

The following is an extract of
Sir L. van der Stoep's reply to Sir
G. Riddell dated Jan. 27th

"The young man you refer to was in
my office and we gave him the
letter of reference when he told us
that he intended to apply for some
post, but he did not tell us what
it was. I do not consider him
to be suitable for such a position
as you mention. He is too young
and inexperienced for it, and
besides that, he was not, as far as
I know, doing anything even to do
outside of pure office work."

Mr. Robinson

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When I suppose we must have been
out for an administrative appointment
in tropical Africa -

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Mr. Robinson

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE
CONFIDENTIAL No. 107

REC'D
17 OCT 1915
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

28th October 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your consideration, an application, in original, from Mr W.K. Flemmer for an appointment in the service of this Protectorate, together with copies of supporting certificates.

2. I am not prepared to recommend him for a position in the Administrative Service of this country, which I understand that he desires, both on account of his age and also because I consider it undesirable, for reasons which need not be enlarged on here, that vacancies in our Civil Service should be filled by candidates from South Africa.

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RIGHT HONOURABLE

FRANK LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

3. He appears, however, to be a young man of good character, fine physique, and sound education, and it is possible that you may consider him suitable for employment in some other Colony or Dependency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

H. Lawry Blyden

GOVERNOR.

Application for Colonial

Form to be filled up by the Applicant himself.

Name in full ... *Waldemar Kjedberg Thomsen*
 Date of Application ... *4th September 1915*
 Profession or Occupation ... *Solicitor & Clerk*
 Address ... *Box 3382, Johannesburg, South Africa*

Father's Name ... *Hans Christian Thomsen*
 Profession or Occupation ... *Solicitor*
 Address ... *Decand*

If dead, his Name and Profession should nevertheless be given.

Day and year of birth ... *29th March 1886* Age last birthday ... *29 years*
 Place of birth ... *Steynsburg, Cape Colony*
 Whether single, married or a widower ... *single*
 Number of children ... Sons Aged respectively
 Daughters " "

Education ... *Public School Steynsburg C.C. 1892 - 1898*
St Andrew's College, Grahamstown C.C. 1898
Trinity College Oxford, England 1902

Professional qualifications (if any), and the date at which each was obtained ...
Cape Matriculation Examination 1904
Rhodes Scholarship 1905
Medical Prizes 1905 - 8 (unable to graduate owing to lack of funds)
Trinovaal Law Certificate Exam (Bachelors) June 1915

Employment from completion of education to present time ...
Articles Clerk to Messrs Van Rensburg & Son, Attorneys, Johannesburg
Conveyancing Clerk to Messrs Van Rensburg & Son, Attorneys, Johannesburg, March 1912 to April 1914
Business Clerk to Messrs Kinnear & Co., Attorneys, Johannesburg, April 1914 to present
Deputy Clerk to Messrs Van Rensburg & Son, Attorneys, Johannesburg, August 1915 to present
Salary £22-10/- per month

Appointment desired ...
If you do not apply for a particular appointment, you should state to what Colony you would go, and what is the best salary that you would accept.

They should be responsible persons who know you well, either in private life or in business, and one at least should be well acquainted with you in private life. The names of all stipulated persons should not be given unless you really know you will

John
W. C. ...
Johannesburg

Occupation *Advocate*
2 Name *adv E. L. Brayshaw*
Address *Box 171*
Johannesburg
Occupation *Solicitor*

... reproduction of the writer ... not more than six should be submitted ... and for attention, but they will be returned if their nature is requested and copies are sent with ...

John ... Pelham & Ford, Solicitors
Johannesburg
Webber & Wenzel, Solicitors
Box 222, Johannesburg
... Advocate
27 *... Johannesburg*
... Advocate
... Johannesburg
... Solicitor
Box 2434
... Johannesburg



... & ...
Solicitor

City House,
Harrison Street,
Johannesburg,
Transvaal.

... Salomon Webber,
... Augustus Wentzel,
... Hermann Reiga,
... Rees Salomon.

2nd September 1915

... No. 48
... Box 1098
... Address: "Solon"
... & Broadhall's Codes

The Hon. S. C. Bowring, C.M.G.,
Chief Secretary,
Nairobi,
British East Africa.

Sir,

Mr. V. Flemmer has informed us that he has made an application for a post in your Civil Service.

We have much pleasure in informing you that Mr. Flemmer has been with us for two years, during which time he has been most diligent and given us every satisfaction.

He left our office on his own account to go to Pietersburg. He is a qualified solicitor of this Colony.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd) Webber & Wentzel.

an Hulstede, Feltham & Sons
Attorneys, Notaries & Conveyancers.

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Sir Wm Van Halsteyn
Hill E. Feltham.
P.O. Box

Mercantile Buildings,
Simmends Street,
Johannesburg,
Transvaal.

Telegraphic Address
"Hulsteyn"

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Postal Address, Box 46

3rd September, 1915

The Honourable C.G. Bouring, C.M.G.,
Chief Secretary,
Lairdi.

Sir,

Mr. W.K. Flemmer of this Town informs us that he has made application to you for a post under your Administration and has asked us to give him a testimonial which we understand is required by you.

Mr. Flemmer was in the employ of this firm from the 1st of August 1909 until the 31st of March 1912, during which period he was serving articles in the profession of an Attorney. At the end of March 1912 he left us at his own request with a view to improving his position having been offered a better appointment with some other firm of Attorneys in Johannesburg.
During the period that he was with

with us he gave every satisfaction in his
work and proved himself honest and trust-
-worthy.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

(S) Van Hulsteyn, Feltham, & Ford..

Certified true copy.

Adm
28/10/15

22 Sany's Buildings,
Loveday Street,
Johannesburg.

3/9/15.

The Hon. G. C. Bewring C.M.G.
Chief Secretary
Nairobi.

Dear Sir,

Mr. W. K. Flemmer informs me that he has applied for a Government billet in British East Africa and has asked me to state what I know with regard to his general character. I first met Mr. Flemmer at Oxford in 1906 when we were there together as Rhodes Scholars from South Africa. I knew him there for three years and on our return to S. Africa we both settled in Johannesburg where I have known him continuously. To the best of my knowledge Mr. Flemmer is in every way from the standpoint of character qualified to be a Government Servant. He is a man of perfect integrity and assiduously attentive to any business which he may have in hand.

I am yours faithfully,

(Sd) F. V. Brink. (Advocate)

Certified true copy.

[Handwritten signature]
20/12/15

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Sauer's Buildings
Johannesburg.
3/9/15

The Hon C.C. Bowering C.M.G.
Chief Secretary
Nairobi.

Dear Sir,

I have been requested by Mr. Flemer to place on record a short appreciation of his association with Johannesburg, a task owing to the nature and extent of my intimacy with him, I have much pleasure in performing.

I first met Mr. Flemer in 1910 when he was an articled clerk in the firm of Messrs. Hulsteyn, Feltham & Fry and as to his ability and integrity while he was employed by that firm doubtless you will have received ample and satisfactory evidence from his late employers themselves.

For the rest Mr. Flemer was held in very high regard and his friendship was much appreciated by all those who met and his circle of acquaintances was no small one. Frankly in Johannesburg a sportsman

Sincerely,
[Signature]

slowness to anger, refusal to cherish resentment and dislike of intrigue, his reputation here will always be that of an English gentleman. I am confident that the qualities that gained for Mr. Flemer an enviable reputation here will manifest themselves and compel the same recognition in whatever surroundings he may in the future find himself.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) W. A. Chriss.

Certified true copy.

[Handwritten signature]
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Johannesburg,

Transvaal,

S.A.

2nd September 1915.

The Hon. C. C. Bowering, C.M.G.,

Chief Secretary,

Nairobi.

B.E.A.

Sir,

At the request of Mr. W. K. Flemmer, who I understand has applied for a position in the East African Service, I am writing you this letter.

I have had the pleasure of knowing the gentleman for some 6 or 7 years and owing to the fact that we served Articles of Clerkship to the same firm of Attorneys, I came to know him very intimately.

He is a man of sober habits, is honest, conscientious and a thoroughly reliable and competent worker.

In addition he is a ~~scholar~~ (Oxford) and a ~~scholar~~ Scholar, and I have no hesitation in stating that he is a man who would in my opinion go a long way in anything he undertakes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) E. J. Anderson.

Attorney-at-law, Notary Public & Commissioner of the Supreme Court of S.A. (Transvaal Provincial Division)

Certified true copy.
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