

DOMESTIC

EAST AFR. PROT
No 37500

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Individual

(Subject)

4/10/08

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Return to D. A. Post

Oct

Declines to return until his health has
been restored (incl. cert. enclosed) & until
decision has been given on allegations made
against him.

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(Minutes, 2/11/08)

Mr Cox

I attach to this the telegram received
on 8th Oct. Note is attached in very unproprio-
lous terms. Col Patterson seems to have got
completely above himself.

I understand that Sir H. H. H. has
spoken to Lord Curzon and that Col Patterson
is to be sent, on a ordinary course, to
Sir P. Meunier with a view to enquiring
out whether he is really ill & how long an
absence he needs.

But do think he must be told in the
same letter that he is not to be sent.

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accept the view that any such serious rumors
have been encouraged by the local authorities
that although he has not apparently answered
in a satisfactory manner the suggestions for
financial irregularities, still there are other
matters which it is desirable for an officer in
his position to clear up if he is to retain his
appointment. and that Lord Curzon has
decided that he must return to the Protectorate
for that purpose. See also the memorandum 3421/1

~~This memorandum should be placed in the
hands of the Secretary of State for the Colonies
for his consideration and he should be kept
informed of the result.~~

C. H.
14 Oct

See F. Thompson.

I submit a draft for your concurrence.
I understood that an interview with you
has made it unnecessary for any reply
made & I put down only what seems necessary
to preserve a proper attitude towards the S. I. S.

C. H.
17 Oct

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Hopwood Colonial Office

of Africa here

SW received cannot return fast question must be settled letter follows

Falerson

33 De Vere Gardens
London W.
12th October 1908

To the Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office
S. W.

C O
37500
14 OCT 08

S. W.
In confirmation of my telegram of the 8th just in reply to your letter no 34211/1908 of the 6th inst and with reference to para 4 thereof I beg to state that I have not yet sufficiently recovered from the effects of the Fever and Dysentery contracted during my recent expedition through the Northern Game Reserve to return at present to East Africa as requested.

Owing to the serious nature of my illness I had expected to be ordered to appear, as is usual, before the Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office before being requested to return to East Africa. As this was not done, and I knew that my state of health was such that I could not go back just now, I consulted the Medical Advisers who have been attending me and who are therefore in the best

position to certify to my condition and I beg to enclose their certificates.

Had I only myself to consider I would return at once, even though the consequences might be fatal.

I think it only right however that I should draw attention to the fact that allegations of a very serious nature have been made against me and I consider that it is all justice to me these matters ought to be set right before I should be asked to return to East Africa or serve again with certain officials there.

Malicious and scandalous rumours have been allowed to spread and these will naturally go on spreading until the Colonial Secretary takes such definite steps as will put an end to them once for all.

In my letters of Aug²¹ & Sept¹⁵ I gave a very clear and full reply to the various serious allegations made against me, and with all due deference I consider that there is now ample evidence before the Colonial Secretary to enable him to come to a final judgment on the grave question at issue.

I have already fully stated my case, and so far as I can see have no further explanations to make regarding the most important points at issue.

With reference to para 6 regarding half-pay, you are of course aware that I have not only had no salary during my sick leave, but have had nothing for March, April, and part of May, while I was actively serving the Government.

In conclusion I beg to submit that the extreme gravity of the case demands that judgment should be prompt, and I trust that the Colonial ~~Office~~^{Secretary} will see that it is due to me, owing to the exceptional nature of the circumstances, to take such steps as will put the matter right.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. Patterson

4571
55, Upper Brook Street, W.

Oct 8. 08

I examined Col. J. H. Patterson D. O.,
whom I had also seen on Jan 17 1897,

Nov. 22 1905, and Sept 20. 1904.

I am strongly of opinion that it would
be most dangerous for him to proceed
to a tropical country in his present
condition

J. D. Rolleston M.D., F.R.C.P.

N 58

91, LINDEN GARDENS,

BAYSWATER, N.S.W.

It is to certify that
I have known Col. Patterson
of the 1st Victoria Regt
and have been at-
tending him since his
return from East Africa.
Col. Patterson embarked
at Sydney last March
in April, and was

Just home under circumstances needful to return
 advice in May. He has been to East Africa to examine
 and slight attacks of fever - if he
 he has been in this country to the consequences
 and has by no means probably be fatal.
 made a good recovery. I consider that
 in fact he is still fit to give advising time
 from well.

In my opinion he is fit to return to East Africa
 in his present condition

of ill-health would be
understanding a very good
responsibility.

H. C. Priestley
M. B.

7 Oct
1908

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W. M. W.

DRAFT

Colonel Patterson, D.S.O.

Downing Street,

October, 1906.

MINUTE.

Mr. Harris. Sir,

Mr. ^{17 Oct}

Mr. Just

Mr. Andrews

Mr. Cox

Sir C. Lucas

X Sir F. Hopwood ^{17 Oct}

Col. Seely. ^{19.10}

The Earl of Crewe.

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe

to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram

of the 8th instant, and your letter of the

12th instant, from which it is understood that

you desire to be examined by the medical

adviser to this department, with a view of

ascertaining whether you are in a fit state

of health to enable you to obey the Secretary

of State's instructions that you should return

to the British East Africa Protectorate at

the

W. M. W.
17 Oct
19.10
see letter
sent W. M. W.

the conclusion of your leave of absence.

~~2. The Lordship~~

~~of the inordinate term~~

~~in which you telegraphed and letter are couched,~~

~~to enclose a letter to Sir~~

Patrick Manson which you should present to

him in accordance with the instructions

upon it.

On receipt of Sir Patrick Manson's

report, Lord Crewe will be in a position to

~~arrive at a final conclusion upon the case.~~

~~Judge whether further leave can be granted.~~

I am, etc.,

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