

month's delay having been refused. Now, Mr. Des Vœux must have been perfectly aware of the reasons for removing some Magistrate to the district referred to, viz. :—the Demerara West Coast (E). That district had long been entrusted to Mr. John Daly, jun., one of the senior Magistrates. I have already noticed that the retirement of Mr. McSweeney, Sheriff of Berbice, early in 1868, led to changes, one of which was Mr. Daly's removal to district A. It is obvious that some Magistrate must have been moved to district E, and, in the exercise of my discretion, I deemed Mr. Des Vœux the proper person to take charge of it. I may observe that some delay occurred in making a permanent arrangement for that district, and that Mr. Charles Cox was in temporary charge of it, pending his confirmation by the Secretary of State. As Mr. Des Vœux has referred to the expense to which he was put, I must remark that, at the time, he was, by permission of the General Commanding, living in the officers' quarters in the barracks near Georgetown, and that the expense must have been to supply furniture for his residence in the new district. No Magistrate in British Guiana enjoyed the same advantages as to residence that Mr. Des Vœux did during the whole period of his service in the Colony. I am yet unaware of a single reason that can be assigned why Mr. Des Vœux should have been allowed either to select his own district, or to choose his own time for removing, while the district would either have been left without a resident Magistrate, or some other Magistrate would have had to suffer the inconvenience and cost of a temporary residence merely to suit Mr. Des Vœux's convenience. It is, however, alleged in a note that, "two days before this "occurred," Mr. Des Vœux had declined to disclose officially a private conversation which occurred at his own table. The inference is obvious that Mr. Des Vœux's selection was owing to private reasons. I earnestly hope that this imputation will be fully investigated. I have not the most remote idea of the matter referred to, and it is, therefore, out of my power to do more than deny most emphatically the correctness of the

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