr. Butterbee - and all his papers are at the Colonial Office. I was favourably impressed with Mr. Watt and consider him a man of resource and ability and I feel that he would quickly acquire the requisite knowledge.

Mr. Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Towning Street,

S. W.

9 of 1900 Sab

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The Director,
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew.

Ans'd 10/5/00

15 Mar. 1900.

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Bromley 15.3.14

Mr. Head
Sir G. Fiddes,
Sir H. Just.
Sir J. Anderson,
Lord Emmott,
Mr. Harcourt.

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It is proposed to appoint
an Agricultural Inspector
for the Coast Region of the
East who can give
advice ^{general} ~~concerning~~ to planters
in that district. It is
understood that the
Officer selected for this
post should have
experience in the
growing of coconuts,
sisal, rubber or other

economic plants which
might be found in that region.

2. Mr. A. was

provided a salary of

Rs 350 pa. Many by
annual increments to Rs

A Rs 400 pa. In the

Est. for 1911-12 for

this post. Decided

on an increment basis so

be granted, a free passage
to & from the Est. with
free local transport.

The post is not yet
persimable, but after

the end of three years, if

est. shows that the
post will be of permanent

value, pension rights
may be attached to it;

but no guarantee can
be given as to this, &

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in view of the fact that 318
comparatively few apply
in the Agricultural Deptt
of the Mysore Govt.

Colo-Mhi are very ill,

it will be safer to
assume that the post
will remain on a
"Temporary" - i.e.

pension will not be

3. I would like to be glad

to learn whether you
are of opinion that
a suitable man could
be assigned on these

terms for this
work, and to what

that is my sole when
you do recommend for

consideration for the
appt.

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