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No.2

January 2nd, 1912.

Sir,

The commencement of the works on the
Magadi Railway and the consequent recruitment of
large gangs of labourers for the purpose have
rendered it imperative to appoint immediately a
Labour Inspection officer who will be able to
devote his whole time to the needs and problems
of the Railway, if that rapid construction so
greatly desired both by the Company and the Govern-
ment is to be satisfactorily accomplished. The
main duties of this officer will be (i) the proper
supervision of native labour, (ii) the maintenance
of peaceful relations with the Masai (iii) the
adequate protection of the land in the Southern
Reserve through which the Railway is to be built.

I much regret to have to report that
the initiation of the works has not been very
successful. This is almost entirely due to diffi-
culties which have arisen in connection with
labour.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARGREAVES, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

labour, and it has been clearly pointed out to ⁵
the manager for Messrs. Pauling & Co., the contract-
ors, that proper organization of the labour camps
is the only means whereby the construction may be
brought to a successful issue.

3. The position at one period was almost
critical, and in order to meet immediately the
urgent requirements of the case I instructed the
District Commissioner of the Southern Masai Re-
serve to devote all his available time to the
Mogadi Railway. As however the present condition
of affairs in the Reserve will not allow this
officer to make regular visits to the construct-
ion camps I have appointed Mr. A. D. Welstead
Labour Inspection officer to the Mogadi Railway,
with ^{the} powers of an Assistant District Commissioner,
at a salary of £250 per annum. Mr. Welstead has
many qualifications for the post, the chief of
them being (i) that he is a successful organizer
of native labour, (ii) that he has had police ex-
perience, in fact he was senior in the South
African Constabulary to the present District Com-
missioner of the Southern Masai Reserve (iii) that
he has considerable knowledge of the duties of
a Game Warden.

4. I trust that under the circumstances
this appointment may be approved. The expenditure
involved during the current year will be less
than £100 and the advantages derived will be
inestimable. No provision for the post was made

in the estimates for the current year, as at the time when those estimates were framed the date of the commencement of the works on the Magadi Railway had not been definitely decided. I have however caused a sum to be inserted in the draft estimates for next year to provide for the appointment of a second Labour Inspection Officer.

I trust that no further difficulties of a serious nature may arise and I am anxiously awaiting a visit from the General Manager of the Magadi Co. with a view to discussing with him the means whereby the situation may be improved.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

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