

1930

Kenya

No. 16343

SUBJECT

CO 533/403

Personal Staff for

Sir J. Byrne.

Previous

Subsequent

3176/33.

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Railway funds as S.A.D.C. to the Governor qua High Commissioner for Transport, and that there were such other A.D.C.s (paid by Sir E. Grigg) as Sir E. Grigg wished: the staff list shows two such extra posts, but at present only one is filled (Captain C. Harford, Coldstream Guards) and an allowance of £50 p.a. has been drawn by <sup>Capt. Harford</sup> ~~that Aide de Camp~~ from Railway funds as Aide de Camp to Governor qua High Commissioner for Transport.

Major Miles is now reverting to his own job: Captain Harford is staying on as A.D.C. to Mr. Moore, and we know from No. 9 in 32673 E.A. that Captain Harford might be available and willing to stay on with Sir J. Byrne if required. I hope that that can be arranged, as Major Dutton tells me that Captain Harford is much the best A.D.C. there has been at Nairobi (not counting Major Miles).

It is rather difficult to know how to proceed at the moment; and it is doubtful whether Sir E. Grigg on this particular point will be a very wise guide to Sir J. Byrne.

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In order to get things cleared up for discussion with Sir J. Byrne when he arrives, I think a telegram might be sent to Mr. Moore as in draft herewith.

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Meanwhile the Private Secretary (Appts.) would be looking up possible names in his list

for

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for Private Secretary on the assumption that £450 + £150 allowance will be available as his emoluments (of course, non-pensionable).

It may also be for consideration whether in this case a C.O. Assistant Principal should be seconded as Private Secretary for the first 2 years, say, of Sir J. Byrne's term: but we can await Major Purse's list before raising this?

The post of Private Secretary at Government House, Nairobi, is not too easy to fill satisfactorily and the Governor needs a man who (in addition to social qualifications) has self-reliance and "savoir faire", not to mention industry and boundless tact! (I feel sure from what I have seen of him that there would be no point in considering for this post a man like Mr. Sullivan who was Private Secretary to Sir C. Hollis for a short time in Zanzibar and is now on our 'books').

so3 Establishment

*All Parkers*  
P. 11-30  
I think that Miss A. R. Jamison, late Secy, High Finance Committee, might possibly like to be considered. She is not looking for full employment. Mr. Whiskard agrees that he might do very well. His being married may rule him out. But former rule out married candidates, such as this, but there are exceptions. Mr. Whiskard says that Mrs. Jamison is a clever attractive woman. Mr. Whiskard is not so keen to endorse that Sir Joseph Byrne knew Miss Jamison.

Apart from Miss Jamison, by far the best candidate on books appears to be Miss T.C. Wells

AP/15 14831

This is just the sort of post he was looking for a year ago so it might well attract him. Will look out for other

Contra July 10. 11.30

Swiss H. tel. + receive.

10/11 11.30

2 To Gov. W. P.P. com 11 Nov. 30

3 6th Lt (Hon. & Award) \_\_\_\_\_ 13 months.  
State estimate 731 pounds 250 for PS and 2200  
for 280 car lashing posts, provide 280 towards  
cost of Lt Com's staff consider 280 sufficient  
for Lt J. Byrne provided he takes 275. Bedford  
has not much to remark, state as to allocation  
of other calculations.

Private Secretary

Salary £450 + £150 from  
allowance funds.

Major Dunsin's candidature will  
be recommended to Government  
with Sir J. Byrne, when  
he arrives.

2000 Quite sure that for this  
post a man of some  
experience is required -  
30 years old at least.

Apart from  
the question as  
to the suitability  
of the post,  
we have no  
one who could  
reasonably be  
found at  
present

J. J. J. J.  
17/11

Aide de Camp.

I am glad to see that Wallace  
thinks that Sir J. Byrne can  
do with one, at any rate.  
To start with; but it is a  
 pity that Capt. Harford will  
not stay. As a pay  
I agree entirely, and I think  
his pay be regarded as  
£400 + such allowance for  
railway funds as the  
men's position justifies  
not exceeding £200.

I do not know if Major  
Dunsin has any men  
on his books suitable for  
this; but it is for you  
whether Major S. P. H. Pardee  
implies not be a good  
choice; if he is willing to  
be considered: present  
address - Hill House,  
Caulthorpe, Barmby-le-Regis  
He is married & has, I believe

one or two children. He  
commanded the 4/3<sup>rd</sup> Batta<sup>n</sup>;  
K.A.F., when I was in  
S. Africa; a very nice  
fellow; and my recollection  
is that the Commandant  
was well content with  
the way he ran that  
Training Battalion. He had  
laid in Kenya, but had to  
give it up & took on  
as manager for his Neville  
Pearson; his Neville has  
electrically closed down,  
unable to see why he had  
grown wiser at a sheer  
loss, and Major Pardee  
is without employment.

I have today heard from  
him that he has decided  
not to return to Kenya,  
but if he had this appl.  
approved, he might  
well jump at it. And  
it is not unlikely that  
the appl. of a 'local'  
man as aide de camp  
might be welcomed  
by the officials in  
Kenya and help

Hi J. Byrnes: on the other

hand, there are, I suppose,  
possible objections; and  
I am not clear what would  
happen to Mrs. Pardee & the  
family.

I wd. like to know whether  
I am authorized to ask  
Major Pardee if he would  
like to be considered  
with others, whose names  
will be brought to his Byrnes  
notice? This is urgent,  
as I know that he is  
just about to arrange to  
sell up his belongings in  
Kenya.

Date of Sir J. Byrnes's arrival

We know that his idea is  
to leave as soon as possible  
after 15 Jan<sup>y</sup>, when  
Sir E. Sigg's leave ends,  
and no one else could be  
so told in reply to this  
telegram provisionally?

All Parkman  
15.11.30

As to the P. D. C., we saw me a two-pronged beetle  
in air, but I can see no possible harm in  
sending Major Pardee (Whelan is all right about  
him). It is only very rarely that from a well  
conducted married couple for what, as A. D. C.  
since the rather necessary done case

In which the officer John Chancellors-  
staff was ordered not long ago, most  
probable are, if possible, ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> likely  
married of A. D. C. who purpose to leave their  
wives at home than officers who purpose  
taking their wives out with them! It might  
be well to warn Major Pardoe that his  
being married may be a bar?

July 17. 11.30

By all means let Major Pardoe  
apply if he likes

A. Sturges

2/14

So proceed. As A.D.C.'s wife might  
be useful at Kaniha (now that the  
housekeeper has gone), but if  
the chief man can't be left at home  
that seems to follow.

W.C.S. 18/11/30

Copy of letter to Major Pardoe  
attached.

Dpt. Secy. beneath

All Parkes

Later, at Sir Bygones see:

18. 11. 30

We have used his name freely.

Wed. 18th

H. To Gov. Gen. Private & Personal (Dated) - 18/11/30

5. Major Pardoe % 19 November  
unable to accept app. as A.D.C. to Sir J. Bygones,  
for reasons stated.

Major Pardoe

When this disposed of Major  
Pardoe as A.D.C. you  
will have to look out for  
someone for Sir J. Bygones.

All Parkes  
20. 11. 30

Capitain

Town

A. Sturges

2/11

See. As to A.D.C. Col. Driffen (450.) is getting  
some fresh names from Comdants; the  
C.O. A.B. have suggested a candidate - Lt. Acker -  
who is completing a P.

As to P.S. I have written to the Orders & Campaign  
Board, but have at present no secret  
Major Clinton Wells & Major A.R. Jamieson  
to suggest. July 25. 11.30

(Pl. see Sir C. Battersley's minute of 15. 11.)

Sir C. Battersley

Little - No action till  
Sir J. Bygones arrives.

His. Wilson has got a...

Sir J. Bygones  
has arrived

reference to the  
whether any further  
action is present

29/6/30  
28/6/30

W.C.S. 25. 11. 30  
All Parkes  
28. 11. 30

P.T.O.

being ~~fast~~ ~~acting~~  
You are dealing now  
with all this?

acep

10.12.30

Yes. I think that Sir Joseph Payne  
will take some time to <sup>P.S.</sup> ~~take~~ ~~take~~ ~~take~~  
bring the next few days, maybe better  
recommended as the result of letters which  
have been sent out by me at this time.  
In regard to A.D.C. I have received  
several of these suggested by the W.O. &  
my the cables. After that  
in regard to the letter in the time

Jubly 10/12

~~copy to~~

I think you  
had better keep our file  
until you can report  
republic matter.

acep

12.12.30

I arranged today with  
Sir J. Payne to send him  
as in 1930. I think  
about Harford as A.D.C.  
Sir J. Payne fully realizes  
that if he takes on Harford  
for 12 months, he must  
have a clear understanding

with Sir J. Payne as to cost of  
Harford's passage home.  
he will propose to offer a pay  
50% of it.

acep

12.12.30

To you tel. com. - 12/12/30

~~DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE~~

To you tel. Personal com.

18 Dec 30

8  
18 December  
State Harford willing to for 6 months if permission can be obtained  
I met the (Mr. 3675) & I have  
now send him a copy.

wait - but keep file handy  
for immediate use.

acep

12.12.30

atms

Dfo Harford as requested  
today by Sir J. Payne.

acep

12.12.30

atms

Copy to registered  
in file 32673 H.A.  
(Harford)

Copy to B.H.  
on 22673 E.A.  
Leland

9 To G.A.C. Tel - 8. and 31/12/30

P.T.O.

10 To Gov. tel. 21

16 January '31

11 Gov. tel. 24 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 January  
Reports is arranging for a temporary ADC. for  
business, probably an officer of U.A.R.

? party

C. J. Eastwood

20.1.31

No objection to a KAR man, if  
purely temporary. Please Sir?

Some does not approve of detailing

KAR officers to such duties

Effect temporary to meet an  
emergency.

Leave force might see

as he is looking for the

permanent man.

AMK/ea

20.1.31

might pass

Please refer to me

all P 21.1.31

X 20

Account in the works: meanwhile

to use as aid delcamp  
all P 22.1.31

Mr. Keeton

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Please see Mr. Parkinson's minute of

22/1/31

Shoni

19/2/31

12 Gov. tel. 55 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 February  
Proposes to allocate £150 to P.S. for railway fund  
allocation of £400; consider £400 pd. voted by colony  
sufficient for ADC., but if a civilian man is  
appointed will allot £100 from railway fund

Capt. Stobbs

This is satisfactory.

We might reply on in spirit

all Parkinson  
20.2.31

July 21.2.31

all R  
23.2.31

above

23/2/31

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

20.60 to General Kanga

Mr. Keeton

See us to 13: any action to be taken

a selection of ADC please.

Shoni

19/3/31

See now to 14.

Shoni

19/3/31

P.T.O.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

10 March  
1931  
Res: tel. 19  
request information as to position in use  
be conveyed by telegraph.

Capacity

Can you please say what  
is the position?

Plantain

10-3-31.

Am extracting a Lt. Commander C.R. Thompson  
R.N. to call & see me in a day or two. (I wrote  
to him to do so yesterday.) He is very  
strongly recommended by Sir Roger Keyes,  
Admiral Nasmyth & others & looks a - n. paper.  
ideal.

Word since we hope to recommend  
someone in a few days a boy n. say,  
Thursday 16th, by which time Capt. Thomson  
sh. have called.

(I will let Mr. Parkinson know when he is calling in  
and he wd. like to hear - talk to him.)

Sincerely  
11.3.31

2 ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~?~~ ~~tel~~ ~~as~~ ~~in~~ ~~Office~~

Plantain

13.3.31

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

15 Tel Gov Kenya No 9th 14 Mar 31  
1931 (No 14 Ann)  
all P  
13.3.31 above

16 Tel to Gov Kenya 19.3.31  
(Recommending C.R. Thompson)

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Gov Bygone Tel - 21-3-31  
(Agrees to admit of Thompson  
request early sailing)  
17/19/31  
19/31/31

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To Sir J Bygone Tel - 17.4.31  
(Thompson not now available -  
Enquiries if use can be made temporarily  
of a R.N. Officer to allow more  
time for enquiry)

but

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for Bygone Tel - 2.5.31  
(Pence to retain Mr. Marshall, R.N., as ARC)  
It will probably be more convenient to nominate  
about this on Lt. Marshall's file - KAR 33679.  
It will be a great convenience so far as we are  
concerned if arrangements can be made for  
Sir Joseph Bygone to meet Lt. Marshall  
July 4.5.31

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T. Gov K tel 144 (No 19 and) 6/5/31

33679 EA

but

I think that Lt. Marshall, who has been ARC  
for a year, will be due for leave this summer.  
I am also with the impression - mainly from  
No 21 on file of Marshall - that Sir Joseph Bygone  
may want to replace him with a new - KAR  
Officer. We write a little time back to Sir  
Joseph suggesting a Capt. G. G. Symonds as a poss.  
ARC, etc. There be a vacancy, but Capt.  
Symonds is now with Sir H. Kitchener.  
I am wondering whether it wd. not be any  
use suggesting Lt. NATH Campbell as a poss. ARC.  
(He has been v. successful for 5 years  
with Sir J. Fisher in the island. He is a first  
class cricketer & polo player - which Sir Joseph  
is. find useful. His being married wd. be a  
disadvantage.)

atto-1083

see 57!  
10/31

debar him; but I believe that Sir  
Campbell was much liked, & very useful to  
the Forces in Australia as a very  
feasible person for organizing sufficient  
it helping to control a number of divisions  
in the air. I had thought of suggesting to  
Col. Campbell that he should get Sir  
Goodman to write to Sir Joseph Byrne.  
If you thought it any use. If we  
heard that he had done so we could then  
write to Sir Joseph saying what we  
knew of Col. Campbell. I know that  
Col. Campbell wants another post.

(I think that Major Dune met the Campbells  
in Brisbane. I have met them 2 or 3 times  
like them very much). (I also know  
neighbors of theirs who speak well of them.)

You I stayed in the same  
house with Col. & Mrs. Campbell  
for two or three days when  
I was Governor here in 1928  
& liked them both deeply.

So far as my recollection  
of him then goes I  
should think Col. Campbell  
might be a very suitable  
choice. (But I had not  
idea to see him again  
before deciding whether  
he & Sir Joseph (some)  
be likely to suit each other.)

D. Allen

You referred him to me but I do  
not think I am directly interested unless  
it should be proposed that Sir J. Byrne  
takes another R.A.R. office as A.D.C.

You may, however, be interested  
to see Maj. Cole's note opposite. You will  
see that Lt. Newell is no longer a R.A.R.  
Officer, & that if Sir J. Byrne likes  
he can keep him until May 1935.

J. Steel

27.5.32

W. J. G. G.

As Lt. Newell is no longer in  
the R.A.R. he is in the position of the  
ordinary A.D.C. but I do not see  
therefore do not come into the matter  
than nothing else as to the  
likelihood of his coming on leave or  
any other of his absence to  
replace.

D. Allen

27/5/32

W. J. G. G. Mr. Allen & Major Cole say it  
clearly is not being rightly written matter  
Sully 27/5

\* I mean  
that

by fact.

I have heard nothing of L. Newell  
releasing the Capt of A. D. C. He is not  
now a K. A. R. officer within the limits  
of 5 years sentence from 23.5.30. There  
is no set term to his appointment as A. D. C.

No 21 on L. Newell & file Justice by Capt.  
Luby in his memoirs relates to the  
Successor of L. Newell in the U. A. R.  
not as A. D. C.

I think it is a little premature  
to suggest a new A. D. C. <sup>to the Gov.</sup> before we know  
whether Sir Byrne is contemplating a  
change or not. He may want to keep  
L. Newell as long as he can & I think he  
can do so if he wants (or he may make no  
objection when L. Newell comes on leave) up  
to 1935.

P. J. Cole  
26/5.

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original on  
33679 K.A.R.

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

(Sent 8.30 p.m., 6th May, 1952)

No.149.

Your telegram No.147. I approve appointment of  
Lieutenant Newell as Aide-de-Camp as special case on  
terms contained in my despatch K.A.R.No.27 of 17th May, 1929.  
Please telegraph date appointment takes effect and forward  
Newell's declaration.

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies

Dated 2 May 1931. Received 3.41 p.m. 2 May 1931.

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No.147 Following for France Begins Lieutenant Newell lent to me as Aide de Camp who is most efficient and satisfactory in every way has just requested that he may be permitted to remain with me on usual terms of secondment from his British regiment. The Acting Brigade and his Battalion Commander here raise no objection and I will be responsible for passage of his relief. This would be satisfactory solution of our difficulty and if you can arrange matter with the authorities at home I should be grateful Ends.

D  
17 APR  
P.O.

July 16. 4. 31  
Mr. (Maple June Langsam)  
Mr. Parkins  
Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley.  
Sir J. Shuckburgh.  
Sir G. Grindle.  
Permt. U.S. of S.  
Partly. U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

No 3  
21st 1931

T.B. Pl. make a copy of No 30  
on April 12 1931 before this Feb 14  
July 16

Coded and sent  
11.00. 2pm  
17/4/31

Personal. Following from  
FOURSE begins. Your  
telegram 21st March, André De Camp.  
French report that Thompson  
and another candidate  
subsequently under consideration  
has withdrawn. Am I am  
renewing enquiries but  
I am afraid that  
for the moment I have  
nobody in view. would  
it

DRAFT Code Telegram.

forever  
Nairobi.

for you to make up  
it be possible to ~~send~~ Police  
of a Kerala Police officers temporarily.  
Officers as to relief

King's African Rifles Officers

and allow more time

for enquiring. Eads.

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(Original used  
as No 30 on  
12/8/31 copy)

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

(Dated 21st March 1931. Received, Colonial Office,  
12.20 p.m. 21st March 1931).

PERSONAL.

Following for Furse. Begins. Thompson  
acceptable and agree to £400 and to passage being booked  
at my expense. Trust he will join me earliest possible  
date. Glad to learn date of sailing.

Byrne.

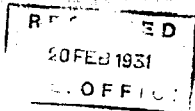
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TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
to the Governor of Kenya.

(Sent 8.50 p.m., 19th March, 1931)

Personal.

Following from Furgie begins. For appointment  
as Aide-de-Camp suggest Lieutenant Commander Charles  
Ralfe Thompson, unmarried, aged 36. Very strongly  
recommended by Keyes and Hamith and is undoubtedly  
best candidate available. He is keen horseman.  
Thompson is still on active list and, if selected,  
may apply to be loaned in lieu of retiring. He might  
therefore wish to return to Navy at end of two years.  
Thompson could probably secure early release and be  
available early in April. Do you wish to select him?  
If so, shall he be offered £400? He has been warned  
not to rely on more than that. And shall Crown Agents  
book first class passage and arrange recovery from you?  
Ends.



DECODE 7/12

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

Dated 20 February, 1931. Received 10.5 a.m. 20 February, 1931.

No. 55. Question of allocation of £400 from Railway Fund  
for my personal staff has to be settled. Economy everywhere  
is essential during the remainder of the year. I propose to  
allot £150 to Private Secretary making total salary of £600.  
As regards A.D.C.I consider the £400 voted by the Colony  
sufficient but if Purse obtains a senior and experienced officer  
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subject to review if High Commissioner appointed.

RECEIVED  
20 FEB 1931  
OFFICE

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1931  
OFFICE

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TELEGRAM from the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Dated the 19th January, 1931. Received at 12.5 p.m. on the 19th January.

NO. 10

No. 27. Your telegram No. 21. of 16th January. I am arranging for temporary A. D. C. for Governor. He will probably be an officer of King's African Rifles.

19 10  
Subscribed  
List. from 16/10

Re after desk.

O. O.

Mr. ~~W. M. Allen~~ <sup>15/</sup> ~~W. M. Allen~~

Mr.

Mr.

Sir C. Estlin

Sir J. Shackburgh

Sir G. Grianta

Pres. U.S. of S.

Pres. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

*W. M. Allen*

Michael Brown

*Answer  
10-11*

4. 21.

DRAFT.

Exempt proceeding

Exempt

without Aide de Camp

Minister

and one may not be

available for some

weeks & should be

glad if you would

arrange for, temporary

appointment of local

officer capable of

performing duties

during that period

Yours

Sent at the request of  
the British Legation.

ADC unable to accompany By <sup>for</sup>

possibly for ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> weeks. Please arrange for <sup>temporary</sup> approval local officer capable of performing duties during this period.

Governor in custody what

~~to go with~~ ~~to~~ ~~accompany~~ ~~to~~

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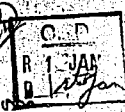
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- Mr. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Permd. U.S. of S.
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- Secretary of State.



Personnel *you*  
 personnel telegram  
 18 December  
 please inform  
 Harford that  
 Bygone is grateful  
 for ~~his~~ offer to  
 stay on for six  
 months that <sup>that</sup>  
 is <sup>now</sup> making other  
 arrangements for  
 aide de Camp ☺

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*Waiob.*

Pat copy on 32673 2A  
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*Adel*

Cost of Harford's

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Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shackleton.

Sir G. Girdle.

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Secretary of State.

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D. [Signature]

Personal You  
personal telegram  
18 December

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Message home  
will be payable  
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ORIGINAL decode of a telegram from the Acting Governor of Kenya

Dated 18th Dec. 1923 Received in the Colonial Office at 1.12 p.m. on 18th Dec. 30.  
*bbp/4/4/4*

Decoded by C.F.H.  
*bbp/4/4/4*

*No 6*  
*Ans 4 Tel. (Personal) - 3/12/30.*

18th December. Personal. Your telegram of 12th December Personal. Please inform Byrne Harford is willing to stay with him a maximum of six months if this would be any convenience provided that he can obtain necessary permission to do so. He presumes that in such an event he would continue to draw £600 as at present. If Byrne wishes to keep HARFORD latter would be glad if person named would obtain direct from regimental Lieutenant Colonel 3rd Divisional Signals permission for him to remain.

If Harford does not remain I should be glad to receive early instructions as cost of his passage home. See my despatch 652, 9th October.

Acting Governor.

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Sir C. Bollenby.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Permt. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

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8.30pm 2/5  
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Governor  
Laird.

Personal  
personal  
You let. of 13 Nov  
following from  
Byrne begin.  
I have not yet  
selected aide de  
Camp of  
Harford would  
like to stay even  
for 12 months  
with me I wd  
be glad to  
arrange accord of  
ends.

Please telegraph  
reply as soon  
as possible

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TELEGRAPH OFFICE  
CANTHORNE.  
TELEPHONE 3 BILKSTONE.

recd  
21/11/30

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HILL HOUSE,  
CANTHORNE,  
BARNBLEY.

19/11/30

Dear Parkman

NO 3A

I am indeed most awfully  
grateful to you for the trouble you have taken  
in my behalf. I write, for the information  
about rates in the Ryedale Railway. I know  
Mr Hardy is the old dog, and will try &  
meet him near Garsdale, when I shall be in  
town - had no idea he was in the Independent  
Office.

Now for the other matter - the  
little or bank job. I am most awfully sorry  
of you to take all this interest in my affairs.  
If I were a bachelor, or had had the job  
suggested five years ago, when we had to give  
up our farm, I should have jumped at it.  
As it is, after talking it over thoroughly  
with my wife, we have decided to put

Yr sincerely

Edw. L. M. Pardee

our money a 'Chicken farming', and, unless  
the unexpected happened in the vicinity of Hartford  
job, to start acrossing straight away with what  
you see, although the Kenya job would be  
by comparison to both of us, it would lead  
to nothing, and in five years time we should  
be in the same position again. Nairobi is a  
damnedly expensive place, and we should not  
be able to save a cent. Also, we have a  
boy at school in England, and another one  
who will be due for school in a year's time.  
What I hope to do is to work up a paying  
concern in the chicken line, so that if  
anything happened to me, my wife would  
have something to carry a bit. Please  
don't think we are ungrateful for what  
you've done for us - it was most useful,  
and if you do ~~not~~ take all the trouble  
you have, and it is much appreciated by both  
of us.

Yr sincerely

Edw. W. R. R. R.

our money a 'chicken farming', and, unless  
it succeeded happened in the Ministry of Health  
job, he started accordingly straight away. And what  
you are, although the Kenya job would be  
my compromise to both of us, it would lead  
to nothing, and in five years time we should  
be in the same position again. Nairobi is a  
damnable expensive place, and we should not  
be able to save a cent. Also, we have a  
boy or school in England, and another one  
who will be done for school in 2 years time.  
What I hope to do is to work up a paying  
concern in the chicken line, so that if  
anything happened to me, my wife would  
have something to carry a little. Also  
don't think we are ungrateful for what  
you've done for us - it was most useful  
kind of you to have taken all the trouble  
you have, and it is much appreciated by both  
of us.

To Sincerity

Edward M. House.

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the successful happened in the Ministry of War  
job, to stand seriously straight away. And that  
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to nothing, and in four years time we should  
be in the same position again. Nairobi is a  
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be able to save a cent. Also, we have a  
boy or school in England, and another one  
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you're doing for us - it was most awfully  
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of us.

O. O.

Mr. *Adm* 11.11.20

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Mr.

Sir C. Balloway, 18 *etna*

Sir J. Shackleton

Sir G. Grindell

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Secretary of State

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*Code Tel.*

*For courier  
Kairoi*

X. 1630 27 20 *Uerua* 25

*Booked*

*8. 10/30*

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Private & personal  
Following from Wilson  
begins thanks for  
your telegram of  
15 November

I understood that  
Byrne will wish  
to sail for Uerua  
as soon as  
possible after  
15 January when  
Grigg's leave expires  
but you will be  
notified officially  
when he has  
made his arrangements  
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O.O.

Mr. *debt* 18.11.20

Mr.

Mr.

Sir C. Bottomley, 18 *etc*

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Secretary of State

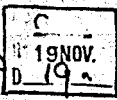
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*for cash  
Kairoi*

X. 163437 20 Kenya <sup>H 25</sup>

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8.11.20  
14/9/30*



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begins thanks for  
your telegram of  
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made his arrangements  
for ends

*See*

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DOWNING STREET,

18<sup>th</sup> November, 1930.

Dear Purdoo,

I wrote to McHardy at the East African Dependencies Trade and Information Office on getting your letter of the 14th. McHardy specialises in Kenya-Uganda Railway work, and if anyone can give you exact information in this country he can. He tells me that the Railway do not quote for household effects as a group; the rates differ with different articles. Also the rates are per 100 lbs dead weight and not on measurement as ships charge. For a haul of 400 miles the rates on some of the usual household furnishings per 100 lbs are as follows:-

Furniture, crockery and china ware -	Shs.10	cts.80.
Glass, cutlery, books, pictures, pianos -	15.	60.
Linen, blankets, carpets, gramophones and records -	21.	—.

McHardy says these are quotations for a distance of 400 miles, but if you will let him know at what station your stuff would be put on the

railway

MAJOR R.P.H. PARDOO, O.B.E.

railway he can give you the actual freight rate  
 from there to Mombasa. There would, of course,  
 also be the port charges for conveyance from  
 rail to ship, viz: 5/- per bill of lading ton.  
 Presumably you would have an agent at the coast  
 to attend to the shipping, but McHardy cannot say  
 what would be the charges made for that particu-  
 lar business. Any way, if you are in London  
 and go to see McHardy, you can probably get a  
 pretty exact estimate of the total cost; otherwise  
 you might write to him asking any further particu-  
 lars you want.

So much for that. But there is another  
 matter on which I was just waiting for authority to  
 write to you when I received your letter, and this  
 may affect the action which you are thinking of  
 taking. I have had it in my mind ever since I saw  
 you last that you are without occupation and are on  
 the look-out for something. Now we know that the  
 new Governor of Kenya, Sir Joseph Byrne, who will  
 be coming to England from Sierra Leone en route to  
 Kenya

Kenya in two or three weeks, will need an Aide-de-Camp. Sir Joseph Byrne has asked Sir Samuel Wilson to make preliminary enquiries on his behalf in regard to personal staff. Assuming that Sir Joseph Byrne decides, at any rate to begin with, to have only one Aide-de-Camp - and I think it is likely that he will do so - the pay provided on the Kenya Estimates is £400 per annum, and, in addition, an allowance is made to the Aide-de-Camp from railway funds on the ground that he acts also as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor in his capacity as High Commissioner for Transport, Kenya-Uganda. I cannot say definitely what this allowance would be; the maximum would be £200 per annum, but it might be only £100 per annum. When Sir Joseph Byrne comes to England, various possible names of candidates for appointment as Aide-de-Camp and Private Secretary will be put to him, and I have authority to ask you whether you would like your name to be included among those for the appointment of Aide-de-Camp. If so, it would be convenient for Sir Joseph Byrne to have a pretty complete record as he would in the case of

other

other possible candidates, and I enclose the usual form of application for Colonial employment for you to fill up. Actually, of course, this is not Colonial employment in the accepted sense of the term, as an Aide-de-Camp is part of the personal staff of a Governor and is not a member of the Colonial Service; nor, of course, is there any possibility of the holder of such an appointment ever being placed on the pensionable and permanent establishment of a Colony.

You will realise that I cannot make any promise whatever, but it occurred to me that you might like to put in your name, and, as you know, I personally should be only too glad to speak on your behalf. But Sir Joseph may prefer a serving soldier (an Aide-de-Camp is usually a serving soldier seconded for the purpose) or there may be people known to him personally whom he would like to take out as Aide-de-Camp.

You will see that the enclosed form provides for testimonials, but, for the moment, if you decide to make this application you can ignore all that. You might

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might, however, quite well name two or three people in this country who know you well and could be referred to if that should be desired. I imagine that the late Commandant of the King's African Rifles (who is living somewhere down in Devon) would be well content for you to name him as one, but, of course, it is for you to decide whom you wish to put down.

If you want to go on with this it would be convenient if you could let me know pretty soon, and I think it would be best if you would send the form to me personally when you have completed it so far as it needs completion for your purposes.

Yours sincerely,

*acef*

ORIGINAL decode

of a telegram from the O.A.G. of Kenya

Dated 13 Nov. 1930. Received in the Colonial Office at 4.40 p.m. on 13 Nov.  
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Decoded by *COB*  
Decyphered

Private and Personal 13th November. Following for Wilson Begins.  
 Your telegram of 12th November Private and Personal Kenya  
 Estimates for 1931 provide £450 for Private Secretary and  
 £400 for Aide de Camp. Railway funds provide Aide de Camp  
 towards cost of High Commissioner's personal staff. This  
 was allocated £150 to Dutton £200 to Miles £50 to Harford  
 last named drawing in addition £250 from Grigg personally. In  
 my opinion one Aide de Camp should suffice for Byrne at any  
 rate at first provided he brings a Private Secretary who is  
 prepared to take his share in official entertaining. Harford  
 does not now wish to remain. Presume High Commissioner has  
 discretion to allocate £400 railway contribution amongst his  
 personal staff as he thinks best and I see no reason why Byrne  
 should pay Aide de Camp full £200 railway allowance unless  
 He is a senior officer of special experience. Would welcome  
 any information as to probable date of Byrne's arrival Ends.

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*Handed tel 18/11/30  
Quoted tel 17/12/30*

C.O.

Mr. *Needham*

Mr. *Capt Inby*

Mr.

11 NOV 1930

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*3.30 pm* Coded sent 11.11.30 *CAF*

*Ans. to 3*

*Sir C. Bottomley* *W. H. Atter*

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Permt. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

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CODE TELEGRAM.

GOVERNOR

HAIROBI.

Private and Personal Following

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Mr. *reced*

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*Ans. to 3*

Sir C. Bottomley *W. Wallace*  
Sir J. Shuckburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Prmt. U.S. of S.

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in case of Miles? If you consider second aide de camp  
essential what do you recommend Byrne should pay and  
would £50 allowance from Railway funds be available  
for him? Ends.

SECRET.

Extract from letter from  
L. V. Bygone to Sir J. Wilton  
4/10/30 - No. 2 in 7117/509a

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" If it were possible perhaps Sir,  
or whoever deals with such matters,  
would make some preliminary  
enquiries about personnel staff,  
as there will not be much time  
between my arrival home and  
my departure."

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