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Letter of Mr. Cowley for  
Col. employment

He had a good opinion of them until  
he took part in the recent flogging incident as  
to which excused his explanation

(Abstract)

Mr. Read  
Mr. Cowley's share in  
the flogging incident was to inter-  
fere with the natives Capt. Gregory's  
efforts telling them why they  
were to be flogged. He says that  
he did not know the exact nature  
of the insult; but he does not say  
that if he had known its true  
character he would not have  
taken part in the incident.  
I do not think he is to be seriously  
blamed, but I hardly think he can  
at the present time be given a post

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in the dept. of Native Affairs which  
is what he wants. (He calls it the  
Native Labour Board a somewhat  
unfortunate slip)

Reply that Lord Ogle  
cannot at present consider the  
name for an effort.

per Sec?

So proceed?

H. J. R.

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Commissioner's Office,

Nairobi,

April 16th 1907.



By Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship  
herewith an application for Colonial Employment submitted  
by Mr. [Name] [Name].

2. Until recently I held a good opinion of Mr. [Name],  
but as he took a prominent part in the flogging incident on  
the 14th ultimo and acted as Interpreter to Captain Grogan,  
I called upon him for an explanation, a copy of which is  
attached herewith.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble servant,

  
Acting Commissioner.

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, E.C.

# Application for Colonial Employment.

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

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| In full  | <i>Campbell Cowley</i>   | INCLOSURE <i>2/1</i>                          |
| Date of Application  | <i>27 March 1907</i>   | In Despatch No. <i>114</i> of <i>2/1</i> 1907 |
| Rank or Occupation   | <i>Settler</i>   | 17487   |
| Place of Birth   | <i>Limerick</i>  |   |
| Name   | <i>Hon. Sir Alfred Cowley</i>  |   |
| Profession or Occupation   | <i>Politician</i>  |   |
| Address  | <i>Queensland</i>  |   |
| Education  |  |   |
| Date of birth  | <i>4 May 1881</i>  | Age next birthday <i>25</i>                   |
| Place of birth   | <i>Queensland Australia</i>  |   |
| Marital status   | <i>Single</i>  |   |
| Children   | None   |   |
| Schools  |  |   |
| Schools at which you received your education, and give in case the date of leaving | <i>The King's School<br/>Paramatta<br/>N.S.W.</i>  |   |
| Professional qualifications, and in what cases obtained                            |  |   |
| Employment from previous education to present, and in what position                | <i>Held rank of 1st Lieutenant in 6th Dragoon<br/>Imperial Bushman from 1900 to 1901<br/>then with 5th L.S.B. from 1901 to 1902<br/>At frontier of Boer War was Inspr. of<br/>Military Stock in Johannesburg, under<br/>Col. Ferguson.</i> |   |

(J. 6.)

I ask for a responsible position in the recently formed Native Labour Association in N.E.A. I consider my knowledge of the Naitikuya Language, People & customs fit me for such a post. About £500 a year.

(TICK OVER)

References

Give the names and addresses of two referees. They should be responsible persons who know you well, either in private life or in business. They should not be of such a nature as to be likely to prejudice the result of the examination.

1. Name: Any one holding a responsible position in Nairobi or Mombasa  
 Address: [illegible]  
 Occupation: [illegible]  
 2. Name: Sir H. J. G. [illegible]  
 Address: [illegible]  
 Occupation: [illegible]

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 copies sent with them for record in the Colonial Office. Copies may be either in MS. or in print (and it is desirable, where absolutely necessary, that they should be on foolscap paper not larger than this form).

I enclose two testimonials

One from John Amisworth Esq C. S. G.  
 Sub-Commissioner  
 Nairobi

One from J. O. Wipe Esq  
 Collector  
 Nairobi

Reference to an Army List will give date of my commission & service

Campbell Cowley

Limerick  
 27 March 1909

In Despatch No. 146 of April 19, 1907.

COPY.

Nairobi,

April 11th 1907.

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explain that it has only now reached me, owing to my being absent from home by reason of a gun accident to my hand.

(1). I did not act as interpreter in recent flogging case. I am free from blame for attending an unlawful assembly. The first I saw or heard of the affair was when passing the Clubshaw I observed a crowd by the Town Hall and a dressed native on the ground. I stepped out of the Clubshaw and went to see what it meant.

I arrived just as Captain Grogan asked if there was any one present who could speak Kikuyu.

I went close to him and said that I could. He then asked me to tell the men something and I broke in with the question "What does the man say?"

He said "I do not know" - "They have imprisoned my wife and sister. When a man speaks of insult usually womenfolk are the sufferers. I do not know the particulars though one feels much inclined to..."

Captain Grogan said ladies had been taken to the crowd seemed tense and excited - and I felt that the offence was serious. What Captain Grogan asked me to say was not concise but rather rambling and I did not tell the natives all he said but merely the gist of it.

What I said - and I can almost remember the words - was simply this: "Hearken! you have done as well not to the women of Whitemen. See! all the whites are very angry and you must suffer so that all natives shall

know

The Secretary to H.M. Commissioner,

Nairobi.

(2)

know that white women may not be meddled with. You will now  
be beaten very hard.

almost  
I can remember the exact words because afterwards I  
heard the current rumors of their execution and I wished that  
I'd spoken more strongly.

(2) No. I am certain I did not see any more being  
punished by or on behalf of the government. I was  
near that Mr. Logan addressed the crowd but that must have  
been previous to my arrival. I submit that I am without  
blame for the part I took knowing nothing of the fact that I have  
served two years and three months on active service, not  
without distinction, and that there is nothing to show that  
I am anything but a loyal subject of His Majesty the King.

I hope that the part I took will not prejudice my chance  
of gaining the appointment I have applied for.

I would be obliged if you would let me know how long  
it will be before I can expect a reply and I should like to  
fill in the time by doing something else.

These are the facts of the case.

I have etc.

Sd/- CAMPBELL BOWLY.

Cowley has a very good  
knowledge of the Ki hinga language  
he knows the natives  
and speaks very well a  
number of them.

J. S. [unclear]



Mr. Samuel Bowley has  
 been known to me for the  
 last four years, he arrived  
 in this country originally  
 with the intention of settling  
 the estate of his late father  
 the railway and contracts were  
 completed in the same he  
 employed in the process large  
 quantities of a material I  
 believe the quality to be high  
 and the work done to some  
 extent satisfactory in the  
 construction of the  
 material used  
 from the records

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Yours truly  
 March 13, 1907

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- Mr. Lobb  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Mr. Baines
- Mr. Juss
- Mr. Astorbus
- Mr. Chis.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Sir F. Higginwood.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

*M. L. 24/5/99*

When the honor  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of the 7. J. Johnson of  
Dep. 2- (22) of the 18- of  
April last and to  
request that you  
will cause Mr  
Campbell Cowley to  
be sent that his  
father requests that  
he is unable at  
present to consider  
his application

V.P.O.