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The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of  
despatch No 988 of 11<sup>th</sup> February in reply to  
mine of 9<sup>th</sup> January

I much regret to observe the tone  
and attitude of Mr Secretary Harcourt's  
reply I still maintain I am not being  
treated in the manner in which I have every  
right to expect and am lawfully entitled to  
an injustice has been done me, and no  
useful purpose can be served by ignoring  
the legitimate claims of a Public Officer

I have nothing further to add but must  
still continue to press my claims through  
all lawful and constitutional channels

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your obedient humble Servant  
W. H. B. Macdonald

C. P. Linder Esq  
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Whitehall,

S.W.

9th June, 1911.

Sir,

Mr. Churchill desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and to say that he took no part in the decision on your case, and that the matter is not one in which he can interfere.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) E. MARSH.

Dr. MacDonald.

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I have the honour to direct your attention  
to a matter which has caused me considerable  
concern. In the past  
with Office of the Secretary of the Department  
responsible. I have been unable to secure  
redress or justice to your name has been  
suggested to me as being probably responsible  
for the attitude assumed I have at last  
been enabled to bring the matter to your notice

Stated as briefly as possible it is as follows  
In a despatch from the Governor of B.E. Africa  
dated at Nairobi December 20<sup>th</sup> 1907 I am  
notified, that it has been decided to retire me  
from my position of Medical Officer of Health  
at Mombasa, on the grounds, that I did not  
hold a Diploma in Public Health. With this  
despatch came a covering letter from him  
Colonel J. Will R.A.M.C., at that time,  
Principal Medical Officer S.A. Protectorate,  
suggesting that you were possibly responsible  
for the notification. I replied to the despatch  
and at the same time pointing out that I

was under the impression that one Officer of the  
was entitled to such the age of fifty years he  
compelled to retire

In an interview with Sir J. Huger Duval  
I endeavored to impress this fact on him  
and urged that I might be allowed to finish  
six months more by which time I would be  
fifty years and be entitled to full pension  
and also pointing out that if he persisted in  
his action I would miss a laborer's success  
what I was just entitled to. I was met  
by a flat refusal, the Director then declining  
to forward to Head Quarters my contention  
in a despatch from Lord Curzon was the end

He greatly regretted I was under the impression  
I had been generally used but that my  
retirement was well recommended to me  
This brings me back to the statement  
contained in Lord Curzon's letter that my  
retirement was possibly due to your action  
It is possible and more than probable that  
you were misinformed & misled as I cannot  
believe one of His Majesty's Ministers could  
wish or desire to do an injustice to a  
Public Officer who had endeavored to serve  
his country & could have appreciated and  
understood the action of the Colonial Office  
had a Displacement in Public Service been

immediately appointed in my place and not  
for more than two years after I had been  
unwilling to retire in peace my post was a  
man appointed with the necessary qualifications  
It is therefore obvious that the reasons advanced  
for my retirement were not genuine and  
that person's name was not looked  
for in the office. It is not to be believed  
that such a man would be appointed in 1898  
remotely probable in the suggestion  
made to me in connection with the  
house. The result of the action of the Colonial  
Office has been that I am assured of what  
I am entitled to, and perhaps, what is  
still more serious, I am retired in the early  
prime of life under a cloud of suspicion  
Naturally I feel very keenly the unfair treat-  
ment I have received after the many years  
I have served in Africa. I am one of the  
original pioneers of the country and have  
without intermission or leave for nearly  
one year in that territory, and to be subjected  
to such treatment at the end is, to say  
the least of it discouraging. My record  
will be found in the S. Africa Hand Book  
for 1907-1908

I would beg to give you my assurance  
that I do not approach you in any captious or  
contentious spirit, but simply with a view  
that you may be pleased to endeavor to

to recommend that my legitimate concerns  
should be taken into and satisfied  
I was at the same time to be allowed  
to express my regret that I should be under  
the necessity of approaching you in this matter.

I have the honor to be  
your most obedient humble servant  
James B. Macdonald

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James Churchill Esq.  
A.M.S. Home Secretary

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not be subject to any difficulties  
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Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant  
Dietrich Bismarck

The Right Honble  
Minister for the Churchills Esq  
A MS Home Secretary

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