

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

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to the Council.

C.40.1927.XI.

Geneva, Feb. 10th, 1927.

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

ASSESSORS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Note by the Secretary-General.

At its meeting on March 15th, 1926, the Council appointed two Assessors to the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and other Dangerous Drugs. These two assessors were appointed for a period of one year from April 1st 1926 to April 1st 1927. Their term of office expires therefore on April 1st.

It will be remembered that the appointment of the third assessor on the Advisory Committee, - an assessor possessing knowledge of conditions in the Far East, - was postponed on the suggestion of Sir Malcolm Delevingne, who was then Chairman of the Committee. A letter, dated December 29th, 1926, a copy of which is attached, has been received from Sir Malcolm Delevingne, together with a letter from M. Bourgois (Chairman of the Committee 1926-27) proposing a candidate for the vacant post.

ANNEX 1.

LETTER FROM SIR MALCOLM DELEWINGNE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

London, 29th December, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letters of the 27th November, 1925, (see Document C.759.1925.XI) and 1st March last (see Document C.136.1926.XI) submitting, in accordance with the request of the Council of the League of Nations, certain suggestions for filling the vacant Assessorships on the Opium Advisory Committee of the League. In my letter of the 1st March, I stated that in view of certain difficulties which had arisen I was not in a position to make a definite recommendation to the Council at that time as regards the post of the Assessor having knowledge of the conditions in the Far East, and I ventured to suggest that the appointment to that post should be postponed for the time being.

I am now able, after consultation with the present Chairman of the Opium Advisory Committee, and with his concurrence, to submit a recommendation that Mr. Lyall of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service should be appointed to the vacant post. A statement of Mr. Lyall's experience and qualifications was given in my letter of the 27th November, 1925, Document C.759.1925, and from the enquiries I have made I have every reason to believe that his appointment will be generally acceptable. Mr. Lyall is about to retire from the Chinese Customs Service and I recently received a letter from him in which he states that he expects to return to England next summer and that he would gladly accept the appointment if the Council should decide to offer it to him.

I enclose a letter from the Chairman of the Opium Advisory Committee signifying his concurrence.

(Signed) MALCOLM DELEWINGNE.

Chairman, 1925-26.

ANNEX II.

LETTER FROM M. BOURGOIS TO SIR MALCOLM DELEIVINGNE.

Translation.

My dear Colleague,

I approve the choice of Mr. L. A. Lyall, late Inspector of the Chinese Maritime Customs, as assessor on the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium.

I leave it to you, as you suggested in your letter of December 18th, to negotiate with the Secretariat and to notify my agreement with you in this choice.

(Signed) G. BOURGOIS.