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20.10.60

The Government Secretary (Establishments)

P.O. Masera

Basutoland.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by Mr S. M. Suma, at present on the staff of the University College of Fort Hare to write to you in connection with a post for which he has applied in Basutoland.

I have known Mr S. M. Suma for many years. I first got to know him as a young undergraduate student at Fort Hare. By the time he completed his B.A. degree we had formed such a high opinion of his capabilities that we persuaded him to accept ~~him~~ a temporary appointment as Junior Lecturer in our Department of Bantu Languages to act for one of our Senior Lecturers ~~who~~ who was going to London University for post-graduate study. Mr Suma acquitted himself so creditably in that temporary job that the College offered him a bursary to enable him to proceed to ~~London~~ ^{the} University of London where he studied for the M.A. degree in Bantu Languages. As soon as he completed his studies at ~~London~~ ^{London} we offered him a post as Lecturer in our Department of Bantu Languages, a post which he has filled with distinction up to the present time.

Both during his student days & since Mr Suma has shown himself to be a man of outstanding ability, who is meticulous in his work ~~and~~ devoted to his students' and of undoubted loyalty to ~~his~~ authority. Always ~~me~~ neat in appearance and courteous in manner his department, he has a pleasant personality and a cheerful disposition. His character and conduct are beyond reproach. I have no hesitation in recommending him for any post for which he is qualified.

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For what it may be worth, I should like to mention, also.
Mrs. Euma is happily married to one of the most distinguished
women graduates that have been produced. She holds the degrees
of B.A., B.Ed., and is at present acting principal of the Jabavu
Secondary School.

The Government Secretary (Establishments)
P.O. Maseru,
Basutoland.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by Mr S.M. Guma, at present on the staff of the University College of Fort Hare to write to you in connection with a post for which he has applied in Basutoland.

This is to certify that I have known Mr Guma personally for many years. I first got to know him as a young undergraduate student at Fort Hare where he was studying for the B.A. degree of the University of South Africa. By the time he had completed the requirements for the B.A. degree we had formed such a high opinion of his capabilities that we persuaded him to accept a temporary appointment as Junior Lecturer in our Department of Bantu Languages to act for one of our Senior Lecturers who was going to London University for post-graduate study.

Mr Guma acquitted himself so creditably in that temporary job that when he completed his service the College granted him a bursary to enable him to proceed to the University of Cape Town where he studied for the M.A. degree. As soon as he had completed his studies there, we offered him a post as Lecturer in our Department of Bantu Languages, a post which he has filled with distinction up to the present time.

Both during his student days and since Mr Guma has shown himself to be a scholar of outstanding ability, who is meticulous in his work, devoted to his students and of unimpeachable loyalty to his superiors. Always neat in appearance, courteous and dignified in his deportment, he has a pleasant personality and is of a cheerful disposition. His character and conduct have always been beyond reproach.

I might mention that Mr Guma is happily married to one of the most distinguished women graduates Fort Hare has produced. She holds the degrees of B.A. and B.Ed. and is a teacher of wide experience who is at present Acting Principal of the Jabavu Secondary School which has a staff of six teachers. Mr and Mrs Guma would be an asset in any community in which they served.

I have no hesitation in recommending Mr Guma warmly for any post for which he is qualified.

..... Z. K. Matthews ..
Former Head of the Department of African
Studies and Acting Principal of the
University College of Fort Hare.