

SRM

EAST AFR. PROT

16004

Recd
Reg. 6 APR 15

*Notes sent
4/22*

16004

Year
1915
6th April
Last previous Paper
4/22
13513

CUSTOMS DUTIES ON STORES
FOR OFFICERS' MESSES AND FIELD CANTENES

The copy of telegram from G.O. Expeditionary
force in East Africa states if remission from duties
could be granted privilege would be greatly
appreciated.

Mr. Robertson writes from Mr. Fisher

that is quite absurd

I Individual gifts sent to members
of H. M. Force in East Africa.

Death rate in para. 2 of our despatch
on ¹⁵⁵⁴⁸ ~~12506~~ (which has not yet
reached the Gov.)

II Imports for Canteens of British
Troops. See para. 23 of list
of exemptions herewith. *reached*
with free ship. Surely food
supplies for the troops fall under
this paragraph and are therefore
not taxable?

*Ref. of 9 Apr 15
Despatch, above and 13513
Despatch 100. Gov. 1st April 15*

Next subsequent Paper
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! Telegraph to Gov. E.A.P. substance
of para 2 of our despatch on ~~12506~~
and suggested point at as to

supplies for cantine.

and send two copy of our
desp. in 13513 (saying that they
with desire that this point had
already occurred to us) and
of the telegram to the Gov.

(13466 units
42000 paper)

Epina 8/4/5

There is good room for a stock on tobacco
can take supplies on the property of H.M.
& I should add "respective" with
this one also.

Jaques
H. S. P.

8/4/5
H. S. P.
9/12/5

at once

P. S. 9/16/5

Mr. Macnaghten

to see. Should the factories be
considered on separate to any other place?

I think we can leave it

TeX.

18.4.15
at once

Jan 16/1915

Correct with Lady Cranworth attached.

Sub

31.8.16

As the first two ill
do not come under
the 10% duty, I feel
it is not much
to ask for - but
I^d just make a
the difference to
you!! I think
told you before - the
things are all and
for to be distributed
privately or animal
there. Again many
apologies for trouble
for. Believe me
Yours truly
K. A. Lamborn

owning street,

List No. 100, 1914.

Dear Lady:

I have your letter of the 21st of August. The ordinance was passed in the House of Representatives early in 1915 exempting from import duties all goods reported as gifts to troops and ~~officers~~^{officers} for distribution to officers in command or to Government departments. It was pointed out to us later that this ordinance did not cover all the possibilities, and we telegraphed to the Governor in April, 1916 representing that the ordinance did not allow of exemption from customs duties of individual gifts not consigned to commanding officers or Government departments for distribution. We added that any question arising as to such gifts should be considered in a liberal spirit, that free admission should be secured by executive instructions, and that stores imported for officers' messes and field force lanterns should be admitted free by executive action.

In these circumstances I feel that you may be quite sure that the comforts which you have collected will get in without having to pay duty. I would advise you to make as sure of this as you can by labelling the packages clearly that they are comforts destined for officers. We have, of course, no power at the Colonial Office to ~~prepare~~ ^{grant} any dispensations from the local regulations, or we would gladly do so in this case.

Yours very truly

Frederic Barker

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,
London, S.W.

6 April, 1916.

0165/6786. (W.O.1).

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to transmit for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt a copy of a telegram received from the General Officer Commanding the Expeditionary Force in East Africa. The Council are aware that in the case of "free gifts to the troops" customs duties are already remitted, and I am to say that if this concession could be extended to include stores imported for Officers Messes and Field Force Canteens, the privilege would be greatly appreciated.

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,

S. W.

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From General Wapshare,
Nairobi.
To Secretary of the War Office,
London.

Nairobi. 2nd March 1915.

251/3. March 2nd. Since arrival of troops from India in British East Africa customs duty is being levied on all parcels for officers and men. This has given rise to a certain amount of discontent both as having to pay customs duty and delay in obtaining all parcels in distant posts owing to difficulty of collecting customs duty from consignees friends and officers and men and strong feeling exists that when on active service they should not be asked to pay customs duty. Question arises whether imports for the canteen British troops are taxable. Have consulted with Governor of East Africa Protectorate who in face of existing Ordinance is unable to make any remission.

W.O. 16004/1915. Est.

66

10 APR 1915

Handwritten initials

10 April 1915.

DRAFT

*The Secretary
Her Majesty's
Government*

MINUTE.

9/4/15

9/4/15

Mr.
Sir G. Piddie.

Sir H. ...

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord ...

Mr. Harcourt.

Handwritten signature

Tel. to Mr. 9/4/15 (11.45)

2 drafts

Dear Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secy.
Harcourt to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 6th
& April, re ~~...~~
0765/6786. (M.O.I.) in
regarding
~~the ...~~
payment of customs
duties on ~~...~~
for its office means
~~the ...~~
and ~~...~~
Each contains 1 ~~...~~
Superintending ~~...~~
reference to

transmit to you
for the use of the Army
Council the accompanying

copy of a deep. sent
to the Govt., from which
it will be seen that
the matter had already
received consideration
and should not be
repeated.

Telegram which has
been sent to the
Govt. of the S.A.P. in
the report

I've

By the Secy of State

16004/1915 E.A.P.

Sent ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Govt.~~ ^{Govt.}
7 Apr 1915 19 April
Amoy

(1393)

Your deep. of 5 Feb. No. 91
Ulobo

DRAFT Telegram

for Nairobi

MINUTE

- Mr. Meunier 9/4/15
- Mr. Bottomley 9/2
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. G. Piddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Basington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

See 1917/19

Ordinance does not allow of
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= exemption from customs duties
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= Govt. depts. for distribution
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= annuletty
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= in a liberal spirit
= in form
= & free admission secured
= by executive instructions
= interst. Sioopya

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