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Agricultural Dept

Estimates 1912-13

Submits reasons for new appts. recommended. viz:-
Two stenographers £130-10-200. Agric. Instructors
£250-10-300. & £150-10-180. Clerk & Housekeeper £100-10-200
Two laboratory Assist. £150-10-180.

Mr Bates

Mr Mac Donald was asked at an interview with Mr Reed some time ago to forward his memorandum, because he had not been furnished by the way with a copy of the memo. which he submitted in connection with the estimates. In view of this memo in view I think agree to the post haste being filled at once. I agree I think that we may do without further reference to the Treasury.

Forwarding the parts in order

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Two Stenographers. No 22737. The
post has been filled locally by
appointment of his partner, and
to our regret he had to engage a
man like the other.

Agricultural Instructor £250-10-300 Ld
filled by the appointment of his partner.

Agricultural Instructor £250-10-180 Ld
filled by the appointment of a
Plant Inspector - As to his
engagement of a new Plant
Inspector No 22597

Chief Clerk at Nairobi Experimental Farm

The Chief Clerk will say how he
proposed to fill this post, and
I think that he had better
telegraph to him at once
and ask whether he has a good
candidate in mind. He desires
a man to be engaged by the Ld.

Two Laboratory Assistants No 19150 & 22313.

There is also a vacancy for a

Chief in the Pathological Division
- In 1911 or 12 the position was made
for 2 clerks in the ~~Division~~ ^{Division} ~~Division~~ ^{Division}
Division, in 1912-13 for 1 in the
Plasmany Division & 2 in the Parasitology
(we have transferred from the Division
Division owing to the re-arrangement
of divisions)

In telegraphing about the European
Chief for the Nairobi Experimental
Farm he had better telegraph
at the same time about his vacancy
and ask how long it will
take to fill it.

The Chief Clerk is enough to fill the
in a day or two, and I shall telegraph
him the details of the position and telegraph

W. Read.

at Nairobi
July 25
H. V. K.
25/10

107 Jermyn Street,

London, S.W.

July 4th 1912.

To The Under Secretary for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.

I gather that the covering letter submitted by me with the draft estimate of the Agricultural Department to H.E. The Governor was not forwarded to the Colonial Office and in consequence the provision made for the appointment of officers to new posts have only been provisionally approved of by the Treasury.

As it is advisable that these posts should be filled as soon as possible and therefore in order to save delay I am submitting herewith my reasons for these appointments:-

Administrative Division;

Two Stenographers at £130 by £10 to £200 each

Owing to the increase in the correspondence of the Department it is essential in order to keep abreast of the

work that these two appointments should be made. I may state that apart from general correspondence there ^{is} a large amount of typing in connection with the quarterly Agricultural Journal and numerous reports by the various Chiefs of Divisions.

Agricultural Instructor £250 by £10 to £300.

To this post it is proposed to appoint Mr. Evans who last year filled the post of Instructor for Natives. Mr. Evans' duties will be travelling among the settlers, conducting experiments on the farms and advising them in agricultural matters generally.

Agricultural Instructor £150 by £10 to £80.

This post will be filled by one of the two Foreman Plant Instructors drawing salaries at present under The Economic Plant Division and his new duties will be to travel in the Native Reserves instructing the natives in the culture of cotton and other tropical economic products. The resultant vacancy (at the Kibos Experimental Farm in the Nyanza Province

will be filled by the appointment of an African from the West Indies or other tropical States.

Nairobi Experimental Farms.

Clerk and Storekeeper £130 by £10 to £200.

Owing to the numerous experiments conducted on this Farm and to the large amount of necessary details connected therewith it is necessary in order that the full data should be properly collated that the Manager should have some assistance. Further, large quantities of seeds are being distributed from the Farm and it is impossible with the present staff to deal satisfactorily with the work, the appointment therefore of a clerk who would also act as storekeeper is very pressing.

Pathological Division.

Two Laboratory Assistants at £150 by £10 to £180

The work at the Veterinary Laboratory in connection with rinderpest, East Coast Fever, Swine Plague, Sheep and Horse diseases has increased considerably during the last twelve months and a Veterinary Surgeon and three stock inspec-

tors have had to be drawn from the Veterinary Division to assist the Veterinary Pathologist. Since the establishment of the Laboratory some excellent work has been done in the production of serums, vaccines, etc. but in British East Africa and there are so many stock plagues which remain to be done and even with the two laboratory assistants asked for the Division will be understaffed it is therefore hoped that sanction will not be withheld for the appointment of these two assistants or for the appointment of the additional clerk which owing to the enormous amount of detailed register work it is impossible for one clerk to overtake.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the other clerk in the Pathological division was in last year's estimate drawing salary under the Veterinary Division and therefore there is only one new appointment being made. It has been found more convenient for administration purposes to separate Pathological work from the Veterinary Division and a pathological

Division has in consequence been formed.

I may point out that while the Estimates in the Pathological and Veterinary Divisions *combined* show an increase over that of the previous year there has been a great reduction in the "Special Expenditure" Vote for controlling of Stock Diseases.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. Macdonald
(Secy of Agriculture)
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