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Postal Dept. - Salaries.

Sends memo by P.M. G. submitting proposals for revised scales of salary for male & female Postal Clerks, Postmasters, & Subordinate Engineering Staff. Recommends adoption in Estimates for 1917-18.

See for 2991
Also Conf 17 Aug 16
Copy comes from Conf 6 Sept 16
Copy of report to Sir Warden Conf 6 18 Oct 16

Mr. Bottomley

When the P.M.G.

last reported on this question, in (3963/14) Dec., 1913, he opposed any increase of salary on the ground principally of the rapidity of promotion in the Postal Dep^t. For some reason which I do not quite appreciate, promotion is no longer so rapid, so that the main objection is removed. Also it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure candidates for the junior posts, and to obtain them at rates beyond their first level. Further, there is a great deal of discontent in the Postal Dep^t.

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4. Steps are now being taken by the National Bank of India to foreclose on the properties under mortgage to it, and the first hearing will take place on the 1st of February. The Bank has also decided to wind up the Company in so far as British Territory is concerned as on the 31st of December, 1915, and has appointed a Liquidator who will collect all debts due to the Company and realise assets generally as on that date. The local debts referred to in paragraph 3 (e) above will be paid in full.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

W. Bowers
GOVERNOR'S Deputy

13th January 1916.



SIR,

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I have the honour to refer to paragraph 2 of your despatch No. 749 of the 30th of October last regarding the position of the Protectorate branch of the East African Trading Company.

2. The firm in East Africa is insolvent, with the National Bank of India and Messrs David Sassoon & Company the largest creditors. These creditors are anxious to take over the whole business and pay off in full the smaller debts, their intention being to start a fresh concern under a new name on the foundations of the old.

3. The sums owed by the Company are as follows:-

- (a) Rs. 5,59,941 to the National Bank of India.
- (b) Rs. 5,00,000 approximately to Messrs David Sassoon & Company.
- (c) Rs. 70,051 to an Austrian firm.
- (d) Rs. 38,710 to Mr. S. Marcus, one of the partners and an enemy subject, on capital account.
- (e) Rs. 5,000 to sundry local creditors.
- (f) Rs. 14,000 to a Manchester firm against unsecured consignments.

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