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FROM GOVERNOR CORYNDON.

DATE 10th April 1924.

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FOR CIRCULATION:-

Mr. *Caldwell*
Mr. *Bottomley*
Mr.
Asst. U.S. of S

POLICE DEPT. PROMOTIONS.

States reasons for recommending promotion of Mr G. Kearney to Asst Supt. and forwards Conf Report. Informn regarding Mr Ridgway will be fwd'd later. Rule requiring Non-Commissioned officers promoted to Commissioned rank to serve one year's probation will be followed in future. Requests sanction to promotions consequent upon terminatn. of Capt Batchelor's appointmt having effect from 10th Decr 1923.

Asst. U.S. of S
Capt U.S. of S
Secretary of State

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now approve the Kearney's promotion

to be a Post Supt. on 10 Dec 1923 on one year's probation subject to his passing the examn described in para 2 of letter no 2416 and on 5 all the promotions consequent on the termination of Capt Batchelor's app. date on 10 Dec 1923

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Inform CP in to letter no 2416 in the promotions named therein (except that Capt. Brown date on 10 Dec 1923) and (see in) inform the of promotion of Mr Kearney to be a Post Supt. from the same date.

Subsequent Paper

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*P. L. Rye
Approved brief (11)*

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Dr. R. G. ...

He has found it
and would you will
the formation of
Kearney, and back
on 4-6 for further
about ... has now
arrived ... quite
satisfactory

It is our opinion

at 2 1/2
at once
4-2-2
for 2/24

The latter

I regret that my minute was
uncorrect as regards the dates of the
formation. The date was as in
copy of LA. herewith, which I have
set up in substitution for the draft
prepared by Mr. Proctor and

W. G. ...
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

10th April, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office despatch, Confidential (2), dated the 8th February, 1924, on the subject of promotions in the Police Force, I have the honour to transmit a Confidential Report on Mr. G. Kearney together with P.1 Form duly completed and copies of letters of recommendation, and to state that this officer has latterly been Inspector in charge of the Nairobi Police Station, one of the most difficult posts in the Department. He has performed his duties in an entirely satisfactory manner and is recommended as in every way suitable and fitted for promotion to commissioned rank.

2. Mr. Ridgway is at present absent on tour and the required information in so far as he is concerned will be transmitted later.

3. I am in agreement with your opinion that in cases of promotion of non-commissioned officers to commissioned rank in the Police Force that it would be desirable to revise the rule

rule

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

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rule laid down in paragraph 3 of the late Mr. (afterwards Viscount) Harcourt's Confidential despatch of the 30th of June, 1911, and that procedure will be adopted in future.

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4. With regard to the date of the promotions recommended in succession to Captain W. K. Batchelor, late Assistant Superintendent, I have to state that owing to a delay to his steamer this officer sailed for Australia on the 3rd August last, and not on the 24th July, as stated in Kenya despatch, Confidential No. 426, dated the 30th July, 1923, forwarding his leave papers. Allowing therefore 30 days for the period of the voyage his leave expired on the 9th December. I regret that the alteration in his date of sailing was not communicated at the time.

5. I shall be glad to receive your sanction to the promotion of Mr. Kearney and to learn that you are now prepared to approve of the promotions consequent upon the termination of Captain Batchelor's appointment having effect from the 10th December, 1923.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

R. T. Coombs

GOVERNOR

KENYA POLICE

District Nairobi

Confidential Report on (name and rank of officer) _____

A/Insp. J. Kearney

for the year ending 31st March 1923

- 1. General, including administrative (office & interior economy) ability
*Good: considering the limited work in this connection available to him
then to perform.*
- 2. Industry *Very good*
- 3. Activity *Very good*
- 4. Detective ability *Good*
- 5. Power of controlling and preventing crime
*Very good, though he has still to be held in charge of large Police
Stations*
- 6. Tact *Good*
- 7. Temper *Very good*
- 8. Judgment *Good*
- 9. Self reliance *Very good*
- 10. Power of commanding *Good*
- 11. Relations:-
 - (a) with the public *Very good*
 - (b) with superior officers *Very good*
 - (c) with subordinate officers *Very good*

12. Knowledge of English *Good*

13. Sobriety *Very good*

14. State of Health *Very good*

General Remarks:-

A/D. Keaney has recently been performing the duties of Court Prosecutor, which duties he carried out most satisfactorily. Has a thorough knowledge of Law. Is a painstaking office & reliable. Well paid. Good disciplinarian. Dress & appearance always neat & smart.

Place *Kenya*

Date *30/3/22*

Sd/- James M. Lumb
Sgt of *o*
Kenya Police

Note-

During the first week in April in each year, the Officer in charge of a Station will submit to the Commissioner of Police a confidential report on the work of each Assistant Superintendent, Inspector and Assistant Inspector who has served under him during the previous year or part of the year.

Application for Colonial Employment.

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Form to be filled up by the Applicant himself.

Name in full	George Keaney
Date of Application	25 th March 1924
Profession or Occupation	Police Officer
Address	P. O. Box 135 Nairobi Kenya Colony
Father's Name	John Keaney
Profession or Occupation	Retired Civil Servant
Address	Bedford Lodge Ballymount Co. Dublin, Ireland
<small>If dead, his Name and Profession should be given.</small>	
Day and year of birth	28 th November 1893
Age last birthday	30 years
Place of birth	Dublin, Ireland
Whether single, married or a widower	Married
Number of children	Sons Aged respectively 14 & 6
Daughters	
Education	St Andrews College Dublin Jan 1902 - Oct 1909 Wesley College Dublin Oct 1909 - January 1911 Agricultural College, Ballyhenry Co. Limerick Ireland February 1911 - August 1912 Ulster Agricultural College, Glenties, Co. Donegal Ireland & Ballyhenry 1912 - 1913
<small>Mention the Schools or Colleges at which you received your education, professional as well as general, and give in each case the date of entry and leaving.</small>	
Professional qualifications (if any), and the date at which each was obtained	Police Officer Kenya Police Kenya Colony December 13 th 1914 to date
Employment from completion of education to present time	Farming, Cape Province South Africa February 1914 to September 1914. Joined South African Military Forces, September 1914, discharged November 1914 to join Kenya Police Kenya Police December 1914 to date
<small>Mention each position held by you, the dates between which you held it, and the name of leaving. Add what salary you are now receiving.</small>	
Appointment desired	Assistant Superintendent of Police Kenya Police Kenya Colony
<small>If you do not apply for a particular appointment, you will be eligible for any other appointment you may be offered, and will receive the highest salary that you qualify for.</small>	

Referrees

Give the names and addresses of two referrees. 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 distinguished persons should not be given unless they really know you well.

1. Name *E. K. Ziggo K.C.*
 Address *P.O. Box 34
 Nairobi, Kenya Colony*
 Occupation *Barrister at Law*
2. Name *J. S. Gamble Esq.*
 Address *The Law Courts
 Nairobi, Kenya Colony*
 Occupation *Magistrate*

Testimonials

Give the name, address, and occupation of the writer of each of your testimonials. No more than two should be submitted. The originals must be sent for inspection, but they will be returned if their return is requested and copies are sent with them for record in the Colonial Office. Copies sent to other officers in M.N. are not counted and it is desirable to select one absolutely necessary, that they should be on foolscap paper and larger than A4 size.

- 101 *G. W. Sullivan M.A.*
 (Lab) Head master *St Andrews College Dublin, Ireland*
- 102 *Rev. J. J. Conroy M.A.*
 Head master *Wesley College Dublin Ireland.*
- 103 *H. C. Whiteley Esq. Principal Agricultural College Bally
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- 104 *Rev. Stephenson Esq. Principal Albert Agricultural Coll
 Glasnevin Ballybawn 6, Dublin Ireland*

Original Testimonials, together with these
 fine copies enclosed.
 I would deem it a favour if originals
 are returned after inspection please.

*George Henry
 Inspector of Police*

Wesley College,

Dublin.

4th. January 1911.

Master G Kearney has been a pupil in this Institution for a considerable time and I have had every opportunity of forming accurate opinions of him.

I believe him to be a young man of excellent character, truthful, trustworthy, straightforward, and honest.

He is most gentlemanly in conduct and bearing.

At his work he is painstaking and careful, and is a very good scholar. He belongs to most respectable family and I can strongly recommend him for any position of trust and confidence.

(Signed) Thos. J. Irwin,

Principal.

Copy.

St. Andrews College,

Dublin, Oct. 30th. 1909.

G. Kearney has been a pupil at St. Andrews College, since January 1902.

While here his conduct has been very satisfactory.

(Signed) W.G. Sullivan M.A.

Principal.

Co. Cavan, Ireland.

17th. November 1913.

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Mr. George Kearney attended at this station as an Agricultural Apprentice, during the summer term 1911, and during whole of session 1911-1912. While here he received instruction in general working and management of a farm: and as an apprentice he has had experience of tillage and dairy farming on a large scale, as practised at this station.

His conduct while here was satisfactory.

(Signed) R.G. Whelan,

Principal.

Copy.

Albert Agricultural College,

Glasnevin, Dublin.

17th. November 1913.

Mr. George Kearney of Stephen's Green, Dublin, was a student here from October 1912 to October 1913. He came to us from one of the Department's practical farm schools where he had ample facilities for gaining a sound knowledge of tillage and dairy farming.

While with us he took a keen interest in every branch of farm work, throwing his energies into whatever was being done on the land, in the dairy or among the stock.

I have, therefore, every confidence in recommending him, especially as he is courteous, intelligent, and honest.

(Signed) Geo. Stephenso,

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I have, therefore, every confidence in recommending him, especially as he is courteous, intelligent, and honest.

(Signed) Geo. Stephenson,
Principal.

Nairobi,

Kenya Colony.

Daly Figgis & Ross,

25th. March 1924.

Advocates.

Having heard that Inspector George Kearney's name is being put forward on a recommendation for promotion to the post of Assistant Superintendent of Police in Kenya Colony: I have much pleasure in testifying, to his being eminently suited for such promotion.

Inspector Kearney has been in Nairobi (save for a short period) since 1919, and during that time I have had exceptional opportunities of judging of his capacity and character.

During the time he was in charge of Police prosecutions, he showed a very marked capacity for getting to the bottom of the various and sometimes complicated cases which passed through his hands and in my opinion showed a sound discretion in discriminating between cases which he pressed, and those, in which the information laid should be treated with suspicion.

Inspector Kearney is, in my opinion, a type of man who (particularly under existing circumstances) would be of assistance to the Colony as a Superintendent of Police.

He has been educated at excellent schools, I am confident that he is upright in character, and I know that he can combine firmness of action with courtesy.

I should be very pleased to hear of his promotion.

(Signed) E.F. Figgis K.C.
(Irish Bar)

March 25th. 1924. 83

I am informed by Mr. George Kearney that he has been recommended locally for promotion to the rank of Asst. Supt. of Police.

I was at school with Mr. Kearney and renewed my acquaintance with him some six months ago.

In his present position of Inspector in charge of Nairobi Police Station, I am constantly in touch with him, and regard him as a very efficient officer, courteous and pleasant to work with. He has been prosecuted in my court, and conducts his cases with scrupulous fairness and tact.

I consider that he is well fitted for promotion to the rank of Asst. Supt. which he has been recommended.

I understand Mr. Kearney intends to be called to the Irish B. on his forthcoming leave.

(Signed) Fred. Gault,

Resident Magistrate.

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Gentlemen,

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 28.5.24
- Mr. ~~Calder~~ 28.5
- Mr. ~~...~~
- Sir O. Davis.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir J. Masterton Smith
- Lord Arnold.
- Mr. Thomas.

with ref to the letter from
K. 6006/24
this Dept of the 13th of Feb, regarding
promotions in the Police Dept of
Kenya. I am or is informed that
the dates from which these
take effect,
promotions (with the exception
of that of Capt. Pritchard Brown)

are as follows -
From the 6th of Dec 1923
The W. K. Elliott
The H. Mackinnell

Final 10th of Dec. 1923

Mr T.R. J. Riggway
Mr Geo. Griffin
Mr W. Smith
Mr H. Denton

Final 21st of Dec. 1923

Mr A. Bay
Mr W. Kerr
Mr S. B. Denton
Mr J. Walker

2 Mr Thomas has also

approved the promotion of Mr S. Kearney

to a post held by Police, with
effect from the 10th Dec 1923

Signed H. J. READ

Sir 23619/22

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- Mr. Powell May 27
- Mr. Calder 28.5
- Mr.
- Sir O. Dumas.
- Sir G. Grenville.
- Sir H. Lloyd.
- Sir J. Robertson Smith.
- Lord Arnold.
- Mr. Thomas.

for file (11)

Sir,

I have to adv. the rest of
 the draft dep No 914 of the
 10th of April, & to inform
 you that I now approve
 the promotion of Mr
 Kearney to be an Asst
 Supt of the Police Force,
 with effect from the 10th of Dec
 1923, on one year's probation

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subject to his signing the
agreement described in para
2 of my ~~conf~~ desp (2) of
the 10th Feb.

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in 4416/24 H

I also agree to all
the provisions consequent
on the termination of Cape
Bathurst's ~~agreement~~ ~~contract~~
from 10th Feb 1902

J. H. T.

(SIGNED) J. H. THOMAS.

subject to his signing the
agreement described in para
2 of my ~~conf~~ desp (2) of
the 11th of Feb.

For
to 4416/24 H

2. I also agree to all
the provisions consequent
on the termination of Capt
Batchelor's appointment
from the 10th of Dec 1920

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(SIGNED) J. H. THOMAS.