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COLONIAL SECRETARY.

APPOINTMENT OF-

Previous

Subsequent

USE THIS SIDE OF THE SHEET

1. Tel to Sir E. Grigg. ----- 9 August 1928
2. Tel to Governor Nigeria. ----- 9 August 1928
3. Tel. from Sir E. Grigg ----- 9 August 1928

As already you

you saw ~~me~~ at once Sir E. Grigg's telegram. But we sent yesterday, as instructed, the telegram to Nigeria offering the appointment of Colonial Secretary Kenya to Mr. Moore. The Post. is therefore committed. If, of course, Mr. Moore refuses the position could be further considered. Pending reply from Nigeria, you will not wish to send any answer to Sir E. Grigg? It would be a pity to do so & then find that after all (for personal reason, perhaps) Mr. Moore was not accepting the offer. But if we hear that Mr. Moore accepts, possibly a reply as in off. hands would be suitable?

all papers

OTO

10.9.28

1881-9
Sir J. Shackleton
Mr. Ormsby Gore.

I quite agree this telegram
as amended should go if
Mr. Moore accepts. And then
I think a copy of Sir E. Grigg's
telegram and our reply should
be sent by the p.s. to Mr. Amory
in Stockholm.

X
Done
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13/8

at once
1009. 11. 8. 28.

Mr. Moore has accepted -
See P.O. of Mr. Ormsby
attached.

Send Mr. P.O. to Mr. W.
Mr. Paghin for X

all
13. 8. 28
alone

11 Tel to Gen Kya P.O. — 13 Aug 1928

Hand Mr. Ormsby's letter

Mr. Machtig and I have prepared the
accompanying draft telegram for your consideration.

If Sir E. Grigg had been in this country
when the vacancy vice Sir E. Denham had to be
filled, he would no doubt have been consulted as
Sir Robert Coryndon was consulted at the time of
Sir E. Denham's selection. He would in that case
have been shown the Confidential Reports about
the officer put forward for the post and we think
therefore that we might telegraph to him privately,
a summary of Mr. Moore's Confidential Reports,
in reply to his request for more detailed information
than is given in the C.O. List.

We have omitted in the draft telegram any
reference to that part of his telegram which deals
with "the West African School"; it could of course
be pointed out that Mr. Moore has been only four
years in West Africa out of a total career of 18
years. This will be obvious from his biography
in the C.O. List and in any case it seems better to
avoid further argument.

As regards Mr. Maxwell, the papers about
previous endeavours to transfer him from Kenya are
attached, and we think the case is fully known to
you. The appointment of Mr. Jardine to be Chief
Secretary, Tanganyika, has been approved but the
action on the file below is being held up for the
moment in view of this telegram. It seems clear,
however, that Mr. Maxwell would not be suitable for
the post of Chief Secretary in Tanganyika. The
question

question of finding him other employment will
no doubt be considered as opportunities
arise.

Further note made
in Plans Box
11/15/28
Aug 29.

acc. Parkinson

10.8.28

Emmott

19/8/28

21.13/28

? mention (1) His degree at Cambridge
(2) His military service
otherwise the telegram is excellent

at me

Wtly 20.8.28

[Mr Hunter has noted
the references to
Maxwell.]

(1) The fact that he is B.A. County
is shown in his C.O.E. list
biography we cannot find
any further details - v. affir
discussion with Mr. [unclear]
we have thought best not
to refer to this in the [unclear]

(2) Add " made to [unclear] - partic
as to service cannot be given, all this
is apparent from [unclear]
company. that he
was in Salonica &
with R.F.F. in France

He was gazetted 2^o Lieut,
S.A.C. R.F.F. 17 Sept 1916
& demobilised 13 Jan 1919
but these dates are not the [unclear]
with [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear]

21.8.28

Extract from personal letter
from [unclear] 1.7.28 attached
I have also had a letter from 4
Mr [unclear] welcoming [unclear]
I was making me to tell
him, when I see him, that
Mr [unclear] will be very glad
to give him any sort of info
he can. He has already
sent me [unclear] a description
of Col. [unclear] house in
Yaroslav.

Put by

acc. Parkinson

2.10.28

Mr [unclear]

Will you please show the extract to

Mr [unclear] [unclear]

Wtly 3.10.28

seen 2.10.28

Put by. acc.

2.10.28

above

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27/6/28
copy

11
16/11/28 copy

seen [unclear]

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11/5/28

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EXTRACT FROM PERSONAL LETTER FROM MR. E. A. T. DUTTON
TO MR. BOTTOMLEY DATED 1st SEPTEMBER, 1928.

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I was in Nairobi when telegrams were being exchanged about the new Colonial Secretary. When I got down here I found people rather worried as to what was going to happen. I hope you will not think, however, that Martin is upset. He, as Parkinson^X pointed out, has much to be congratulated upon, and he realises to the full that before he could possibly expect anything else to come along, the Colonial Office want to see what kind of a show he will make in his present acting appointment. For that reason, he thinks himself particularly lucky to have the chance of acting for so long. You will find that people will play the game by Moore when he arrives.

x This was a post-script to a s-o letter in which I took the opportunity to congratulate him on C.B.E. and other things: but it was written before Mr. Moore was selected and it made no reference to the appointment of a new Colonial Secretary.

A.C.O.P.
28.9.28.

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Mr. Parkinson. } 18.8.4

Mr. ~~Wadhwa~~ }
Mr. ~~Wadhwa~~ }

Mr. E. J. Harding.

Sir C. Strachey.

X Sir J. Skelton. 18/8/4

Sir G. G. G. G.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir S. Wilson.

X Mr. Ormsby Gore see minute 20.8.48

Lord Lugard

Mr. Amery. *Ormsby*

*all in it
already*

DRAFT TELEGRAM.

CONF. CODE.

Grigg,

Nairobi,

Thane
PRIVATE AND PERSONAL

Your Private and Personal telegram

17th August I hope that the following ^{confidential} statement which summarizes information

in my possession about Moore may be of assistance to you. While in Ceylon

Moore was described as most promising of the younger members of Civil Service

with good judgment and ideas. In Bermuda he gave ^{decided} ~~abiding~~ proof of ability

tact energy ^{he} ~~he~~ was liked by all with whom he came in contact and proved

a most valuable Colonial Secretary in every way full of energy resource and

practical common sense. The last report from Bermuda emphasises his tact which

in peculiar circumstances obtaining in

Bermuda was specially valuable. In

Nigeria he ^{has been} ~~was~~ described as having sound Secretariat training with good grasp.

/of

*Reciev. at once
to Mr. Wadhwa
ref. app. of
C. J. / P. T. all*

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Secretary and the fact that he ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{well} ~~is~~
well in Legislative Council was specially
mentioned. Latest report described
him as a very able and sound officer of
high character well fitted for promotion
as Colonial Secretary in an important
colony. You will thus see that all
officers under whom he has served including
Graeme Thomson and Manning in Ceylon
Willocks and Asser in Bermuda and
Clifford ~~Riddley~~ and Graeme Thomson
in Nigeria are unanimous in their high
commendation of Moore. I may add that he served in War
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some years been under consideration.
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now say but I am sorry that it would not
be possible to consider him for the
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AMERY

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(Donham)

RE LETTER from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Dated 17th August.

(Received, Colonial Office, 10.16 a.m., 17th August, 1928).

PRIVATE AND PERSONAL. 17th August. Leader of the Elected Members of the Council has approached me privately on their behalf regarding the appointment of the new Colonial Secretary. He said that in view of the special difficulties and responsibilities attaching to this post in Kenya Donham was known to have been given wide range of choice when Donham was appointed and he assumed that I should be given equal latitude. He therefore trusted that he might without impropriety express the hope that an officer would be appointed who was already familiar with the Colony. He thought this especially important in view of the very difficult questions which the Government might have to handle next year. I said that the appointment lay with you and that I would inform you privately of what he had said.

Above was just being despatched when your private and personal telegram of 13th August arrived. I said it now only because I undertook to do so and because it explains my anxiety to warn you as to feeling in the Colony. You are I think unjust in your observations on that subject. People here have good grounds to assume from recent experience that officers of the West African School find difficulty in getting on to reasonable terms with a white settler community and I do not see how they can fairly be blamed for wishing to become avoid extra complications of that kind in critical period of their history.

I say this in justice to people who have unquestionably shown real imperial spirit during a very trying year. But now that the matter is settled I shall of course do my utmost to counter any such feeling and to make the people welcome the appointment. None can count on my identifying myself unreservedly with the appointment and backing

him

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him up in every way. But I shall be grateful if you can help me out by telegraphing me something more about him. Everyone will assume that I, like Coryndon, was consulted in advance and it will be embarrassing to know no more about him than the newspapers can call from Colonial Office List.

There will be difficulties with Maxwell who is very senior to him and whose position in hierarchy is very anomalous. He accepted Martin's acting appointment on account of his superior knowledge of all sides of the Seychelles Colony's life but he will feel that Moore's appointment very much. He wants promotion and has asked me to recommend him for Scott's post in Tanganyika. Maxwell is admirable in many ways and efficient Secretariat man with a high sense of duty and a thorough knowledge of the ropes. His weakness is that he prefers dealing with papers to dealing with men and that constructive work of new country is not in his line. I feel that he has had hard luck in his appointment to a post here which does not suit him. Failing Tanganyika is there a chance for him in Mauritius. He would welcome the second failing the first. ~~I press this~~

I press this not only on Maxwell's but on Moore's behalf.

The Secretariat here is still badly organised in spite of closer liaison with the Native Affairs Department. Delays and oversights are constant. Heads of Departments and administration generally are yearning for reform. I went carefully over the Der-ee-Salaam Secretariat on my way out last year and was greatly impressed by its system and efficiency. I am sure that the Nigerian model is sound but Moore will have no chance of introducing it and making service happy unless the Chief Native Commissioner is replaced by a Secretary for Native Affairs who should like Huxford or Doherty well known to administrative officers and intimate both with Swahili and Kenya tribes.

GRICE.

Case, sent 13/8
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Mr. *act w. & r*
Mr. *(see memo)*
Mr.

Mr. Bottomley.

13 August.

Sir E. Harding.

Private and Personal.

Sir J. Shackleton.

Sir G. Grindle.

I was already committed when

Sir C. Davis.

Sir S. Wilson.

I received your personal telegram

Mr. Ormsby-Gore. *at nice 10/4/48*

of the 9th August and I could not

Lord Lovat.

have withdrawn the offer to

Mr. Amery.

~~Private~~

DRAFT TELEGRAM

Moore who has in fact now

Confidential Code.

(I gave the matter most careful consideration)

accepted. I ~~note~~ ^{know} that Martin

Grigg.

has been doing well and naturally

Nairobi.

I am sorry if the selection of an

officer from outside Kenya is

going to cause you any temporary

difficulty but I should not like

to depart from the established

practice of looking round the

whole Colonial Service when

senior appointments of this kind

have to be filled and I am bound

to say that I think it was best

to

to go outside the Colony for a

man in this case. In any event *and I took special trouble to select a man with the qualities which you yourself*

I think Moore has ^{far} stronger *told me were most needed in Darbair's successor.*

claims to ~~the~~ preferment than

Martin. I did not set out his

~~record~~ in my personal telegram to

you but you will see from his

biography in Colonial Office list

that he had varied experience in

Guyana and as Colonial Secretary of

Bermuda before going to Nigeria.

I am particularly disturbed by your

statement that he will have much

opposition and suspicion to overcome

on account of his coming from the

West Coast. It would be intolerable

that exception should be taken to a *very able*

Colonial official with a fine record

part of his career
because he has served on the West

Coast. I know that I can rely upon

you personally to back him up as your

second-in-command and quite apart

from the unfairness to Moore himself if
he is met with opposition and suspicion
~~which is not to be expected~~

I sincerely hope that no one in Kenya
will give a handle to those who are
only too ready to attack the

Administration and the settlers by

displaying ~~any~~ hostility towards him in
the way which you seem to anticipate

I will advise you officially
of Moore's appointment very shortly.

Amery

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TELEGRAM from Mr E. Grigg to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 9th August.

(Received, Colonial Office, 5.48 p.m., 9th August, 1928).

URGENT.

9th August. Very glad to hear Denham has accepted Gambia. With regard to successor I am ready to believe all you say about Meere but beg you to realize that a complete stranger to Kenya and East African conditions cannot possibly be any help to me for some months to come and that he will have much opposition and suspicion to overcome on account of coming from the West Coast. I already have many difficulties on my hands that I shudder at the prospect of having in addition a man without any previous experience of community like this as my Colonial Secretary and Deputy if I go home. Martin is doing admirably in acting capacity and commands widespread confidence as witness his handling of the Indian question. He is moreover very popular with the Civil Service and there would be great satisfaction if appointment were given to someone already in the service here. I do not feel able to recommend him definitely until I have seen how he handles the Legislative Council this month and preparation of 1928 estimates but I urge you most strongly to hold appointment open till I can report definitely on his fitness. I think I am entitled to ask that I should be consulted before anything definite is done and I beg you to realize that Officers from the West Coast are a speculative investment here. A month will suffice and the matter is of such vital importance to me that I am sure you will concur.

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

(Sent 2.45 p.m. 9th August, 1928.)

Please offer appointment as Colonial Secretary
Kenya to Moore. Salary £2200 and usual East African
conditions as to leave, passages, quarters, pension. Post
will probably not be vacant till about end of October.
As I wish to issue announcement soon please telegraph whether
he accepts and if so when he could conveniently come home
prior to taking up new appointment. Baddelay returning
by boat of 12th September but may require extension of
leave till 26th September.

TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
the Governor Grigg, Nairobi.

(Sent 10.20 a.m. 9th August, 1928.)

9th August, 1928. Personal.

The King has approved the appointment of Denham as
Governor and Commander in Chief of the Gambia. This will
not be published until morning papers of 10th August but
I am sending you this in advance for your own information
only. I am offering appointment as Colonial Secretary
Kenya to Moore Deputy Chief Secretary Nigeria. Moore is a
very capable man who would I believe be able to hold down
this difficult job and I am sure that on the personal side
you would find both him and his wife delightful.