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MR J.J. IRWIN
APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

1913

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Sends letter from Treasurer dealing with qualifications for a Treasury appt. He is not considered specially qualified for Customs appt. He has been informed as directed. Arrgts will be made for local candidates to be interviewed before applications are forwarded.

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Print Secretary
George [unclear]

Mr. Bostonly W. Read

Mr. Irwin does not appear suitable for a Treasury, Audit or Customs appointment

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for all such local candidates to be interviewed
by a senior official before their applications
are forwarded from this country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

GOVERNOR.

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The Treasury,
Nairobi, Kenya, May 1913.

The Hon'ble Chief Secretary,
Nairobi.

In accordance with S. 3913 of 23rd April 1913, I interviewed Mr. J.J. Irwin, yesterday, as to his suitability for a Treasury appointment generally.

2. Mr. Irwin is of good and quiet address - aged 30 - apparently healthy - is married - is now in the employ of the "Leader Office".

3. He has not used the typewriter nor written shorthand for some years, and owns to very little present practical knowledge of either. He knows no foreign languages.

4. As he said he had had a good deal of experience in banking and Bills of Exchange I asked him several questions such as the mint price of gold; how many grains in a sovereign; mint par of exchange of a sovereign in francs and marks; meaning of a token coin; reasons for fluctuations in price of foreign bills; the metallic or intrinsic value of a rupee; present price of silver: to not one of which did he give a correct answer. He, naturally, has no acquaintance with the method of keeping Colonial accounts.

I do not consider he has the necessary qualifications for a Treasury appointment.

5. Counterbalancing to some extent the above drawbacks he has had 12 years constant commercial employment, the last 6 or 8 years being in confidential and responsible positions. He says he is fond of work: is a teetotaler: good at figures and general correspondence and Office work, and is desirous of entering Government Service.