

**Letter to Antigua the Government Administrator supporting C. F. Charter's study  
leave at the University of Wales**

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His Honour,  
The Administrator,  
Antigua.

Your Honour,

I have been asked by Mr C.F. Charter to draw the attention of the Government to the work which he has been doing in Antigua and which he proposes to do for Antigua with a view to attempting to obtain from the Colonial Office a Research Scholarship.

2. As Your Honour is aware Mr Charter has for the past five years been engaged on scientific work on Sugar Estates in Antigua and during most of that time he has been directly responsible for carrying out one half of the experimental scheme laid down for the Sugar Cane Investigation Committee by Mr P.E. Turner. On leaving he has handed over to the Local Department over seventy acres of experiments in good order and from which they will obtain results in 1938.

3. I have no hesitation in saying that Mr Charter's work has been of great value to the industry and to the Island. It has been carried out with meticulous care and Mr Turner has expressed himself as well satisfied with it. Furthermore a large amount of it is unique and original.

4. The results of his work has been made available to the Sugar Cane Investigation Committee, the Local Department, the Advisory Department and the Central Cane Breeding Station, all of which bodies have from time to time made use of Mr Charter's specialist knowledge.

5. Your Honour is aware that Mr Charter has also made a detailed study of Antigua Soil Types and I understand that it is hoped that this report together with his soil maps will be published shortly, and will be available for the

(Signed) Alexander Moody Stuart.

Government development schemes in the future.

6. Mr Charter is proceeding to England and proposes to carry out the basic chemical analysis of Antigua soils at Bangor in conjunction with Professor Robinsons. He has not found it possible to get this work done when in the British West Indies. The completed work will be published and be available for local use.

7. As Mr Charter has no academic qualifications in Soil Science or Agriculture he hopes to obtain these with a view to increasing his chance of securing a suitable Colonial Office appointment. He informs me that there are two types of scholarship which would meet his case.

1. A specialist Research Scholarship.

2. A Commonwealth Fund Scholarship.

If Mr Charter is able to obtain an appointment in the near future, he would only require a small scholarship to enable him to undertake a few months training in Soil Chemistry.

8. I should very much appreciate and I think it is only due from this Presidency that every effort should be made to obtain for Mr Charter the financial assistance that he desires from the Colonial Office. I have therefore to ask that you will represent the matter to the Secretary of State if you consider this is a proper course to adopt.

9. As Mr Charter is leaving for England this week perhaps Your Honour would be so good as to inform me whether you see your way open to take the course I have adopted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Honour's obedient servant,

(Signed) Alexander Moody Stuart.