

in order to ascertain
 the trading possibilities
 of the district, & he
 would be glad to know
 if Mr. Swain is the
 accredited agent of
 the Syndicate consisting
 of your firm,
 Messrs A. & W. Kellell,
 & Sir James Laing
 & Sons, referred to
 in Mr. Williams's letter
 of 4th Feb 1904,
 or, if not, what
 firms or syndicates
 he does in fact represent
 I am etc.

R. L. ANTROBUS

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 DISPATCH

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 No 5816

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 1908
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(Subject)

Mr R. B. Richards
 2nd Eng 28 Feb

"As a result" as it placed on him and it
 is reasonable to expect or failing that that he may be
 granted a similar leave of absence as those enjoyed by other
 officers of the vessel. Recommendations from the commanding
 officer on a question of this kind is to propose a leave of
 absence of 14 days if he is considered in this connection

(Message)

Mr. Read
 January 22 08/06,
 I of the fact that it is doubtful
 whether the job will
 be finished or not much.
 Mr. Richards is reasonable
 But I think we must
 grant him the leave finally
 asked for - the more so
 to say they are trying
 to get the job done
 for a private cause of
 both ways have come to
 nothing so far & the job
 is retained & was

Received on 1908/06

the report stated. It is distributed
by the bank that the job
is in a bad state considering
that she was repaired in 1956
at a cost of \$4,400. Cash
for repair by the People of
Maine. Myrtle Railway
on her condition, & the reason
why she has got into a bad state
is poor, & also on the necessity
of not repairing her.

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\$75: for amount

at home

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Governor's Office,

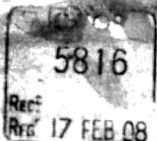
Nairobi,

January 22nd 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 50

(Incl. 1)



My Lord,

I have the honour to submit an application from Mr. P. B. Richards, 2nd Engineer of Protectorate Steamship "Juba" to be placed on the permanent and pensionable establishment, or failing this that he may be granted leave privileges similar to the other officers of S.S. "Juba", i.e., six months leave after two and a half years service.

2. Mr. Richards has served in this Protectorate since 1907 and will in October next have completed two periods of service under agreements, the first for three years and the second for two years.

3. By clause 15 of the 2nd agreement it is optional for the Government at the end of the agreement to extend the period of agreement for a year, and at the expiration of this further period either to place the officer on the fixed establishment with the customary privileges, the service under the agreement counting towards pension, or offer him further temporary employment.

4. The Chief of Customs, however, speaks so highly

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

Application

highly of Mr. Richards' work and also points out what difficulties he had with the 2nd Engineer of the "Juba" before Mr. Richards' engagement that I have no hesitation in recommending to Your Lordship that Mr. Richards should be placed on the permanent establishment.

5. In making this recommendation it is necessary to consider the present bad condition of the "Juba" and whether it is proposed should she be pronounced unseaworthy, to provide another steamship in her place.

6. The question of ^{the} work now done by the "Juba" being put out to contract has several times been discussed but no practical working scheme has ever been evolved. Quite apart from the question of expense the "Juba" at present provides us with our only regular communication with Jubaland. There are not sufficient inducements in the way of cargo to ensure a regular service to Kismayu and though the other coast ports of call might possibly be sufficiently served by private enterprise, for strategic reasons regular communication with Kismayu must be maintained.

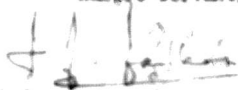
I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,



(In the absence of H.E. the Governor)

COPY.

S.S. "Juba"
Mombasa, East Africa
January 18th 1908.

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The Chief of Customs,
Mombasa.

INCLOSURE

in Despatch No. 57 of 22-1-1908

C. O.

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17 JAN 08

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice certain paragraphs in the agreement between myself and the Crown Agents for the Colonies, of May 4th 1906 and also in the renewal of that agreement October 6th 1906 and request that you will favour me with an explanation and also as to what are the intentions of the Government in regard to my future service in the Protectorate.

In paragraph 12 (agreement May 4th 1906) it states that on completion of the contract, the Government shall decide whether the appointment shall be made permanent.

May I request to be now placed on the permanent pensioned staff with the same leave privileges as granted to officers of the Protectorate.

I served for three years under the first agreement and with the two years which terminated in October next making five years in all. I desire to be placed on the same footing as the three other officials of the "Juba" who are all on the pensioned staff.

Previous to joining the East Africa service I served for five years as an assistant in the Royal Navy, and I would respectfully ask the Government to consider this previous service in connection with placing me on the permanent staff of the Protectorate.

Or, if not placed on the pensioned staff will the Government grant the same leave privileges as given to the other officers, namely six months leave after two and a half years service in the Protectorate, with return

passage

passage and with full and three quarters pay whilst on leave.

I would request you to consider the fact that Engine room duties in the tropics are very trying, the work arduous and very detrimental to one's health. Although East Africa may be rated as a healthy climate, which it undoubtedly is upcountry in the Highlands, at the Coast it is essentially and completely a tropical climate and the heat combined with the engine room work very detrimental to one's health.

I have etc., etc.,

Sd/- F. S. Richards.

Second Engineer.

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Mr. Ellis 22/2

Mr. Read 22

Mr. Just.

X Mr. Antrobus. 24 J.

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Mr. Churchill.

The Earl of Elgin.

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Sir
I have the honor
to ^{inform you, in reply to} ~~reply to~~ the receipt of
your despatch No 50
of the 22nd ult.,
I ~~thank you~~ inform you
that I am unable
to consider the
question of placing
Mr P B. Richards,
2nd Engineer of
the "Yuba", on the
provisional establish-
ment, which was
decided in the nega-

tion in 1906, especially
as the question of
the ship still doubtful
how long the Govt
will continue to run
a steamer on the
route.

2. I approve, however, of
your recommendation
that Mr. Richards
shd. be given leave
on the same terms
as established officers
with second class
passages.

3. I learn with regret
that the "Juba", which
was repaired in 1906
at a cost of £4,400,

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is in a bad condition,
and I should be glad
if you would advise
respect from the
Capt. of Marine,
Uganda Railway,
on her present state
& the cause of
her having so soon
fallen into disrepair
and also upon the
cost of repairing her
or, in the alternative,
of replacing her with
a suitable vessel.

4. I gather from the
final part of your
desp. that you are not
losing sight of the
disinclination of
getting the work done
performed by the "Juba".