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British Consul for S. Abyssinia

Concurs in proposed app^t of an E.A.F. Office.
Mr. Houghton is being consulted as to most
suitable place of residence for the Consul

~~Mr. Houghton~~
Mr J Anderson

The salary of the app^t
is to be £500 p.a. (see me 6
& 20665). It seems to me that
Mr. Hodson, the Senior Dist^t Comm^r.
S. end, would be admirably fitted
for the post. He is energetic, conscientious, &
responsible, & ~~is~~ accustomed to
hardships, & appears to be cut out
for work of the kind. He is fed up
with a life of inaction at Bulberr,
as he has none of his own, he may
leave us altogether - which wd be regrettable
as he is above the average. His
present

present scale of salary £ 400-20
£ 500 + £ 40 D.A. but he
is only drawing £ 400 + £ 40, so
that it will be slight promotion for
him.

Col. Perkins, from the little that
he knows of Mr. Hodson, thinks that
he will be suitable for the post.
Telegraph to Gov.:

Your conf: despatch of 8th May
appointment of British Consul
Southern Abyssinia approved.

I have seen suitable candidates
to you will recommend names
of any local officials for consideration
with him.

I span etc. this Mr. Butler, as he
knows something of Mr. H. & has
seen him lately.

To J. R.
24/VII/14

... had to have this opportunity

of course
he will
be the
best
choice

of confirming what Mr. Read says about
Mr. Hodson. He made certain sacrifices to
go to Somaliland anticipating a
life of excitement and adventure
there for which he is well fitted. He
has in the event found himself
shut up in Bulhar with only routine
work to do at the best of times and
during the months of the Khariif
nothing to do at all. This has told
on him to such an extent (as he
has done sooner or later on all
others confined to the 'Somaliland
seaboard' that he doubts whether he
could stand much more of it. I
feel convinced myself that he would
not be wise to go back to merely
coast work in Somaliland. It would
be a pity to lose him for he is full
of keenness & energy & is well
fitted for pioneer work & plenty of
it.

J. R.
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Mr Hancock.

I agree as to Mr Hoodon
as proposed

Ed 24/11

I agree

At 24/11

I suppose you have not forgotten
the actuary's decision on some
not paid this.

In any further communication
on this subject, please quote
No. 30211/14.

and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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Sir:-

With reference to your letter 20666/1914 of the 3rd instant I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to state that he concurs in the proposal of the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate that one of the Protectorate officers should be appointed British Consul for Southern Abyssinia.

Before informing the Abyssinian Government of the appointment, Mr. Thesiger, who is at present in this country, is being consulted as to the most suitable place of residence for the Consul.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

A. J. Jones

Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Nairobi

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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