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W. A. Kenyon - Kenya

Recommended him for vacant post of District Commr. Kenya

(Minutes.)

minutes.

This was forwarded to the Gov's Dep on 28/06/07.

In our conf dep on 28/06 we approved the Gov's recommendation that the posts of 2nd & 3rd Assnt Secy should be interchangeable with administrative posts.

The present proposal to promote Mr Kenyon - Slings to be a Dist C^o is however open to my opinion to considerable objection.

He was app^{nt} as an Asst Secy in April 1903, transferred to the Secretariat in March 1904 (although his app^{nt} officially dates from the 7th April 1906 only, vide 3122/06) where he has been ever since.

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23/06/08

and in the H.L. tentacles to
approve this promotion until
he has ~~received~~ learned the
Governor's news.

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I can't quite go with Mr. Lobb
in this matter. The principle
of the interlocking quality of the
President with the Administration
Staff having been admitted
(rightly as I think) we cannot
complain of occasionally it is
found necessary to furnish
men District Comm. from
the President who has had little
direct experience of District work.
At the same time I agree that
Mr. Sherry should not jump
over Mr. Patterson's head
without good cause shown, &
I should ask why he did so
found one at the same time
putting nobody the objection
to making 2 men District
Comm. & who has as little ex-
perience of the work.

MR 12/2

See also
Vignette Sa
Luerick

Yes. Proceed as proposed
in Mr. Ellis's minute. It
seems to me that the ex-
perience gained in the Ed.
Sherry's office should be
very valuable for a District
office, and should enable
him to become ~~an~~ efficient
in District administration
much more quickly than
a man who had not had
the benefit of the wider
outlook which work at
headquarters affords.

At 11:30
at once

N. Antobus. Mr. Ellis. We hope we
practically agreed as to the action to be taken on this

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East Africa Protectorate

Governor's Office

Confidential (14)

Nairobi

13 February 1908

My Lord,

In reference to the concluding paragraph of Your Lordships confidential despatch of the 12th November last, I have the honour to recommend Mr. N. A. Kenyon-Stacey for the post of District Commissioner vacant owing to the retirement of Mr. Murray.

In point of actual service he is a few months junior to Mr. Silliman, but he has a good experience of Secretarial work and is I consider the most deserving of the vacant vacancy.

Attest
Secretary of State
in the presence of
Erving Street

It will be remembered that the promotion of Mr. Kenyon Slanty to a district was part of the scheme lately proposed in connection with the partial reorganization of the Secretariat.

I have the honour to be,
 My dear,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
 humble servant,

John Lubbock

Gov E.A.P.
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15 April 1905

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Lobb 1/4
- Mr. Ross 13
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have had under consideration your confidential (14) of the 13th of Feb last, relative to the proposed promotion of Mr. W.A. Kenyon-Stoney, 3rd Assistant Secy in the E.A.P., to the office of Dist. Comr. in view of the retirement of Mr. G.H.L. Murray.

P.T.O.

2. I hesitate to
give my approval
to this recommendation
until I have
had an opportunity
of learning the
reasons which
in your opinion,
render it advisable
that Mr Kingston-
Slaney should be
preferred to Mr
H. Silberry.

3. From the info
before me it
now appears that
whereas Mr Silberry
has now had over
five years
continuous experience
of District
Administration,
Mr Kingston-Slaney,
on the other hand,

has served for
over four years -
the Secretariat
after performing the
duties of an Assistant
Collector for less
than six months
on first appointment.

4. I shall accordingly
be glad to learn
your views as to the
advisability of
appointing to the charge
of a District an
Officer who has
~~little~~ so little
practical experience
of District Administration,

as compared with
many of the present
Assistant District Officers;

and who, even
though he has but
little ~~of~~ that personal
acquaintance with
native life & habits
which ^{is} ~~is~~ the first
and most ~~important~~
T.P.O.

essential for ^{that} ~~the~~
a District Officer,
of whatever standing,
should acquire
before he can
~~commit~~ discharge
his duties efficiently.

Yours