

C.S.

OFFICES AND OFFICIALS
(H. A. Baker)
(Pensions)
No. 42/25

1925.

S. of S. No. 119

SUBJECT.

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Dr. H. A. BAKER

2nd December

Application for service in Falkland Islands to be counted as Pensionable.

Previous Paper.

PA 2/1/25
PA 3/7/25

MINUTES.

- S of S despatch No 119 of 2nd December 1924 — Encl ①*
- Despatch from the Governor of Grenada of 17th October 1924 — ① A*
- Application from Dr H. A. Baker — ① B*

Y.S. Submitted
 One of the reasons for the comparatively high pay of visiting professional advisers is I have always believed the fact that the appointments are not pensionable. Temporary service is commonly remunerated more highly than pensionable service.

27 Jan. 25

Subsequent Paper.

H.P.S.

Letter: it was stated in letter from C.O.

No 44232/20 of 27 Sept 1920 (Reference to S.G.S. Despatch

No 123 of 19th Dec 1920) that appointment was not
possible.

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28 January 1925

Y.B. Submitted with draft for consideration

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27 May 1925

Despatch to S. of S. No. 27 of 2nd Febry, 1925

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S.G.S. despatch No 46 of 9th April 1925

Encl (3)

Letter from to Governor of Windward Islands
of 8th April 1925

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Y.B. Submitted

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 119

DOWNING STREET,

2 December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, the accompanying copy of a despatch, with enclosure, from the Governor of the Windward Islands regarding the application of Dr. H.A. Baker that his service may be counted as pensionable from the date of his first appointment to the Colonial Service.

2. Having regard to all the circumstances of the case, I should raise no objection if your Government were willing to accede to Mr. Baker's wishes, in which case a special pension would have to be voted in due course, the period from the 1st December, 1922, until the 16th December, 1923, being regarded as leave without pay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

GOVERNOR

J. HIDDLETON, ESQ., K.B.E., C.M.G.,

etc.,

etc.,

etc.

No. 161, 17th Oct.

COPY

WINDWARD ISLANDS.

GRENADA.

No. 161.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

GRENADA.

WINDWARD ISLANDS.

17th October, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward copy of an application from Dr. H.A.Baker, D.Sc., etc., Headmaster of the Grenada Boys' Secondary School in which he requests that his service may be counted as pensionable from the date of his first appointment to the Colonial Service.

2. This request would appear to be a matter for consideration by the Government of the Falkland Islands in which Government he served as Government Geologist from the 5th October, 1920, to 30th November, 1922, as according to Dr.Baker's statement he was occupied in publishing his report on the Geological Survey of the Falkland Islands between the latter mentioned date and the 10th December, 1923, when he was appointed to Grenada.

3. I have found Dr. Baker to be an able and hard working officer and it would seem that he has been unfortunate as regards pension rights on his original transfer to the Colonial Service and in the circumstances I shall be glad if his case could be referred to the Government of the Falkland Islands for favourable consideration.

I have, etc.,
(sd.) F.S.JAMES.

Governor

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
J.H.THOMAS, M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.

27/9/24, etc.,
10/10/24.

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Dr. H. A. Baker, D.Sc., etc., - Application that his service in the Falkland Islands as Government Geologist be regarded as "pensionable service." -

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the attention of His Excellency the Governor may be drawn to the question of my period of service in the Falkland Islands (5/10/1920 to 30/11/1922) being made pensionable.

2. In memo, Misc. No.280 (Eight Edition) Colonial Office, June 1924, P.22., paragraph (c), I find stated:-
"Some appointments, however, are temporary, and service
"in such an appointment does not qualify for pension
"unless the appointment is subsequently made pensionable,
"in which case, subject to the approval of the Secretary
"of State (and the approval of the Lords Commissioners
"of the Treasury, if the appointment is in a Colony or
"Dependency over which the Treasury exercises financial
"control), an Officer's temporary service may be made
"pensionable."

3. On p. 20 of the same Memo, under heading "Part Vi. Geological Appointments," I find, further "Permanent
"geological staffs are maintained in certain of the
"Colonies and Protectorates, but, in addition, geologists
"are often required on temporary engagement to carry out
"special work.....For special investigations experience
"in research work would usually be required."

4. I beg respectfully to point out that my work
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in the Falkland Islands was one of the "special investigations" referred to. That Colony is not one of those which maintain a permanent geological staff, and therefore my appointment could only be a temporary one. Much previous experience in research work was necessary before undertaking this appointment, and this experience I had acquired, in my leisure, during the years 1908 - 1920, subsequent to my graduation. During this period I was employed as a Schoolmaster in England and thus served, as a pensionable officer, for twelve years (my War Service, 1915 - 19, being counted as pensionable service) On accepting appointment to the Falkland Islands I relinquished all claim to pension from the Home Government in respect of my previous service as a Schoolmaster.

5. As I am now in the Colonial Service as a permanent and pensionable officer I respectfully beg to suggest that, having regard to all the circumstances, a hardship would be, to some extent, avoided if my period of service in the Falkland Islands were now to be regarded as pensionable service.

I have, etc.,

(sd.) Herbert A. Baker, D.Sc., etc.

H/m., G.B.S.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 27.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd February, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 119 of the 2nd of December, regarding the application of Dr. H. A. Baker that his service may be counted as pensionable from the date of his appointment as Geologist to the Falkland Islands Government.

2. I regret that this Government is unable to accede to Dr. Baker's wishes. The amount of the salary paid to him was based on the understanding that his appointment was not pensionable and it cannot be suggested that the Colony has behaved otherwise than liberally towards him. He was, apart from the period of his voyages to and from the Colony, on full salary for two years of which 15½ months was spent in the Colony. This includes the special additional remuneration of £50 granted to him in November, 1922, on the ground that he was then engaged in drafting his final report into a form acceptable to the Geological Society of London, to which it was presented before submission to this Government. While resident in the Colony

he/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

he was, as he so generously acknowledges in his report, willingly and gratuitously housed and fed by the inhabitants for the greater part of his stay. Under the circumstances it would I submit be unjust to make a further call upon public funds at some time in the future for a pension for Dr. Baker in respect of his period of engagement here.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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Reference to previous correspondence:-

~~Secretary of State's~~ Despatch No. 27... of the
Governor's

2nd February...19.25.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No.....46.....



DOWNING STREET,

.....9th April,.....19.25.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers noted below on the subject of the application of Dr. H. A. Baker that his service may be counted as pensionable from the date of his first appointment to the Colonial Service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. ORMSBY GORE.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

for Secretary of State.

| Date. | Description. |
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| 1925 8th April | To the Governor of the Windward Islands. |

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DOWNING STREET

8 April, 1925.

WINDWARD ISLANDS
GRENADA
NO. 42

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No.161 of the 17th October, 1924, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Governor of the Falkland

To Gov. 2nd Dec:
1924
Fr: " 2nd Feb:
1925

Islands in regard to the application of Dr.H.A. Baker that his service may be counted as pensionable from the date of his first appointment to the Colonial Service.

2. I shall be glad if you will cause Dr. Baker to be informed in the sense of the second paragraph of Sir John Middleton's despatch.

I have, etc.

(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd) W.Ormsby-Gore.

GOVERNOR
SIR F.S.JAMES, K.B.E., C.M.G.
etc., etc., etc.