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I welcomed appointment of General Clayton as my deputy because I was sufficiently acquainted with his work and qualifications to feel confident that he would be a valuable acquisition, and in order to fall in with the wishes of His Majesty's Government as indicated in Secretary of State's telegram dated 30th March. But if he is not coming I beg I may be permitted to make my own arrangements as hitherto. If Dobbs is able to return (and as you know I should welcome him) it is for post of Revenue Commissioner or Secretary that he is best fitted and in which he would have the greatest scope (*vide* my telegram of 18th May, 1912).

Independent of above, if Mr. Storr's services could be given me not as Deputy but as Oriental Secretary it would make it possible to pay more attention during the war to questions affecting Arab interests and policy for which work his services would be most valuable. He would at the same time be a useful liaison with Egypt.