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(Subject.)

Legislative Council

Requests that Mr. Watts be considered for
suet m. If not approved, ^{propose} propose that when
Hollis goes on leave in April next to appoint
Mr. Watts temporarily

For Read (Minutes.)

The draft of ~~proposals~~ does not
materially affect the same.
If Mr. ~~Watts~~ is appointed
~~the programme left on table~~ the
Council would consist of 10 official
and 5 unofficial members.

The Director of Public Works is not on
any West Africa Legislative Council
but in the case of several West Indian
Colonies (e.g. Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados)
and Ceylon he is included.

~~He is a member of the Legislative Council~~
~~of the Colony~~
The principal works in prospect are
those connected with the railway,
which will not come within Mr
Watts's sphere, but he is an official
of great experience.

? Approve, as a ~~1st~~ 2nd order
case, of his appl. for two years.
W.C.B.
2/3 I am not

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sure Mr. Watts will be so keen on
expending his time - talking
at the Council when he finds
how we have cut down his ex-
traneous proposals for an
increase of staff. He will
have to do some work himself.

But after agreeing to Mr.
Macdonald we can hardly
refuse ~~any~~ 3/2

Dr. Antrobus

Proceed as proposed by
Dr. Antrobus?

H. J. R.

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The case seems to me to be not
at all on all fours with that of
Dr. Macdonald. It was desirable
to put Dr. Macdonald on the Council
for the reasons explained by Mr. Churchill
on 6/5. But there is no special ad-
vantage in having the Head of the
Public Works Dept. on the Council, and in
L.S. areas we have quite recently sanctioned
a proposal that he should be placed
upon it. I think that we should
expressly sanction to this proposal

This is possible
favour to Mr. Watts
the little I know
of his work
is the fact that
been all - in
January 1914

I am very disappointed at not being (2)
placed on the Council: I spoke about
this to Sir James a few weeks ago, and he
said he had not forgotten me, but that
Macdonald had made his claims for a
seat when I had but a few weeks since,
and H.E. consequently felt bound to
Macdonald, and at present he had no
doubter to balance me!!

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Now until I am on the Council
Executive & Legislative — I had no
idea that the Executive Council existed
until I came here — I shall find my
work very seriously handicapped, and
I shall not be able to give forthwith
the full value of my long & varied
experience.

I claim that Montgomery &
myself are on the same plane, and
that no officer should be sandwiched
in between us, & that whatever privileges
Montgomery gets, I should receive the
same.

The Debate on the Annual Estimate
was from all accounts a sorry affair, &
I wrote to Mowson and protested against

the procedure adopted, & suggested a better system for the future. Whether he has shown my letter to H. E. or not I do not know, as they have both been on tour & only returned here yesterday. Mr. Montgomery, Currie, Combs & I will all agree that I was correct in my idea of the procedure which should be followed in future & was not spoken to any other Member of Council on the subject.

Bouring did Geoman's time in the Council, & he is a first rate man both officially and socially.

The Sadler are charming people, & there are a great many nice people here.

The Administration of Council is very new & inexperienced, but I think it will be quite a good one before this Calendar year is out.

As there is a possibility of a second or two or three Province in

asked me to write to the Provincial Commission about the organization required etc. This I have done, and as I have met with favourable answers, I am going on with the subject, so that we may have a settled Policy should a vacancy occur.

I have met my old Devonshire collecting friend - little Wadland (now Lord Waleran) here. He goes home with his wife & son tomorrow. He is just as cheery & handsome as ever.

I am afraid this letter is very egotistical & uninteresting. It however deals with matters which I have at heart, so I do not apologize for writing about them.

I heard the other day that Nobley is going on leave, so I applied to act for him as Commissioner of Mines, because I have experience in this direction - of course in addition

to give Mr. Watts a seat as
 Comm. of Wks. should be
 refused, but that the
 alternative of appointing him
 to act for Mr. Hollis tem-
 porarily should be allowed
 provided that attendance
 at the meetings of the
 Council will not interfere
 unduly with ~~the~~ super-
 vision of ~~the~~ the works
 which he is carrying out.

Wm. M. H.

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Gen. Churchile
 Lord Styrin

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Paraphrase of telegram from

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM.

Governor of East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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February 29th. Referring to your Confidential despatch of 5th February Please consider offering Watts Commissioner of Works a seat on the Legislative Council. Regret that ~~that~~ something ?? prevented putting forward his name before. If you do not approve this I should propose when Hollis goes on leave in April next to appoint Watts temporarily.

SADLER.

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