



two days, had given the impression that  
he (the Price) was, missing at the time of  
the accident & in possession of the  
animal. We might add to the despatched  
that the long gestated in the name of  
the 27 B of travel does not appear to  
have any bearing on a case where  
animals have been registered and  
are so long in the possession of their  
former owner?

W. J. 2/7/15

at once.

H. J. D.

2/7/15

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary  
War Office,  
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted

CO  
30282  
D.O.

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**War Office,  
London, S.W.**

116/Miscellaneous/697. (C.1.)

4th June, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, No. 25088/1915, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you, for Mr Bonar Law's information, that horses requisitioned by the Army would ordinarily be taken under Section 115 of the Army Act.

If the requisition were for purchase, the value would of course be payable to the owner, see sub-section (4) of that paragraph.

In cases of hiring requisition (a) if the accident were caused by negligence of a War Department agent, payment would be made for loss under Section 119 (1) (b) of the Act; (b) if the accident were not due to military negligence, the Council would consider the case on its merits, and might, if circumstances or policy warranted such a course, make payment as an act of grace.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

*H. D. Curtis*

W.O. 30282/1915  
E.A.P.

For

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7 July 1915

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E.A.P.

No. 495

For Mr. C. Belfield

MINUTE

Mr. Harper 3/7/15

Mr. Bottomley 5/7/15

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. G. L. C.

Mr. H. J. W.

Sir J. Anderson

Mr. Steel Matland

Mr. Bonar Law

Price - 31 May	} 25000
to W.O. 8 June	
W.O. 30 June (30282)	

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your convenience the accompanying copy of copies respecting the claim of Mr. Price for compensation for a horse and mule accidentally killed while commandeered by the Army for military purposes and accidentally killed.

In view of the statements in the letter from the W.O. it would

W.O.

appear that the price is  
entitled to some compensation,  
if the animals were  
requisitioned on hire, or  
to the payment of their  
value, if they were requisitioned  
on purchase

3. The <sup>deeds</sup> ~~case~~ <sup>mentioned</sup> ~~quoted~~  
in the memorandum of the 27<sup>th</sup>  
of March <sup>which accompanied the letter</sup> does not appear to  
have any bearing on a case  
where animals have been  
requisitioned and are now  
temporarily in the possession of their  
former owner; and you  
will no doubt take the  
matter up with the military  
authorities.

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to  
2 July 1915

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- Mr. Harper 3/7/15-
- Mr. Bottomley 5/7/15
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- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson
- Mr. Steel-Maitland
- Mr. Bonar Law

With reference to your  
letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> of May  
I am to inform  
<sup>after consult. with the Secy.</sup>  
you that your claim  
for compensation  
in respect of a horse  
and a mule commandeered  
by the Govt. of the East  
for military purposes  
and accidentally killed  
has been referred to the  
Govt. for his consideration.

(Signed) H. J. READ,  
Secy to the Under Secretary of State

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