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Governor No
Mr. Govt. 5

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Legislative Council

App't of Major Leggott as unofficial member

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Mr. Read

Approve by despatch or gazette app't
at a date subsequent to the arrival of
the despatch.

See also ^{Govt} 1/6/09

Feb 7

Feb 13

Mr. de Toller

Is he now?

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It seems to me undesirable
that Major Leggott should be
nominated as a regular member
(i.e. for a term of two years) of the

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as far as I can get
Sellers says, there is a feeling
that he is more of an official
than an unofficial representative,
which is but no doubt due to
the fact that he holds of himself
as "an Imperial Officer, last of
the Colonial Office for a term
of years to minister the work
of the Corporation here". See his
Letter in 30488/08 relating to his
position. It is true that at the
end of the British Colonies having
been disposed his appointment
to be so to be allowed to take
the position of Manager of a com-
mercial company - the British
Colonial Corp. limited. But he
knows no pay from public funds
while so employed and ^{is not} ~~not~~
~~employed~~ and a representative of the
Colonial Office. He has money, however,
to make people think that he is and that makes
him a little ^{more} popular & dangerous
among them. There is much talk
here, however, of his being a regular member
of the Corporation. I would be
inclined therefore, ~~if I were Mr.~~ to let
his present appointment to
the Colonial Council expire, as
it will give Sir Wilson returns from
home, and we offer him a new one.

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I feel some differently as to this.
Major Leggett is an able R & officer
at present acting as Manager of the A.
South Africa Corporation. His suggestion. 61
limiting of expenses of life should make
him a valuable asset in our a
legislative body as this - and according
to the Governor he has done good work -
There may be some reasons which might
make us hesitate to make Major Leggett
to take a seat if we were given
unfettered - our choice but it appears
to me to be clear that the Governor
has at any rate told Major Leggett of
his recommendation ^{is the v of G} & it
refuse to accept ^{would involve a reshuffle} that would involve a reshuffle
both & so I hope Major Leggett's nomination
here is not to my mind sufficient to
justify this letter - the one last or the
other. So I give my vote for Major
Leggett's nomination.

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In the whole I should think we had better agree to the Governor's suggestion.

I have brought this over, and it
will be best set to consider the
question of nominating Major deGolfe
until the new Governor is appointed.

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi.

8th January 1908.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Confidential (5)

My Lord,

I have the honour to solicit a reference to Lord Elgin's despatch, confidential, of the 5th of February last, and to my subsequent telegram of the 17th of March on the subject of the appointment of unofficial members to the Legislative Council. When the Directors of the National Bank of India unfortunately declined to allow Mr. Turnbull to accept the seat of second unofficial member for Mombasa and the Coast area, and Major Leggett had already been appointed provisionally during the absence of Mr. J. Wilson, I determined to leave the question of the second seat for Mombasa in abeyance for the time, as there was difficulty in selecting a nominee who would be suitable and also be able to spare the time for the duties required of him. Mr. Wilson returns from leave next month, and Major Leggett will then vacate his provisional seat.

During his tenure of appointment Major Leggett has proved himself to be an able and hard working

member

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

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member of Council; his representation of unofficial interests at the Coast, despite a certain feeling in unofficial quarters that he is more of an official than unofficial representative, has been ably set forth, and his criticisms of the actions of the Government, which have by no means always been sparing, have not been such as to lend colour to the feeling to which I have just referred. He is a fluent debater, has a wide experience of matters, and his presence on the Council has been a distinct advantage.

3. I have the honour to recommend that his name may now be submitted for His Majesty's approval as an unofficial member of the Council for a period of two years. I have ascertained that he is willing to accept.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Humble servant,

John Phipps, Esq.