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No. 228

(Subject.)

1906

Application of Mr. H. A. Coates

for employment as Chief Collector or Surveyor

and submits (P) Considers him Suitable

of previous Paper.

(Remarks.)

W. Fiddia

This is one of W. Smithers' Swans - see letter attached to 12841/06 Pat'y.

As to the money application I think he should send form & ask him to get it filled up by Col. Moore (unless shown he works - 1st February last).

W. F.

3/5

I saw Mr. Coates yesterday. He seems to have done no independent work & his plane tableing is mainly theoretical & can easily be made the same as the Uganda party. I told him so but gave him two forms. He will fill one & send it in case his trouble to send one. He is sending the other to Col. Moore.

of subsequent Paper

Noted 18

(I saw him when he called. I cannot say I was much taken with him. He is very slow of speech, & probably not very intelligent. Has nothing to say for himself, might be very irritating. Mr. Bottomley also ~~seems to~~ thought him unintelligent, as I understand I gave him back his as, tests)

P/S - omitting as to tests

P/7 to Col. Morris for APO. S. land

(His address father present AF 6
in his father's)

address

letter of 5 June attached

W.S. 4/6

Mr. Bottomley
Mr. Zichan. You should see AF 6
Thank

No need to do more at present
Put AF 6 also

Called; he has an odd slow
indifferent manner which may be
due to stupidity or to intentional
rudeness. He is recommended by
Mr. Smith the man but I cannot say
that he impressed me favorably.

CR

11/6

Madras

Colonel

WMS

23/7/06

Just by CR

24/7

at place

Called; I care about him

CR

PT/ for SAH Wolff, MP/ (I liked him rather better today)

AT 3/10

at one

Sir Percy Girouard Coates in S. Africa He thought that he would do well & carelessly Coates called on he today & did not give her a bad impression

PSAH 12-10-06

Called. I appear to be the 6th P.S. who has seen A. Coates.
he is not attractive. He only wishes consideration
for Northern Nigeria. 162
A.P.W. 23/7/07

Called. Quite satisfactory impression. ~~Special~~
he is ^{really} all right personally.
EAD 8 Sept

M. Antislino

For Sir Percy Ligonard's recommendation
please see Mr. Holland's minute two
pages back.

The impressions Mr. Coates ~~has~~
when he has called here are many &
various & on the whole ~~not~~ more
than fair, though personally I think
he would do all right. We should
be obliged if you would record your
opinion.

EAD 11 Sept

My experience of Sir Coates
is similar to Sir Holland's.
He did not give me a bad
impression, and it seems
clear from the minutes that
he improves on acquaintance.
He came to me with an
introduction from Mr. Wallace
of N. Nigeria who had seen
him and thought that he w.
be useful there. All this
and the fact that he is
recommended by Sir P. Ligonard
point to the conclusion that

we might go further and face
ourselves. I should be inclined
to give him a trial as an
Asst. Resident.

Wm. Sept. 13.

Wm. D. D.

I recommending Mr. Coates ~~as~~
my opinion regarding the ~~qualifications~~
services & requirements were ~~not~~
satisfactory. I am now strongly of opinion
that candidates should not be over 25-26
or thereabouts & ~~generally~~ ~~more~~ where possible.
I have told Mr. Coates that that his
application could only be entertained through
failure of other supply. His manner is
against him, but is I am convinced ~~unintentional~~
not intentional rudeness. I have him to
repeating & handworking & would respect
Colonel Morris's opinion of his work.
Failing others are proposed to recommend
but as I am still prepared to wait for
the right type it would be best to give him
little encouragement.

12.5.05

W.D.

Asst. Private Secretary

Put by

REVT. 12.5.05 at once

Monday P/M
6/13/14

100/26

**BOURNE HALL HOTEL,
BOURNEMOUTH.**

Friday 163

Dear Mr Read

Dear Sir

able from a great
end of mine from Navroth,
the time ago I wrote
saying that there
is plenty to do in
the island, but he
could not get away
he was, serving,
the survey party
of A.
you think there is
any chance of placing
the Post Service

as he is easily handled & therefore
would do well under a

Chief

Love & Affection

Samuel M. Stewart

I have written a report on
Somabland purely from my
point of view to file for reference

19310

Commissioner's Office,

Rec^d

MAY 30 1906

Nairobi,

May 7th 1906.

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 228.

(Incl. 1.)

My Lords,

I have the honour to transmit herewith an application for appointment as Surveyor or Assistant Collector in this Protectorate which I have received from Mr. H. A. Coates.

Application Form.

I have seen Mr. Coates and consider him suitable for the Protectorate service.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, W.

Rathmore

Dunamony 166

C^o Antrim

Ireland

June 5th 90

Sir,

With reference to my interview with you on Friday last (June 4th) I beg to give as my second referee Mr G W Wolff Esq of 90 Piccadilly who has known me and my family all my life and who will be able to give you any information you require.

As regards survey appointments I do not wish to push this matter, what I hope you will see your way to grant me is a permanent appointment under the Colonial Office either in Somaliland East Africa or Northern Nigeria if the other two are impossible.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
Maurice A Coates

To The Private Secretary
The Colonial Office
London

Rathmore

Downing 166

C. P. Anthony

Ireland

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To The Principal Secretary
The Colonial Office
London

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STATEMENT respecting the Rev. G. Coates
an applicant for the post of Assistant Political Officer, Ionian Islands

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. How long have you been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From September 1903
to February 1906

2. Under what circumstances does your knowledge of him arise?

2. He was employed on the Organometrical Survey of the Stranvassat and Orange River Colony of which I am superintendent.

3. How do you describe him?

- a. honest?
- b. sober?
- c. generally well conducted?

- a. Honest
- b. Sobber, and
- c. Generally well conducted

4. Is his health good?

4. Good generally, although for a period of about ten weeks he was laid up with an attack of rheumatism from which he entirely recovered.

5. Has he been employed under you, will you state the nature of his duties, and how he discharged them?

5. He was employed as an assistant during base measurements, and ultimately as holder of observations and signals, all under the immediate command of the officer in charge.

6. How do you describe his leaving—whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

6. Completion of the work upon which the party was engaged.

TORN OVER

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

1. Do you consider him to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as he now desires?

2. I have heard that you play upon a purely scientific understanding could determine the point

3. Are you aware of any circumstances leading to disqualify him for such an appointment?

4. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting the character or qualifications in addition to what is obtained from the answers to the foregoing questions.

I believe him to be thoroughly honorable & reliable in his previous record. I am sure, and speak freely for him.

Signature W. L. Lewis, fol. (revised) State Ray, Lug

Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. Superintendent, Reg. Survey, Transvaal

Address P. O. Box 803, Pretoria, Transvaal

Date 29 June 1906

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 office a record
 caused with depts
 west west for
 Rathmore
 Dunsurry
 C^o. Antrim, Ireland

With reference to my call yesterday afternoon what I wished to see you about was in connection with my application for appointment under the Colonial office my course was ~~the same~~ when you met at Mr Wolff's from ~~the same~~ presented a letter of introduction advised me to see you and ask your advice.

I have applied for an appointment as assistant District officer in East Africa, Maliland or Northern Nigeria. For the last 32 years I have been in South Africa and was employed on the Trigonometrical Survey and have letters from Col Morris superintendent and from the High Commissioners Office in Johannesburg which I have sent in with my application.

I am anxious to go out to one of the above mentioned Colonies but have no experience how to follow up an application & should be very grateful for any advice or assistance you can give me in obtaining same.

apologizing for troubling you

I am yours truly

Maurice A. Coates

To Sir Montagu Mansel KCMG
 Colonial Office.

[This half-sheet to be torn off, filled up, and returned in the envelope sent herewith.]

STATEMENT respecting Mr. James A. Scyles 169
applicant for Assistant Collector East Africa Protectorate

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. Are you good enough to state how long you have been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From Can't give any data
to but have known him
well since he was a
boy

2. Under what circumstances does your knowledge of him arise?

Knowing his parents
well

3. If you were acquainted with him was he

- a. honest?
- b. sober?
- c. generally well conducted?

- a. yes
- b. yes
- c. yes

4. Is his health good?

yes

5. If he has been employed under you, will you state the nature of his duties, and how he discharged them?

6. If you state the cause of his leaving—whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

Has not been in
my employment
but I have done
business with him
where he was engaged
in engineering

TORN OVER

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

7. Do you consider him to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as he now occupies?

yes

8. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify him for such an appointment?

no

9. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting his character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

9.

STATEMENT respecting the proposed appointment of *Mr. Thomas A. Coakley* as an applicant for the post of Assistant Collector, East Africa Protectorate

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. Can you be good enough to state how long you have been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From 1880 (about) to present time

2. What circumstances does your knowledge of him lead you to believe that you have known him?

2. I have known him from about the date mentioned and have been a very intimate acquaintance with his brother's solicitor's office. I know him very well.

3. If you were acquainted with him, was he

- a. honest?
- b. sober?
- c. generally well-conducted?

3. Yes

4. Is his health good?

4. Yes: His health was always excellent.

5. Has he been employed under you, will you state the nature of his duties, and how he discharged them?

5. He was never employed under me.

6. If you state the cause of his leaving—whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal or otherwise?

Signature

W. W. Coakley

Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c.

M. P. East Belfast

Address

*90 Piccadilly
London*

Date *11/16/06*

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

2. Do you consider him to be professionally qualified to undertake the duties of such an appointment as he now desires?

7. I believe he is quite qualified for the position he now desires. He has had experience in the profession as well as very considerable business experience.

3. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify him for such an appointment?

No

4. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive any information which you may have to give respecting his character or qualifications in addition to what is contained in the answers to the foregoing questions.

8. I do not know that I can say anything more. Mr. Carter performed his duties as SA to the satisfaction of his Superior, and he came home on leave on which he was engaged. His duties were discontinued.

I feel confident he will receive every satisfaction as an Assistant Collector if appointed, and I have great pleasure in giving him a high character.

P.S. Absence from England has prevented me from replying to these queries. Yours truly, C. C.

Signature Charles C. Craig
Occupation, Professional qualifications, &c. M.T.P.
Address 25 Great Cumberland Place
London W
Date 18 Oct 1906

Bathmore

DUBLIN

C: Antrim Ireland

Dec 16 06

I am much obliged for yours of Dec 14. enclosing
a copy of application form for employment under
Colonial office which I have re-written and enclose
return.

I omitted to mention that during the three years
~~in Africa~~ I had a varied experience of
~~in~~ different parts of the country and having
~~taken~~ every opportunity of studying their ways
learning the different dialects I have a good knowledge
how they should be dealt with.

This year I spent two months in the East African
Protectorate & stayed on a visit with Mr. Hinde Sub Comm
at Fort Hall in the Kenya Province during which
time I acquired a good knowledge of administrative
work and also of the Swahili language.

I have put down as referees in E. J. Girouard
who is acquainted with my previous record in S.
Africa & also Sir James Duncan of Belfast who
has known myself & family for years both of
whom will be able to answer any enquiries you
may think fit to make

I am the honor to be

Sir

Yours faithfully

Maurice A. Cochrane

The Principal Secretary
Colonial Office
London

Application for Colonial Employment.

1912

To be filled up by the Applicant himself, and returned to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, Colonial Office, London.

Full name: Maurice Arthur Gater
 Date of Application: March 29, 1906.
 Present Occupation: Nil
 Place of Birth: Rathmore, Dumurry, Co. Antrim, Ireland.
 Name of Parents: Victor Gater, J.P. D.L.
 Profession or Occupation: Chairman of Company & Director of G.N.R. Ltd
 Address: Rathmore, Dumurry, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

Age at Birth: 7 1/2 Age last birthday: 32
 Place of Birth: Dumurry, Co. Antrim, Ireland.
 Marital Status: Single.
 Number of Sons: — Ages respective: —
 Number of Daughters: —

Education:
Cheltenham College, 1888-1892.
Trinity College Dublin University, 1892-1895.

Qualifications:
Bachelor of Arts, Trinity College Dublin.
Bachelor of Engineering D.E. D.C. D.S. } 1895.

Employment History:
 From 1895-1902: Victor Gater, & Co. Ltd Engineering works, Irish
cause of leaving liquidation of Company.
 From 1902-1903: Expedition Mozambique to Lake Nyassa.
 From 1903-1906: Trigonometrical Survey of Transvaal &
Orange River Colonies under Col Morris CB
cause of leaving completion of work.

Position desired:
 I apply for a administrative or Political appointment in one
of following Colonies:—
British East Africa or Uganda.
Nigeria. British Central Africa.
British Somaliland.

[TURN OVER]

References

Give the names and addresses of two references. They should be respectable persons who know you well; either in private life or in business, and who at least should be well acquainted with you in private life. The names of distinguished persons should not be given unless they really know you well, and the names of relatives should not be given under any circumstances.

1 Name Lt Col. Sir E. P. Gouardo DSO, KC
 Address Headquarters Western Command
 Chester
 Occupation
 2 Name Sir Daniel Dixon Bart. DL
 Address Malpas, Malpas, Cheshire
 Wylmsod, CA. Down, Ireland
 Occupation Lord Mayor Belfast.

2 Letters 5 June attached.

Testimonials

Give the name, address, and occupation of the writer of each of your testimonials. Not more than six should be submitted. The originals must be sent for inspection, but they will be returned if their return is requested and if copies are with them for record in the Colonial Office. Copies may be either in MS. or in print: and it is desirable, though absolutely unnecessary, that they should be on foolscap paper, not larger than this form.

Pretoria.
 Jan 19. 1906

Mr. H. A. Coates has been employed with the field party of the Transvaal Trigonometrical Survey for a period exceeding two years. During that time he took a prominent part in the alignment of the Base lines and has more recently served as assistant and heliographer with the observing party under my charge.

Mr Coates discharge is necessitated by the disbandment of the field party on completion of its work.

(Signed) A. Simms
 Surveyor in Charge

I endorse the above certificate

(Signed) W. G. Morris
 Deputy Trig. Officer

Pretoria. Jan 9 1906

Trigonometrical Survey Department
 Feb. 6 1906 173

I am to introduce Mr. Maurice A. Coates who has been employed on the above survey for about 2 1/2 years. I understand he is anxious to obtain government employment in British East Africa and should be glad of any assistance you can give him. His leaving this department is due to the completion of the fieldwork of the survey.

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 your obedient servant
 (Signed) W. G. Morris Col.

The Secretary
 East Africa Protectorate.

High Commissioner's Office
 Johannesburg
 Feb. 12 1906

I have the honor to explore a letter which has been addressed to me by Colonel W. G. Morris C.B. Director of the Trigonometrical Survey in the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies introducing Mr. H. A. Coates.

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 your obedient servant
 (Signed) C. H. Rodwell

Middleton Hall
Belford,
Northumberland.

Dec 17 1906

Sir,
I have been requested by Mr. Maurice Coats to write to you with reference to an application sent in by him for employment under the Colonial Office.

I have known Mr. Maurice Coats and his family ever since he was a boy at school, and can testify to his bearing a most excellent character in every way. He is well educated, & passed his degree in Engineering at Trinity College, Dublin.

shall be pleased to answer any further
questions regarding him

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Genl. F. T. Leather. J.P.
Major Genl 5th Division

The Private Secretary
Colonial Office London

He is thorough study, reliable & honest, &
at the same time has a good physique.
During the last 3 years, he has had a
varied experience of Africa & African habits
& seems to have studied their habits and
customs on every opportunity.

As I have myself been on several
shooting expeditions - Morocco, Egypt,
Somaliland & Abyssinia - I have a
fairly good idea of the class of man
required as a Government Official,
and consider that Mr. Coates is of the right
stamp.

27 dec.

Rt Hon

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Sir D. Dixon Rt

MP

Recommends Mr M.
Coates (not a very
good cand.)

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31/12

rather discouraging
answer sent

CR

2/1/12

27 Dec.

Rt. A

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Sir J. Dixon Rt.

M.P.

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2/9



TOWN HALL
Belfast

27th Dec. 1906

Arthur Blyden

I understand that Mr Maurice Coates is applying for an administrative or political appointment in British West Africa or Nigeria.

Mr Coates has been on the Government Trigonometrical Survey in South Africa for the least three years, and has a large experience with natives and native affairs in Africa, and is well up in the class of work that is required for the above appointment.

I have known Mr Coates and his people for a great number of years, and they are one of

... families.

If you can see your way to favourably entertain Mr Coates' application I will feel greatly obliged.

Sorry for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Arthur Blyden

No answer



Mr. MacCarthy
is willing to and
go above

May 10. 07

Edo

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Mr. Antrobus

Mr. Maurice A. Coates,
Rathmore Inn, Wexford Co. Dublin
is the youth I spoke of
yesterday. He is a hard

worker, cool headed &
abstemious and with
knowledge of Africa.

For study

Walter R. Rinehart

W. Bickel

Rathmore.

Deumurry

C^o Dublin

12. May. 07.

Reference Number 19310.

Sir

I am much obliged for yours of May 11th re vacancy in Southern Nigeria for an assistant district Commissioner and shall be very glad if you will consider my name and hope you will be able to give me the appointment

I am yours faithfully
W. Bickel

To

The Private Secretary to
The Secretary of State.
Colonial Office
London.

STATEMENT respecting *Mr. James S. Coats*

is an applicant for *the rank of Assistant District Commissioner*
Eastern Province

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

1. Will you be good enough to state how long you have been acquainted with the applicant?

1. From 1928
to present time.

2. Under what circumstances did you gain knowledge of him or her?

2. Applicant's father & mother & other members of family were personal friends.

3. While you were acquainted with him was he
a. honest?
b. sober?
c. generally well conducted?

3. a. yes
b. yes
c. yes

4. Was his health good?

4. yes

5. If he has been employed under you, will you state the nature of his duties, and how he discharged them?

5. Never employed applicant.

6. Will you state the cause of his leaving—whether by voluntary resignation, dismissal, or otherwise?

6.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

judge him to be professionally qualified to
the duties of such an appointment as he now

Yes.

of any ...

No

ary of Wales will be glad to receive any in-
which you may have to give respecting his
in addition to what is con-
answers to the foregoing questions.

Mr. Lohr has been employed for
at the International Survey
South Africa & has pursued
of the duties of the South Coast
He has excellent physique, and is
entirely self-reliant.

William Miller Macartney

a. Professional qualifications, &c.

Deputy Master Royal Mint

Royal Mint &c.

June 15 1883

Nov 9

3. Rothsay Terrace
Edinburgh

Dear Mr Crawford
I received a letter
from Miss Jones
I hope you will
hesitate to decline
once if what I have
mentioned is
Mr Maurice's notes
consist of Leslie's
letter to Miss Jones
in the Museum - I
will be glad to
send it to you if

it is not asking Council appointments
much of you. Made by Lord Selkirk
would be very good. But to his Ireland
if you would be with you can be
way to doing it. Not way to finding
He is trying to get introduction to
an administrative committee of any
of political appearance to meet that
I think. Not that would suit you
Nigeria, least as yet. Just got back
at some places & have been one yesterday
been told by Winston have had a
Churchill that all keep fine. Hasan

altogether.

With much regard

Believe me

Yours sincerely
J. Hindley

West Street, Edinburgh

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10 Nov. 6

My dear Anne,

I hope you will excuse
my sending you the
enclosed letter from Mr.
Kirkcaldy, the widow of the
old man, an excellent lady,
though she owes her wealth
to that objectionable rag.

I cannot trouble your
father with it, and I have
not given the old lady any

hope that I will every
attempt to help in the
making, though I sh^d like to
If Lord Selgin sees cause
personally for those posts,
this may serve as an inter-
mediation. If he does not,
I should not dream of asking
him to make an exception.
He may however perhaps
be taken as a deputy, or
perhaps not. I am
to be taken as an inter-
mediation.

Mr Lindley's son 'Leslie's'
life & referred to in the
the as the Court
applicant is a pleasant
young lady from the bank,
I have met more
than once - and the whole
lot are an eminently
respectable connexion, if
the young man himself
is capable.

Yours sincerely
J. G. [unclear]
I hope for best good

Spent them for about
for driving at times

The elements were again
in the 'dog days',

last half of August, and
was, including in reason
one or two fine days -

could not have long done

But I look back to some
pleasant days on the sea

which is a very pretty one

[Signature]

~~WINDS~~
 CHURCH CROOKHAM.

HANTS

27th. September 1907.

Dear Mr. Outrobus,

Mr. Maurice Coates has just called on me, he is living in this neighbourhood at present, I also met him at Lady Girouard's house a short time ago and Sir Percy mentioned his name in connection with an appointment to N. Nigeria. He appears a likely sort of man for a Resident's billet so I promised to remind you of his application.

Yours faithfully,

M. Wallace