

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to

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June 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 7th instant, No. 25297, relative to the status of the Uganda Railway Staff during the continuance of hostilities in East Africa, I am commanded by the Army Council to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Bonar Law, that Section 143 of the Field Service Regulations, Part II, relates only to civilians engaged by the General Officer Commanding in the field, and would not apply to the Civil Staff in the service of another Government.

If, however, the Governor wishes to grade this Railway Staff on a military basis in order to facilitate the award of pensions, etc., in the event of injury or death due to hostile acts, the Army Council know of no objection. The Governor would no doubt lay down provisions similar to those of Section 143 (3).

It is assumed that all expenses attaching to this Railway Staff, whether effective or non-effective, will fall on Protectorate revenues.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. D. White

Under Secretary of State,

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 345 of the 28th of April and to transmit to you for your consideration the accompanying copy of a letter from the W.O. on the subject of the status of the staff of the Uganda Rly during the continuance of hostilities in East Africa, and to request that you will submit for approval any provisions you may wish to make in the matter.

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Copy W.O. 120-10-14 Ans 1174

[Signature]

2. With regard to the last part of the letter from the 6th,

~~2. I have to add that any~~

~~which is not feasible~~

any pensions etc. in respect of the

regular members of the R.C. staff

could be borne by the Govt.,

but if any other persons will

be joined with them in the

proposed grading it will be

necessary to consider whether they

have been brought in for

reasons concerning Govt. interests

alone or partly for Govt. and

partly for R.C. office interests. In

connection with the latter case

there would be grounds for

regarding any pension etc. charges

as "common" expenses. I

shall be glad to receive a

report on this aspect of the

matter if you consider that

the point should be dealt with

The situation of what
would be between Govt.
& R.C. funds could
be dealt with at
later date