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Estate Assistants' Pay.

To the Editor of the Straits Times.
Sir,—In your issue of the 28th ult., you report Mr. Jarvis, of Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield, as stating in his evidence in the suit of the Broome (Selangor) Rubber Plantations, Ltd. (by their agents, Harrison and Crossfield, Ltd.), v. Whitty, that in the event of their having "to get another man from home (to succeed Mr. Whitty) they would have to pay him the usual beginner's salary of \$200 per month."

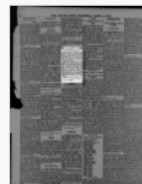
Any ordinary person reading Mr. Jarvis's statement would conclude that it is the practice of the agents of the plaintiff company to pay to all men engaged by them at home as assistants for estates in their agency a salary of \$200 per mensem. The writer knows that this is not the fact and that the firm of agents in question are bringing out assistants from home at a salary of \$175 per mensem for the first year, and this in spite of the unanimous resolution passed by the P.A.M. that "the minimum living wage for an assistant out from home at the present time is \$200 per mensem."

Oh, for an Estate Staff Protection Society!
—Yours, etc,

STANLEY P. COURTNEY.

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