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Date

7th January 1925.

Mr. Clapson

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NURSING SISTERS, LOCAL APPOINTMENTS.

In cases in question local candidates were well qualified. There is no intention to institute a local system of engaging nurses.

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Secretary of State.

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Mr. Clapson

Put by

and 7.2.25

N. Bottley

Any objection to a guarded
announcement of this to ASD & R?

Mr. Clapson C. & R.

Notified in writing. 1/2

But I don't want to
talk back about the adequacy
of the present arrangements

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...

I will simply call them out
but things will be done by 10.2

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin, including "17750 70" and "190 London".

Handwritten notes and scribbles at the bottom left of the page.

The Surgeon,

The Commission which
 he. U.S. Army refers to

C.O. 6504. Kenya 13.11.24 (file 17730)

Gov. & C.O. 7.1.25 (Ref 5051)

It is quite impossible for me to
 encourage applications from
 persons whose capacity is unknown
 either to the O.N.A. or to the medical
 department in Kenya, and I
 must therefore regret the decision
 made.

W.S. Stanley

28/1/25

~~Smith~~
~~H. P. ...~~

~~W. P. ...~~

W. P. ...
9/1/25

5th June 1925

I am in receipt of your letter of 29th ult.
Please accept my apologies for the delay in
answering it

I am thankful to Mr. Amory for his
interest in the application of my name
I can quite see the point however

I am sending your letter to my niece
& she will quite appreciate it
in the absence of recommendations from
Natal Medical Department no appointment
can be made.

Copy of ...
sent to ...

Yours faithfully

W. P. ...

H. P. ...

KENYA.

No. 18.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI
KENYA

7th January, 1925.

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Sir,

With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of your despatch No. 1152 dated 13th November last, relative to the appointment of Nursing Sisters in the Medical Department of this Colony, I have the honour to inform you that in the particular cases referred to the successful candidates were in possession of the necessary qualifications and the quality of their work was known locally; in addition they were available for appointment when the vacancies occurred.

2. The Principal Medical Officer has no intention of instituting a local system of engaging Nursing Sisters and application has recently been made for appointments in England in the ordinary way through the medium of the Overseas Nursing Association. Every care will be taken in future where a local applicant is considered to carry out the suggestions contained in paragraph 3 of your despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

HONOURABLE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, KENYA, F.C., M.P.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE DOMINIONS,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

The O.N.A. naturally will not recommend a nurse whom they have not seen.

You have had one or two locally appointed S. Afr. nurses in Kenya, but my impression is that it was recently ~~decided~~ suggested to the Govt that Kenya vacancies should, except in very exceptional circumstances, be filled through the O.N.A.

I don't think that being the niece of one of the Clerks in the House of Commons Library was one of the exceptional circumstances.

2nd Dec 1925

Dear Sir

Referring to my conversation
with you yesterday I now enclose
my notes which will
thoroughly explain it

I sincerely trust you
will be able to see your
way to letting my name
get to well: also please

to Xmas. Thanking you
anticipate I am Dear Sir

Your obedt servant
Arthur James Brown

Addington Hospital,

Durban.

Katal,

24.10.26

Dear Uncle Arthur,

I am writing to ask you to do me a favour. You know so many influential people & I want first a good word through you, if you possibly can. You will think me a nuisance but here goes:

I am most anxious to get into one of the hospitals at Nairobi or Mombassa in East Africa. They are under the "Imperial Government" and from here - "The Union of S.A." we cannot get appointments under the Imperial Government unless someone of ~~real~~ influential position does. I have my general training certificate 2 years & will have my Midwifery certificate in January - I am taking my

University Training now. I
 should like to come up in
 East Africa about April 1926.
 I can get letters of recommendation
 from our Doctors & from Station
 here - I have also had 6
 months Operating Theatre training.
 Your Uncle do like a deal,
 get round some of your dear
 Fords. - H.P. etc. and get
 them to give me a push in.
 I know you meet & know
 heaps of influential men that
 is why I am bothering you.

I have a great friend here
 who has the same qualifications
 as I have & she is very
 anxious to come too so if
 you get in ball in me will
 tell you 100 times, &...

There Uncle, that is
 enough on that subject - I
 leave the rest to you.

I am, yours truly,
 a fully qualified nurse these
 days & just love nursing

too & have enjoyed my training although the work is very hard.

W. urban is rather a nice old place & I just love the sea. This Hospital is situated almost on the beach - it takes us about 2 minutes to get from our rooms to the beach.

We have been having such cold rainy days & nights for this time of the year & I just love the heat - I am not a lover of cool weather.

Lucy & Mad as well beginning to look very old. Poor old Mad he has not been at all well lately.

Well how are you all getting on? Give my love to Aunt Rose & Ted & Mary & Tom & Ned. They must all be grown up - or nearly so now. How the flies I must stop now. Now I am not getting you to

2nd

25th December, 1925

Dear Mr. Firmin,

I write on Mr. Amery's behalf to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday regarding your niece's desire to obtain a nursing post either in Nairobi or Mombasa.

A further communication will be addressed to you on this subject in due course.

Yours very truly,

29th December, 1925

Dear Mr. Firmin,

I am desired by Mr. Amery to say that, before for leaving for Switzerland, he looked further into the possibility of your niece's obtaining a nursing post either in Nairobi or Mombasa but he fears that it is impossible for him to hold out any hope of her receiving such an appointment.

In the normal course of events, nursing posts in the Colonies are filled by the Crown Agents for the Colonies through the Overseas Nursing Association, and you will appreciate that it would be impossible to encourage applications from nursing whose capacity is known neither to the Overseas Nursing Association or to the Medical Department in the Colony where the applicant desires to obtain a post. Mr. Amery wished me to express his regret that he should find it impossible to send you a more hopeful reply.

Your niece's letter is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,