

French citizens and  
protected persons at  
Mombasa and Lamu.

(Signed) H. J. READ.

For the Under Secretary of State

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Sir,

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The U.S. & S.  
Foreign Office.

With reference to  
your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup>  
of Sept. last, No.  
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to transmit to you  
for the info of Secy.

- Mr. Harper 10/3/16
- Mr. Bottomley 10.3.16
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir, H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

Sir Edward Grey the  
acc. copy of a dup.  
from the Gov. of the Lab.  
with its enclosure,  
on the subject of the  
levy of hut tax and  
concessory fees on

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COMPAGNIES  
DES  
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES  
BUREAU DE MOMBASA.

Mombasa, 6th August 1915.

The Superintendent,  
Inland Revenue & Conservancy,  
Mombasa.

Sir,

I beg to return you enclosed your Bill for Township rates on House No. 1, Beach Road, for 12 months ending 31st March 1915.

My Company, being French, is not submitted to this tax, and I have received instructions not to pay it. The French Consul in Mombasa will give you further explanation, if required.

I have etc.

SD/ Jobard.


Acting Agent.

Before the enactment of the East Africa Townships Ordinance 1903 conservancy or similar fees were collected under the Street Cleaning and Lighting Regulations 1900 which superseded regulations made apparently without any legislative authority on the 24th December 1896 and 3rd March 1897.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

  
GOVERNOR'S Deputy

(c) When such conservancy fees were first levied

(d) whether any previous protest has been received from the French Consular Officer.

3. As regards (a), Comorians regularly paid hut tax in Lombasa from 1901 to 1913, when the duties of collection were handed over by the Superintendent of Conservancy to the District Commissioner, who, on the ruling of the Town Magistrate, did not collect the tax from French subjects. At Lupa there are about one hundred Comorians who have paid hut tax since 1901.

4. As regards (b), Conservancy fees have been regularly levied on French subjects and French protected persons at Lombasa since 1913. No specific protest was made until the 6th of August 1915 when a communication, copy of which is enclosed, was received from the Acting Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Company.

5. As regards (c), Conservancy fees were first levied in 1897, while as regards (d) no previous protest from the French Consular Officer has been received.

6. The present conservancy fees are now leviable under the Township Fees and Conservancy Ordinance 1908, while before that legislation was enacted a rate was imposed under rules under the East Africa Township Ordinance 1903. Other township fees are also levied under this Ordinance.

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE  
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

February 2nd, 1916

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 21st of September on the subject of the levy of hut tax and conservancy fees on French citizens and protected persons at Mombasa and Lamu.

2. I understand from the Foreign Office letter of the 13th of September enclosed therein that information is desired on the questions

(a) whether hut or poll tax has been regularly paid by Comorians since 1901 or 1903 at Mombasa and Lamu and elsewhere in the dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar.

(b) whether conservancy fees have been regularly levied at Mombasa on French subjects and French protected persons since 1913 without specific protests.

(c)

For Agent  
L. L. Co.  
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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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