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Impersonation of Dr. J. F. Anderson by  
A. J. Gibson for purposes of fraud.

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1. Subpoena

2. Notice to Mr. Houston to appear at Court of Reserve

3. Court exhibit

4. Extract from Evening World of 24 Oct 32

On Wednesday morning, October 26th, Detective Sergeant MacClements of New Scotland Yard called at the Office and served the attached subpoena on Mr. Robinson. It was subsequently arranged that I should go in Mr. Robinson's place.

I attended the Court yesterday morning and gave evidence in the afternoon. I handed in the original confidential report in No. 36 <sup>as bearing an authentic signature of Dr. A.</sup> on the file of Dr. T.F. Anderson (31120 E.A.) and I also produced, but was not required to hand in, the agreement enclosed in No. 3 on that file.

The story of the case is given in the attached cutting from the Bristol local newspaper. The accused pleaded not guilty and was committed to trial at Bristol Assizes which open on November the 14th. I was warned that my attendance would be necessary.

(out of court)  
The prosecution asked me whether we could not find someone who could testify to the appearance of the real Dr. Anderson and I promised to see what could be done. During the course of my evidence I was unable to swear positively to the fact that the real Dr. Anderson is still in Kenya, and could only express the presumption based on the absence of a report of his having left the Colony. It would be useful therefore to make sure from the Governor that he is in fact still there. Draft telegram herewith, which Mr. Duggan has seen.

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28/10 at

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Tel. to Kya. No. 215, re. no. 28. 10. 32.

6 Governor Bygones Tel 203 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 52.

States Dr. Anderson is in the Colony & gives address of his mother Mrs Anderson.

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Chief Constable, Bristol 7 Nov 52

8 Chief Constable (Kenya) 10.11.52

9 No Chief Constable, Bristol (No. 8 amended) 11.11.52

I attended the Bristol Assizes yesterday. The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four years penal servitude.

Mrs. Anderson (mother of Dr. T.F. Anderson) was present and will send a full account of the proceedings to her son in the Colony. The C.I.D. officer in charge of the case promised to send me a newspaper report which can be attached.

Although the Government of Kenya is interested in the proceedings to the extent

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that false statements were made about its method of recruitment, I hardly think it is necessary to write to the Governor as the matter is unlikely to recur.

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St Andrew

When we get the newspaper report on night curfew sentence of the two

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10 Extract from Western Daily News 6.11.52

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1932.

### FOUR YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

#### Extraordinary Story Told In Bristol.

Mr Justice Einfeld at Bristol today yesterday sentenced Andrew John Gibson (G) to four years' penal servitude on three charges, to which he pleaded guilty, of trying to obtain money by means of forged documents and by false pretences.

Mr Cyril Williams prosecuted, and said that Gibson had tried a very well-worked-out and criminal scheme. A Bristol university lecturer, Hocking, answered an advertisement in a local paper for a chemist in British East Africa. Gibson, the prisoner called at Hocking's house and presented a visiting card, which he had had printed, himself to be Dr Anderson, who was an existing person, the Government medical officer in Kenya Colony. He said he was in England to appoint a man as chemist and inspector of mines for the Government.

"He produced printed forms bearing the Royal Arms," said Mr Williams, "and other documents as evidence of his authority. Had not Hocking become suspicious and delayed matters, Gibson would have had £50 from him, as he told Hocking he would have to pay his own passage out to cause. He explained other men whom passages the Government had paid out had not taken up the post."

Making inquiries, Hocking had found that the real Dr Anderson was not in England.

"Judging from the last," said counsel, "that no fewer than 25 francs of agreement were printed, it looks as though the activities of Gibson were not intended to end with Hocking."

When arrested, Gibson said to the police: "That is the end of the piece."

#### A Black Record.

Chief Det-Inspr Wood said Gibson had one conviction in England, of forgery serving seven years' penal servitude. There were several charges outstanding against him. He had endeavored to get money by producing drafts purporting to be on the Bank of Australia, and had obtained £100 from an Ulster bank by means of forgery. He admitted a series of offences at South Shields and had forged bank certificates by which he tried to obtain £1,000 on the Montreal Bank of Canada. (Inspr Wood said that Gibson was a married man and produced copies of primary evidence in court.)

In making comment, his lordship referred to Gibson's offence as a "most heinous and a most audacious offence of fraud."

"I see nothing, eight years ago, which can be said to justify any leniency, and the very lowest sentence I can pass, consistent with my duty, is four years' penal servitude," he said.

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C. O.

~~Mr. Justice~~ 11/12/32  
~~Mr.~~  
~~Mr.~~  
Mr. Tomlinson.

To go today

~~Mr. Balfour~~

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. D. E. of S.

Secretary of State.

11. Nov 1932

Sir

DRAFT.

~~Handwritten note~~  
Dinitz

I am cc. to adv. the  
rest of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Nov. and to inform you  
that Mr R. B. Justice has been  
duly warned to ~~present~~ be  
in attendance at the Assize  
Court, Broad St., Bristol  
at 10-30 am on Monday  
the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. for the purpose  
of giving evidence at the trial

Return pp. to me by  
tomorrow (Sat.).  
L.S.

of Andrew John Gyles, a Member.

H. V. Allen

S.P.

ALL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED CHIEF CONSTABLE BRISTOL

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TELEPHONE BRISTOL 2321



CENTRAL POLICE OFFICE  
BRISTOL

Crim. Investn. DEPARTMENT

11 November, 1932.

RECEIVED  
ANSWED

P.C. not read  
in this case

Sir,

Re Andrew John Gibbons, an ANTI-SOVIET.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 10311/32, of the 5th instant, respecting this case, and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I am in communication with the Metropolitan Police with a view of securing the attendance of Mr. J. M. Anderson's father or other relative at the trial, at the Assize Court, Bristol.

I shall be obliged if you will inform your Mr. Leslie Brian Freeston, Principal Clerk, of "Seven Kings" Court, Bristol, who attended Police Court here on the 11th instant, that he is attendance at the Assize Court, Great Street, Bristol, at 11.15 a.m. on Monday the 14th. instant, to give evidence at the trial of the accused. Kindly let me know by return that Mr. Freeston has been warned.

Your obedient servant,

G. Mabry,  
Chief Constable.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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- Mr. Austin 3/11
- Mr. Duncan 4/11/32
- Mr. Allen 4/11

- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
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Sir

The Chief Constable  
 Broadwell St.  
 Bristol

I am sorry to refer to the <sup>which was heard</sup> ~~case~~ at the Bristol Police Court on the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. case of Andrew John Gibson and in the course of which evidence was tendered by a representative of this Office. As a result of enquiries which have been made from the Government of Kenya, it has been ascertained that Dr. Theodore Farnworth Anderson, whom the accused is alleged to have imprisoned in this country, has in fact been resident

in Kenya continuously <sup>since</sup> from the 21<sup>st</sup> October  
1930. The Bureau suggests  
that ~~it~~ should evidence be derived  
as to the personal appearance of  
Dr T. F. Anderson, it may be  
obtained from his mother, Mrs.  
Anderson, whose address is given  
as Great Glen, Leicestershire

(Signed) H. T. ALLEN

OFFICE FOR REGISTRAR

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- 3 NOV 1932

TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 3rd November.

(Received Colonial Office 2.55 p.m. 3rd November 1932)

No. 203.

No 5

Your telegram No. 218 (a) person named is  
in Colony and has been here since return from leave  
24th October 1930. (b) Mother Mrs. Anderson, Great  
Glens, Leicestershire.

C. O.

Mr. Freeston.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Mr. C. Bostonley.

Mr. J. Shackburgh.

Mr. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

**DRAFT.** tel.

GOVERNOR

NAIROBI.

*28/10 return*  
*Answered by Nob*  
*1752*

*Coded + sent*  
*H. 15 pm.*  
*28/10/32*  
*Att*

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No 218. Case will be heard at

Writal Assizes November 11th involving  
impersonation by accused Mr. T. F.  
Anderson see your despatch 12 September,  
1930 No. 564. Please telegraph:

- (a) Whether person named is now in  
the Colony and how long he has been  
there *continuously*
- (b) name and address of anyone  
in this country who might be called  
on to testify to his personal appearance,  
Anderson may be assured that his  
personal interests are in no way  
affected.

cc:cc.

Extract from 'Evening World' of 27 October 32

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# ALLEGED OFFER OF A

## £900 POST TO A DOCTOR

### CHEMISTS FOR KENYA

## ROYAL ARMS ON AGREEMENT

**REMARKABLE** allegations were made at the Bristol Police Court to-day against a man who was alleged to have attempted to obtain money by posing as a Government doctor in Kenya, and to have committed forgery.

Andrew John Gibson, aged 63, was accused of attempting to obtain £100 by false pretences from Dr. Hockin, and there were two charges of forgery.

A dramatic meeting between Gibson and a detective officer was described.

It was stated that when Detective-Sergeant F. Carter told Gibson that he would have to accompany him to the Bridewell, Gibson said: "You are going to make inquiries about me. I will say you will not be disappointed—it is all over; it is the end of the piece."

Mr. T. J. Urwin, for the police, said that if the Bench thought there was a prima-facie case he would ask for Gibson to be committed for trial. Gibson, he said, was charged with attempting to obtain £100 by false pretences, and there were two charges of forgery.

### CASE COMPLICATED

The case was a very complicated one, and Gibson appeared to have tried to commit a most ingenious fraud.

In the first place, he said, Gibson inserted an advertisement in a local morning paper for fully qualified chemists for posts in East Africa.

Dr. Hockin, who had qualified at Bristol University, replied, and within a day or two prisoner called at his house and introduced himself as Dr. Andrew, M.B., B.Ch., and described himself as the Government Medical Officer of Kenya Colony and Chief Inspector of Mines under the Government.

He said Dr. Hockin that he was in England for the purpose of appointing Government Chemists of salaries of £200 a year, stating he was 25 a year to £100, and there were

The matter was discussed, and he said he had written a post and would have a letter made up for him to be suitable.

### ALLEGED APPOINTMENT

A few days later he wrote to Dr. Hockin's house and said he had decided on him to take the post, and they proceeded to discuss arrangements for Dr. Hockin to go out to Kenya.

He said he would have passage money amounting to £100. Would require another immediate proceeds when Kenya Colony.

Dr. Hockin at first said it was most unusual, and pointed out that was the custom to be paid to pay the passage money. Gibson replied that the Government had had so many experiences of appointments that they had decided to pay the passage money. They had decided that the man would have to pay their own salary, in Kenya.

Gibson added that he would require to get a doctor's certificate, health and birth certificate, and left saying he would be back in Dr. Hockin's.

### PAY WARRANT

Two days later Dr. Hockin received a letter from Gibson saying he had to appoint him to the post.

In the matter of the post of the Government Medical Officer of Kenya Colony, Dr. Hockin was given the impression that your presence in the colony was necessary for the purpose of the Government Medical Officer of Kenya Colony.

Dr. Hockin was a leading Bristol University graduate, and had been a member of the Government Medical Officer of Kenya Colony.

He returned to the colony and was appointed to the post of the Government Medical Officer of Kenya Colony. The arrangements were made for the Government Medical Officer of Kenya Colony to be paid the salary of £200 a year.

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Case Printed in

GOVERNMENT OF KENYA COLONY.



Department of Mines.

Memorandum of Agreement

made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_  
between \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
the Government of KENYA COLONY (through its Special Commissioner, THEODORE FARNWORTH  
ANDERSON, Esq., M.B., etc.) whose every act in making the Appointment hereinafter mentioned will be  
ratified by this Government, of the one part, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the other part.  
The said party of the first part engages and contracts with the said \_\_\_\_\_  
as follows:

This Agreement to remain in force for a period of three years from the date hereof subject to renewal for a further period of seven years unless the party of the second part shall give three months notice in writing to the party of the first part of his intention not to renew this Agreement, in witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands the date abovesaid in the presence of

} WITNESS

Signed by me  
for and on behalf of the GOVERNMENT of KENYA COLONY.

at Special Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF MINES,  
GOVERNMENT OF KENYA COLONY,

NAIROBI,  
Eastern East Africa.

**Memorandum**

**of  
Agreement**

DATED

SIGNED

The Comptroller of Kenya Colony,  
Mines Department

AND

BY THE

W. LARWOOD, District, 20, Nairobi Street,  
Citizen, District

RECEIVED  
Mines Department  
NAIROBI  
1952

DEPARTMENT OF MINES,  
GOVERNMENT OF KENYA COLONY,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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# Memorandum

## of Agreement

DATED

BETWEEN

The Government of Kenya Colony  
Mines Department

AND

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No. 920

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ASSIZES.

City and County  
of Bristol,  
TO WIT,

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TAKE NOTICE, that you *Leslie Brian Freeston*  
of *Seven Elms, Mayfield Drive,*  
*Pinner, Middlesex* ~~in the said City~~

~~and County~~ are bound in the sum of Twenty Pounds to appear  
at the next Court of Assize, in and for the City and County of  
Bristol, to be holden at the GUILDHALL, in the City of Bristol,  
and then and there give Evidence against

*Arthur John Gibson*

and unless you then appear there, and give Evidence accordingly,  
and unless you comply in all respects with the requirements of any  
notice you may receive relating to the said recognizance, the said  
recognizance entered into by you will be forthwith levied on you.

Dated this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 19*82*  
at the Petty Sessional Court House, Bridewell Street, in the said  
City and County.

*G. Jacobus Hunt*

Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Bristol.



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IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL.

TO ~~Samuel~~ Robertson,

Acting Principal Clerk,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, London.

*in the City and County of Bristol.*

Andrew John Gibson

Force,

has been charged by **Sergeant Frederick Carter**, C.I.D., Bristol Police  
for that he, ~~on the~~ <sup>during</sup> ~~on the~~ <sup>September</sup> ~~on the~~ <sup>day of</sup> and October 1932

within the City and County aforesaid, unlawfully ~~and~~ and knowingly by  
certain false pretences did attempt to obtain of and from  
Leslie Ernest Harkin the sum of £100, his monies, with  
intent to cheat and defraud.

Contrary to the Statute in such case made and provided

And it appearing to me by the Oath of **Sergeant Frederick Carter**  
that you are likely to give material Evidence therein on behalf of the  
Informant, ~~Defendant~~ and will not voluntarily appear for that purpose

You are Therefore hereby summoned to appear before the Court of  
Summary Jurisdiction, sitting at the Petty Sessional Court House, Bridewell  
Street, in the said City and County, on **Thursday**, the **27th.**  
day of **October** 1932 at the hour of **Eleven in the**  
**Forenoon**, to testify what you know in such matter and to produce to the  
Court, ~~books, plans, papers, documents, articles, goods and things likely to be~~  
~~material evidence, bearing on the said charge, and especially~~ the signature  
of **Dr. Theodore Farnworth Anderson**, Medical Officer to the  
Governor of Kenya.

Dated the **24th.** day of **October** 1932

*E. Brockley*



*Justice of the Peace for the City and County aforesaid*

Summary Jurisdiction—Summons.—Witness.