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1915

9th March

Last previous Paper.

MR CHARLES TOMKINSON
APPLN APPT ASST DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Submits and recommends he be offered appointment.

See com. 23 Apr 15
Tel for com. 11 May 15

Mr. Belfield

Perhaps you would say what you think of his qualifications as compared with the usual run of candidates. If he were appointed, we should, of course have to stipulate that he must take the T.A.S. Course at some time.

Equ 7/4/15

Mr. Belfield

Will you please send to the second referee a letter to the effect of the enclosed form of no. with the good wishes of the Council with ref.

Next subsequent Paper

... on the part in S.A.

Done (usual H.F.) - 9 April 15.

Remind 3pm. to refer. Headquarters
of Winchester, if they have not
replied by Saturday morning.
Ackd. 16 April 15

Letter in April from Mr Kendall attached
- ackd. H.F.

Worchester reminded 3pm - 11.6.15 16.6.15

Reply attached H.F.
20.6.15

Ed Dept.

I suppose that Ed is not so
short of adm. officers that
you wd object to the 3rd bar post
being offered to Mr Sam Wilson.

Ackd. 20 April 15

Ed Dept.

Telegraph



Left - 6.45 pm.
11/5/15.

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11 *Evapor*
marrowbone

When may reply be expected to
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my Oct. 23rd April Tomkinson
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W.C.B. 11.5.15 at sick



EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 176

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

March 9th 1915

APR 15 1915

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith an application from Mr. Charles Tomkinson for appointment as Assistant District Commissioner.

Application

2. At the outbreak of the war Mr. Tomkinson was appointed temporary Assistant District Commissioner at Eldoret for about a month. Mr. Deacon, the District Commissioner, at the time, has reported that he was enthusiastic and capable and gave the impression of making an efficient officer. He also stated that considering the short time Mr. Tomkinson had been in the country he was fairly conversant with the Swahili language.

3. Latterly Mr. Tomkinson has been given a commission in the Carrier Corps and the officer in charge of that unit considers that he would be in every way suitable for appointment as Assistant District Commissioner.

4. As

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

4. As it appears unlikely that any of the existing vacancies in the Administrative Staff can be filled from home during the continuance of hostilities and as I am satisfied that Mr. Tomkinson is fitted I recommend that an offer of appointment be made to him,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. L. B. B. B.

GOVERNOR.

From The Headmaster, The College, Winchester

April 14 1915

Dear Sir,

Mr. Charles Tompkins comes of a very sound stock, ~~is~~ ^{is} a straight & gentlemanly folk. He did his work well as a 'Prep' at Winchester.

He was not able judged by ordinary competitive standards - but he got into the Sen. Pt. of the school, say 'Middle Fifth' and showed very good common sense and stuck to anything he undertook -

I think from what I know of him, especially after his spell of work in Nairobi, he would do his duty keenly & well in a position of command. He is a steady self-respecting man.

Yours faithfully

M. J. Randall -

(Headmaster)

at S. Decimus's

Hawarden -

[This half-sheet to be torn off, filled up, and sent to the appropriate office with.]

STATEMENT respecting

Mr. Charles Wilkinson

is an applicant for an Administrative appointment in *East Africa*

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

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

1. From *Sept. 1906*
to *the present time*

From what circumstances does your knowledge of him arise?

2. *I was at school with him 4 years ago at Winchester in the same class and I have been for some time a friend of the family*

While you were acquainted with him was he

3. a. *Absolutely*
b. *Absolutely*
c. *Yes*
d. *Yes*

- (a) honest?
- (b) sober?
- (c) industrious?
- (d) generally well conducted?

Was his health good?

4. *Yes*

If he has been employed under you will you state the nature of his duties and how he discharged them?

5. (1) (a).

If the cause of his leaving, whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

(b)

If he was educated under you, will you give your opinion as to his intellectual ability and powers of work, and state the circumstances under which he left the school or college?

(2)

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

6. Do you consider him to be qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as he now desires?

6. Yes, I do. He has had 2 years experience on a friend's (Mr. Bury of Warwick) farm in B. E. A. and he has had on a small home training as his father holds important positions in the County of Warwick, being a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Sheriff.

7. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify him for such an appointment?

7. No, I am not.

8. Is he, as far as you are aware, free from pecuniary embarrassment?

8. He is entirely free.

9. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting the candidate's character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions, particularly as to whether he has shown any special capacity for:

9. He has I understand already had some small experience as an assistant commissioner; his home and school training has been admirable. He had two brothers at Eton and he was one of them at Winchester. None of his brothers are serving at the front and another is a cadet in the Royal Navy. Knowing his character and the good qualities he displays particularly at games at Winchester (he was highest scorer at football) I should say he was eminently fitted for appointment to the Colonial Service.

(a) command of men.

(b) organisation or administration of any kind.

Signature

T. H. Wilson Chitty

Occupation, Professional Qualifications, &c.

Barrister-at-law

14. 1910

Senior principal of Gilson House, Winchester.

Address

48 Queens Gate Gardens
London, S.W.

Date

19th April 1915

District Commission
London

Charles Tomkinson

1871: "Single"

Wichester (19)

sent out to ...
farm a ...

acted as
an appointed District Commi.
temporarily in E. Africa &
was a lieutenant in the
14th Carrier Corps there: we
have no testimonials sent in
by the Governor on his behalf,
but the District Commissioner
under whom he served in EA
reports that he is a ...
responsible ...
... of ...
... the Gov is

was satisfied that he is judged
for his Admin or for his
superior in England speak
very well of him & the
Headmaster of Winchester to
whom I wrote sends quite
a satisfactory account of
him, although he says
that "judged by ordinary
competitive standards he
was not able". He has
applied for E.A., but there
is an urgent demand for
an Admin officer in Zanzibar,
& it is to be hoped that
the Governor will persuade
him to take Zanzibar, if
at first he makes any
difficulties.

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27/4/15

Keppel

22.4.15

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accept.

Harpoon