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Asst. Telegraph Engineer

Recommends H.S. Chittick.

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We have been kept waiting ages for this applt. I do not believe we shall do better than this, though the ~~Chief~~ Engineer in Chief is not enthusiastic.

The Gov. laid down certain qualifications for the holder of this applt. - see para. 4 of our letter to P.O. on 27th 5045.

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Subsequent Paper

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waited so long I would take him straight
away. I do not see that we are
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see that he took an Honours degree
at Cambridge, so that he will probably
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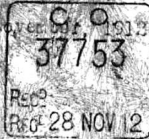
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Extract from a letter from the General Post Office to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, No. 75-27, dated 27th November 1912



With reference to the recent discussion between representatives of the Colonial Office and of the Post Office concerning engineering appointments in the Colonies, to which the Colonial Office letter No. 30049/1912 of the 7th of last month relates, I am directed by the Postmaster General to acquaint you for Mr Secretary Harcourt's information that, in regard to the vacancy for an Assistant Telegraph Engineer in British East Africa and Uganda (Colonial Office letter No. 5045/1912 of the 26th February last) and that for a Temporary Telegraph Engineer in the Gold Coast Colony (Colonial Office letter No. 7443/1912 of the 20th of March last) were with other vacancies advertised in the Post Office Circular.

The best candidate, of those in the Post Office service, who have applied for the former appointment appears to be Mr T. Bagley, a promoted Lineman, now an Inspector in the Provinces. He is an excellent Officer of his class, and is reported to have a good practical knowledge of the routine work of telegraph engineering, but he does not appear to be the type of candidate required. He applied on the occasion of the previous notification of this vacancy; but Mr Gosling, the Postmaster General of East Africa and Uganda, stated personally that he did not desire that Mr Bagley should be appointed. The objection raised to Mr Bagley would probably also

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