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District Commissioners

Recommendations made by Beech Watkins Brown Stone Montgomery Lightbody Dundas & Prince to fill forthcoming vacancies - (7 on Estimates 1914-15, 1 in Conn with retirement) Mr Redden Refers to case of Mr Hemmant

~~Mr Hemmant~~ Mr G. Fiddes

The Estimates show an increase of £ on the Estimates figure for 1913-14. This is because we created a new D.C. ship during the year when Capt. Ray (Special Service Officer, N. 7-8.) was killed & replaced by Mr Beech. Seven is therefore correct,

but Mr Thomson's transfer reduces the number to be filled at present to six. As regards Mr Hemmant; the matter was left, so far as we were concerned, in the position that he ought to have been considered but that the vote made on his file would come to the same thing when his name came up for promotion. Subsequently the Gov. had been put below all the other A.D.C.'s of the same date, so that in

Mr G. Fiddes

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fact as well as in ultimate result he  
has lost seniority. He can certainly be  
left out of account on this occasion?

(If the man recommended,

Heck (File 2888): Conf. report satisfactory -  
not always, but full with experience

Nathans (File 2193): Good report but  
not very sympathetic with natives though  
he is a careful investigator of native  
questions.

Brown (File 3162): Apparently no conf.  
report.

Stone (File 2615) Good report.

Montgomery (File 2192): No Conf. report. This  
was the A.D.C. who lost his head  
rather badly when there were rumors  
of Sulu & Luabu disturbances early  
last year.

Lydney (File 3504) No conf. report.

In the absence vacancy in August,

Duncan (File 3505) No conf. report.

Due to Mr. Thomson's transfer,  
E. Bruce, who is probably as good as  
any of the above, will have to wait.  
There is however no hardship in this,  
as he had no reason to anticipate so

large an increase of the establishment  
= part of D.C.S.

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[Our staff will be rather top-heavy  
till all the new A.D.C.s have gone  
out.]

? Approval of promotion of  
Beach, Watkins, Browne, Stone,  
Montgomery, by nobody from 1<sup>st</sup>  
April & Dundas from 5<sup>th</sup> August,  
referring to one desk, about Thomson's  
file.

G.C.S.

17/4/14

Not a very strong list, so far as  
we can judge.

He proposed?

H. J. D.

17/4/14

at home

W. J. D.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

CONFIDENTIAL No. 44.

March 6th, 1914.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the vacancies which will shortly occur in the grade of District Commissioner. The estimates for 1914-15 provide for an increase of 7 appointments in this grade and an eighth vacancy will occur on August 5th when a District Commissioner is promoted to fill the vacancy in the grade of Provincial Commissioner consequent on Mr. Reddie's retirement.

2. I recommend that Messrs. Beech, Watkins, Browne, Stone, Montgomery, Lightbody and Dundas be promoted from April 1st and Mr. Bruce from August 5th. These officers are the senior Assistant District Commissioners in the order named, they have all passed the requisite examinations in Law and Kiswahili and there is nothing on record against any of them which might

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

might prompt me to suggest that any of them should be passed over for promotion.

3. It is necessary for me in connection with the question of seniority to refer to the case of Mr. E. V. Hemmant. This officer's seniority dates from September 4th, 1908, together with that of Messrs. Lightbody, Dundas, Bruce and Brett. Originally he was placed between Messrs. Lightbody and Dundas but in consequence of the Jilore incident, which has formed the subject of correspondence between us ending with your confidential despatch of 31st January 1913, I directed that he should be shown in the Staff List at the bottom of the list of officers of his date. But for this he would have been one of the officers recommended for promotion on April 1st next, Mr. Dundas would have been recommended for promotion on August 5th and Mr. Bruce would have been left at the head of the list of Assistant District Commissioners.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*H. Conway Bejard.*

GOVERNOR.

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3 April 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch, No 44, of the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, and to inform you that I approve of the promotion of Messrs M. W. Beech, O. F. Watkins, E. W. Browne, A. J. Stone, H. R. Montgomery and L. J. Lightbody to be District Commissioners, with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1914, to fill six of the seven new appointments in that grade provided in the Estimates for the current

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Confidential  
For Sir H. Balfour

MINUTE

- Mr. *Keppel* 2/3/14
- Mr. *Bottomley* 2/3/14
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

*noted for*

year. As you will  
have learned from  
despatch no 268, of the  
20<sup>th</sup> of March the  
remaining vacancy  
has been filled by  
the transfer of Mr.  
J. Thomson from Somaliland.

[<sup>in pl</sup>  
2709 Lk.]

2. I also approve of  
the promotion of ~~Mr.~~ the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> C.C. Dundas to be  
a Dist Commr. with effect  
from the 5<sup>th</sup> of August next,  
to fill the vacancy which  
will occur on the retirement  
of Mr. Reddie.

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