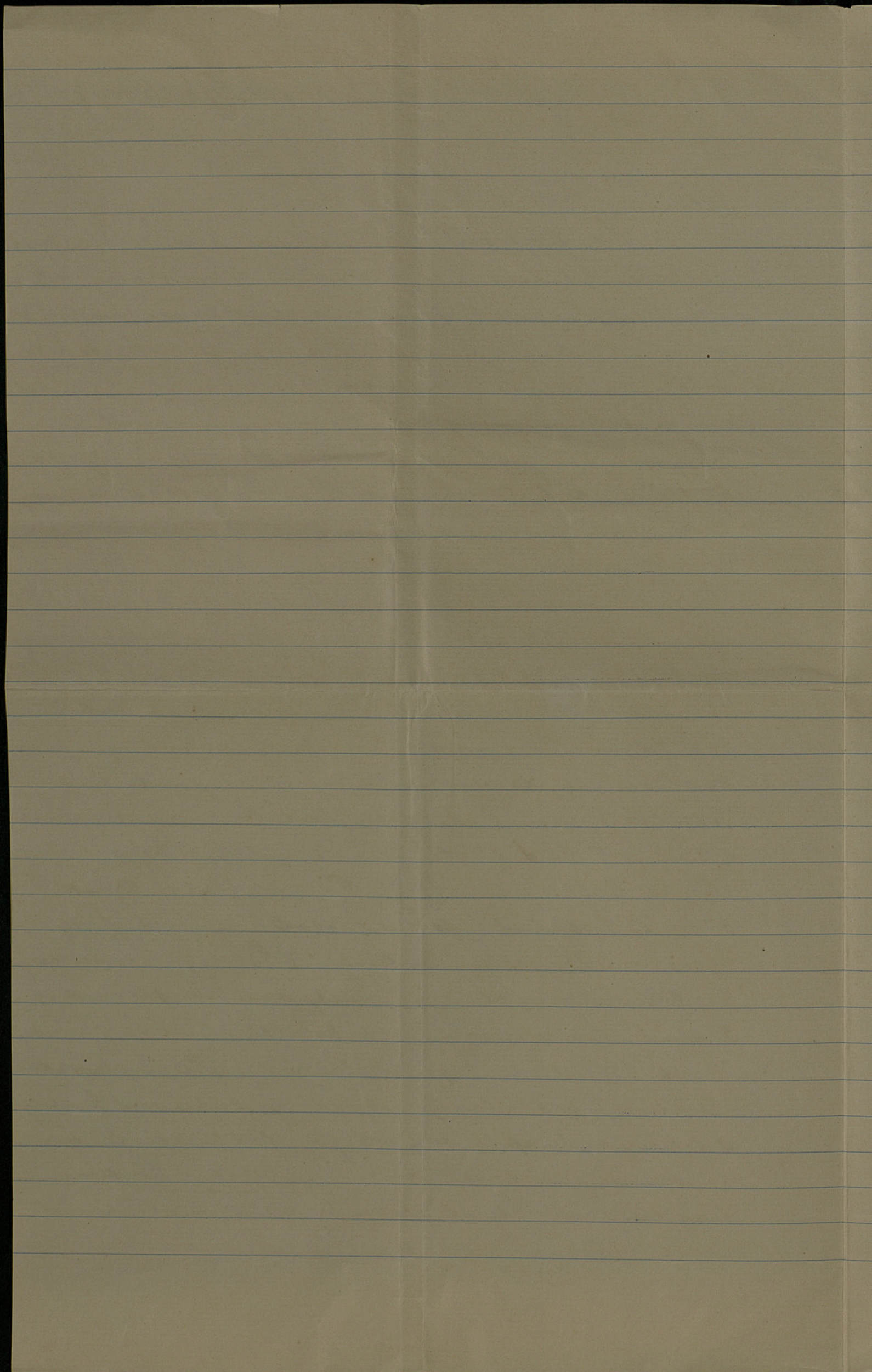
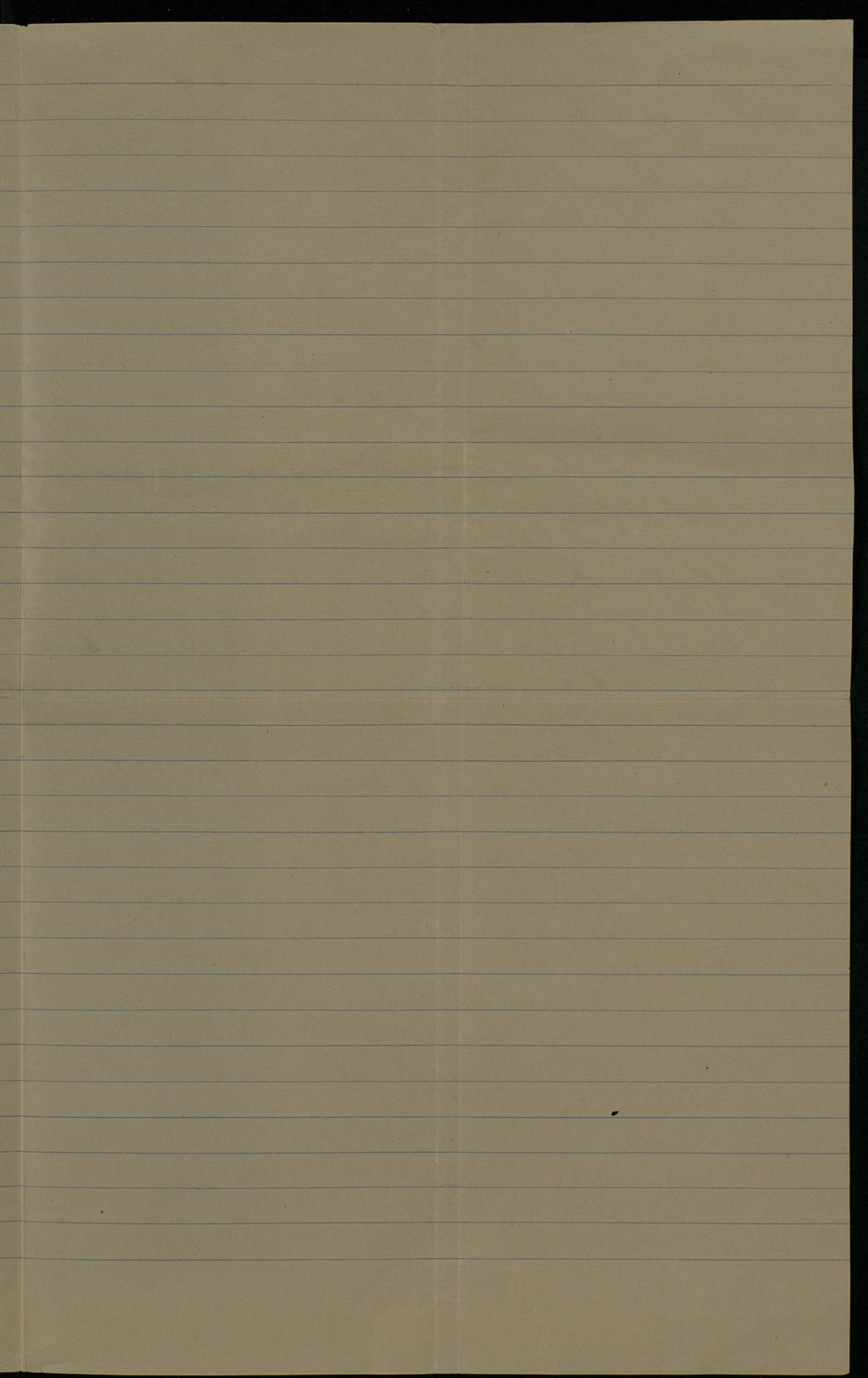


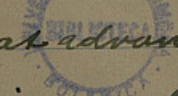
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Sir,
The Director Mr. Hiselton Dyer of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew informs me this morning, that he received answer from you concerning the Angola appointment. The Director also gives me order to enter with you into communication, he particularly wishes me to take a copy of the "Conditions under which Kew men are employed on the West Coast of Africa by the British Government," in order that you may take some of the most important paragraphs into consideration.

I presume you will have received full information from the Authority at Kew concerning my experience, certificates and ability, therefore, I think it is useless to dwell any more upon that, but I should like very much if you will be kind enough as to allow me, to inform you of the very satisfactory Results I have had at the last Government Examinations held by the "Science and Art Department South Kensington". The Professors of the various subjects I studied informed, that I received first Class certificates in Botany, Biology, elementary Zoology, Agriculture, Geometry and Mathematics. I think these necessary remarks will prove sufficient, if not, I shall be happy to give you more ample information, particularly respecting virtue and honesty, I believe to be able to give you full satisfaction. As regards practical experience I may mention that the Authority at Kew gave me promotion and recently gave me the entire charge of the Economical







-plants department. I also think it will be of great advan-
-tage to me because I have friends in various Colonies, such
as Jamaica, and Dominica & West Indies, also in Old Cala-
-bar, Lagos, Sierra Leone, French Congo and Congo free
States. My friends are employed not only by the British
Government but also in French and German Colonies
either as Curators of Botanic Gardens, Lecturers and
Agriculture & Botany, or as Directors of Plantations.
I shall now commence taking lessons in the Portuguese lan-
-guage, or is the knowledge of that language not required
in Angola?

I should be very pleased if you would be kind
enough as to draw some paragraphs up for my service
in Angola and the Condition under which I am to serve,
I think that I should not require the advantage offered
in paragraph 5 of the sheet I enclose. As regards paragraph
8 I may say that I demand no such leave unless by the
recommandation of the medical officer. In respect
to the salary offered and the number of years you require
my service preliminarily I beg to express my perfect
satisfaction, as to the further conditions I refer ^{you} to the
enclosed Copy.

Should you honour me with your confidence,
I trust that, by blending kindness and strict regularity
and firmness of discipline, I shall give you no cause
to regret your choice.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

Yours most obedient & humble servant.

Mr. J. A. Henriques
Professor
Universidade de Coimbra
Jardin Botanico.

J. Gossweiler