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EAST AER. PROT.

No.

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No.
Case No. 603

1905

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last previous Paper.

(Subject.)

Mr. Currie's Release!

He asks that he may be granted
 the same terms as in his original Agre^t.
 Strongly recommends.

(Minutes)

Mr. Red

The F.O. thinks that the
 £200 was meant to cover
 everything - so that I don't
 think there have been charges
 on this. It is true that in
 the letter of July 3 he was
 told that they could leave
 he would come under the
 Protection Regulations -
 But it appears from our
 letter of 10th July 1903
 that he was to make
 arrangements with the
 Comptroller of the Paying

Summons
 number
 and date

Dear Mr. Secretary,
I have written to you to say that it
would seem to me best to let the
Government take care of its own
affairs - And I do not
think it would be F.O. ³³ letter of 10/7/03
(I may say that I am now rather
sure) Mr. Currie is to be retained
upon my minute or
30642. I recognized that as the
Treasury would decide
important questions of rates, which
depended on ~~good~~ ^{more} commercial arrangements
of which we may be presumed to have
a complete acquaintance. It
appears from a recent minute of
Sir M. Onslow that this letter
has been left to the Manager
of Mr. Currie's old business
in view of the original letter.
There is no ^{any} reason for
allowing him to be engaged
on the subject of rates & I
do not think that he is actually
engaged.

I am afraid we are now bound
to Mr Pearce - for another
three years - but there is no
need to see you two any
further in documents today

Mo 8/2

be very far from you now. Dr J. Stewart
spoke very highly of Mr. Currie & 30072 +,
with the "exception" of natural carelessness
Currie management, it is certain that the
we are getting increasingly better results from
the Railway. At the same time his training
has been largely that of an Engineer +
he has been brought up on the Indian
system which is ~~very~~ complicated + elaborate
+ easily suited to E. African conditions.
We have kept away a considerable number
of ~~absent~~ returns which were furnished to
the D.O. ^{at the request of} Mr. McAllister, another
ex-Indian Railway Official, + the abolition
of which ought to have admitted of some
reduction in the subordinate staff. The
question arises whether the administration
of the railway could not be further
clarified. But in this + in other
directions, as I think that it would be
most unsatisfactory if we could have
an independent opinion upon the subject. It
is by far the most important Dept. in the
Government of East Africa that it should be

well worth our while to consider the
point, had had experience of the
management of another railway. He
wishes us, that the written one line of
letter by command staff (to the Director,
to General Manager & the S.W.R.R. The
letter was induced to recommend a man
of the type (a full general manager of
S. America railway, but he would
not at that time be ready to assume
such a responsibility. Mr. Price, the General
Manager of the S. Africa Central Railway.
I find that Mr. Price is a man in the
country & has applied for permission to
travel to S. Africa via Egypt & the East
Coast, & if he can be obtained I would
suggest that he should be asked to
report on the administration of the Uganda
Railway as it is going to take about
two years to make practically the
Uganda railway running since April 1900
admirable, when we can expect
to improve we should have a better
interior to judge on a due date probably
of account Mr. Currie. In the meantime
that that the best plan would be
to continue the present arrangement - so
named & known as "Employment with option
to purchase" under the armistice agreement
for 3 months.

It is to be picked by W.L.C.
to the General Manager & Dept. as to
whether Mr. Price would be sent to us

No wonder the
man recently
appointed they
will be better his
gentle & amiable
gets. I heartily
hope

the time when
will be regard
for his monthly
allowance
a month,

do not know anything of Mr. Price, but if he is
a man of sufficient standing to report on Mr. Currie
and one or two others judging
what we can rely
upon that it will be a
good plan to get him
it possible, to make this
inspection.

W.H. Dec. 28

If the responsibility for the manage-
ment of the railway is to rest
mainly upon the general manager,
that official is entitled to the full
credit for successful working. The
Uganda railway under Mr. Currie
has done far better than was expected
and I would certainly keep him
on, under the present terms. If he
finishes in twelve it will probably be
well worth our while to raise his salary
but we shall be largely guided by the
Government's opinion.

There is no very strong reason for

If we want to wait for the return of the
messengers and the mail starting in Liverpool - & he
is willing - I see no objection. But I sincerely hope
that Sir H. O'connor will be much more than satisfied.
It would be a great service to us if he could
manage to do so without causing trouble. Telegraph
messages do not travel easily - and Express has
been regarded in that country as India.

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Sir H. O'connor

Since the above minutes were
written we have ascertained
that Mr. Price has already started,
and, although we could intercept
him at Cairo with a telegram for
(even a letter), I think you agree
with me that, as it is impossible
for us to see him and explain
fully what is required, it is not
advisable to employ him as
proposed.

M. Dec 29

I agree - there was every argument made
for a report and it was the cleavage of
making use of Mr. Price which attracted
me to write to India office to clear up any
ambiguity as to the time when the
service is due.

Commissioner's Office,

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Mombasa,

November 3rd 1905.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 603

Sir,

I have had the honour to receive your despatch No. 408 of September 8th sanctioning the renewal of Mr. Currie's engagement for a period of three years, and have communicated its contents to him. I venture to point out that the terms now offered are less favourable than those of Mr. Currie's original agreement, enclosed in Foreign Office No. 416 of August 26th 1903, in which despatch it was stated that as regards leave he would come under the regulations applicable to the superior Establishment of the East Africa Protectorate. By these regulations Mr. Currie would in April next be entitled to six months' leave - three months on full pay and three months on three-fourths pay - a

return

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON.

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return ticket to London, and an allowance of seven pounds and fifteen shillings each way for incidental expenses. Mr. Currie informs me that it was explained to him at the Foreign Office that in the event of his administration of the Railway meeting with approval he might anticipate having the terms of his engagement improved. He, however, recognises the many reasons why this is not possible, and only asks that he may be offered the same terms as those of his previous agreement. In view of the excellent work done by Mr. Currie on the Railway I venture to strongly recommend his request for your approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. J. [Signature]

MR. F. J. JACKSON.

No. 603

Reference C.O. desp. No. 408 or
Sept. 8th and P.O. No. 416 or
August 26th 1907.

Inclosure nil.

Received

by bag

Permit of the carrier

Engagement for three years

etc. other to me to
present to some firms
as in original opinion

DRAFT.

Ministry of State
Inns Office.

25/2/52

11/5/52

5 January 1952.

MINUTE.

Mr. Eden 2nd. 3/1 6TB 3/1

Mr. Treas.

11/1/52

Mr. Attrobud

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Graham.

Sir M. Omanney.

The Duke of Marlborough.

Mr. Lyttelton.

2 am directed by

the E. of Elgin to request

that you will draw the

attention of the Secretary

Murley to the letter from

the Foreign Office to the

Inns Office dated 1st

DRAFT.

Under Secretary of State
India Office.

Ans^d 25/1/01
11/5/01

5 January 1901

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July 1903 referring

to the selection of

M^r H.A. & Currie of the

Indian Public Works

Dep^t, Railway Branch,

for the appointment

of Manager of the

Uganda Railway,

in which it was stated

that "Arrangements

have been made

on which Mr. Currie

one of his terms of service

pension contrib.

Mr. Currie

to take care of Office

and I am to my good

what arrangements

are to be made for the

so far as the Government

of India are concerned.

Mr. R. D. A.

we will then be free
to him under Indian
rules, yet what
rate salary will
be payable to him
from Indian funds.