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Mrs Blaine

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Engineer, P. W. Dept.

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For copy of memo by Director of P. W. Dept
Requests sanction to retain Mrs Blaine until
end of year

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(Minutes.)

Oft to Treas. Linnell

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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August 2nd 1905

I have had the honour to receive your telegram of 26th
Ulindo informing me that another Assistant Engineer has been
engaged and instructing me to dispense with the services of
the local Engineer, if possible.

2. As Mr. Flaine, the gentleman I had temporarily appointed
pending your sanction, was engaged for three months from
June 1st, I have instructed Mr. Ross to retain his services

for the present and to pay his salary out of the vote for
roads. I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a
copy of a memorandum by the Director of Public Works requesting

permission to employ Mr. Flaine until the end of the year and
I have the honour to recommend this suggestion for your
favourable consideration. It would be necessary in any case

to engage a foreman, who would probably be an Indian, to
supervise

By Assistant
Secy. Mr. Ross

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies.

Downing Street,

London, S.W.

supervise the road construction, and as Mr. Elaine has shown considerable ability, it is obviously better and it will be in the long run a saving if we make use of his technical knowledge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

D. Stewart

M E M O R A N D U M.

I have received your instructions to dispense with Mr. Blain's services with great regret. Mr. Blain has only been in the Department for a month now, but he has done excellent work and I consider that he is much too good a bargain, at the rate of £ 250/- per annum, to be dispensed with if it is at all possible to keep him. I should propose, if you will permit me, to retain him till the end of the year and pay his salary from the portion as yet untouched (£ 5450/-) of the road vote. By way of safeguarding the desirability of this step, I would point to the enormous programme of work confronting Mr. Kaeller at Kisumu. The buildings in Kisumu, which are now well in hand, alone come to £ 4450/-. There is also work at Handi and Kericho the demolition of one station (Soba), the building of three new stations - Mumias (new site), Lumbwa and Kisi (possibly), the construction of the "sea-wall", the transport and burning of Lusinga lime in large quantities and in addition to all this proposed road construction in and from Kisumu to the extent of £ 1500/- which alone means the engagement and supervision of 500 Wakavirondo from now till the end of the year. Adding to this, work on the Londiani-Ravine road, and still more in Nakuru and Naivasha, I consider that it would be a fatal mistake to part with so experienced an engineer as Mr. Blain if it is at all possible to retain him in the Department. He has, as you know, had 24 years' experience in the P.W.D. of India.

I therefore trust that you will allow his appointment to continue in force until the end of the year.

(Sd.) W. M. Ross.

July 19th 1905.

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The Sec. to the
Treasury

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MINUTE.

- Mr. ~~W~~ 29/8/2
- Mr. ~~...~~
- Mr. Anthony
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. Oramancy
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyttelton

For
I am directed by
Mr. Sec. Lyttelton to
transmit to you to be
laid before the L.C. of
the Treasury the accom-
panying copy of
a det. from the
Comr. of the C. Office
prohibitive regarding
recruitment for the
temporary employment
for additional
engineers in the Public
Works Dept. to be
paid out of the road
vote for new roads

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D. P. Stewart to P. J. ...
12 Sept 1885

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It would appear
that Mr. Blaine,
the officer referred
to, was at first
selected by the same
with a view to his
apt. to the post of
Assistant Engineer
provided under that
article and as
an officer had already
been selected for
that post under the
instructions of the F.O,
Mr. Lytton telegraphed
that Mr. Blaine's
services had to discon-
tinue.

In view however of
new
economized

in Mr. Roper's memo-
randum, Mr.

Lytton would
recommend their
endeavors to secure
the temporary employment
of Mr. Blaine

C.P.L.