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Previous Paper.

Deputy Registrar of High Court

(New appl. in Estimates 1914-15)

Vacancy form

Private Secretary

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25/7/14

Mr. Harcourt,

For this vacancy I am afraid that I must bring up the names of two candidates, Mr. A.E. Sockett (1694/14) and Mr. E. Barret (38501/12) for your final decision between them.

Mr. Risley, Mr. Batterbee and myself have gone into the question carefully and as a result we feel satisfied that Mr. Sockett is definitely superior as far as professional qualifications go. On the question of age he also has an advantage that he is a year younger than Mr. Barret (both candidates are slightly older than is required by the Government).

On the other hand, we have no doubt at all that Mr. Barret is personally preferable. Mr. Sockett is evidently a man of very considerable ability, energy, and

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~~confidential~~ but none of us care for him personally
and I do not feel at all sure that he might not
cause trouble later on. On the other hand, if he
is to be appointed at all, it had much better be
to an appointment in a big department where he will
be under supervision, than in a more or less inde-
pendent position in a smaller Colony. I think you
ought to see a rather remarkable private letter, which
he originally wrote to you (^{confidential (must be sealed)} in box herewith). The
fact that he wrote a letter of this kind does not
altogether inspire confidence in his personal
suitability, but there is no doubt that he has been
very severely tried and allowance must be made for
him on that account!

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correspondence about him is filed
with this letter in the box confidential
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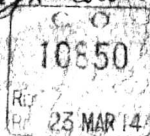
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I think we are going to
Cachette in protection
H. G. Wells

Vacancy Form

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Deputy Registrar of High Court
P. Q. P.



£250 - £15 - £400.

New appointment for 1914-15

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allowance in lieu Wanted by Dept 1/1
Pensionable

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Encl Billington
Registrar
P. S.

15 Cds
27/3/14