

district prisons; to supervise road construction, the clearing of waterways or other public works. In several districts an important part of the administrative officer's duties consists in the assessment and collection of the land revenue and hut tax or poll tax. Every officer is expected to do a certain amount of travelling, in the course of which he inspects the outlying portions of his district, transacts any necessary business with native chiefs, settles disputes between individuals or communities and generally deals with all matters requiring the personal attention of a representative of the Government on the spot. In so far as the duties may differ they probably do so more according to the nature of the particular station in which the officer may be quartered at the moment than according to the Protectorate or side of Africa he is in.

A list of the Colonies and Protectorates concerned has already been given in Section 3. Of these the small Protectorate of Somaliland on the East side and Gambia Colony on the West side are rather peculiar and differ in some respects from the rest. This is however a matter of minor importance as vacancies in their services are very rare. For fuller details with regard to these administrative services see Part 3 of memorandum, Misc. 96 enclosed.

VIII.

In the administrative service about 100 vacancies may be expected annually. Under present regulations they are filled at three selections in each year which take place during April, August and December respectively. The successful candidates are sent for a short training course which at present takes place in London, and lasts three months. At

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