

The telegram adds that Mr. Farrell will be posted at a healthy station on his return to the Prov.

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Central Committee of Supplies

After discussion by War Council with Deputy Director of Supply and Transport and a representative from the Committee, and with GOCs concurrence, Committee has been dissolved and two local purchase officers appointed. Disbandment of subsidiary local boards followed automatically.

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Sir G. Piddes

The new arrangement gets over the objection that traders had a voice in the giving of contracts to traders.

It is interesting to note that the change approximates in date to the loss by the E. A. States Ltd of the supply of tin to the troops.

In S/57703/15. That is one of the matters to be discussed locally by the Company's representative in the East & we shall not discuss here further.

Part. by

J. P. G. G. G.

16.2.16

Next subsequent Paper.

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11 January '16

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*Mrs. Lancelles*

MINUTE

Mr. *Narayan* 10/1/16

Mr. *Bottomley* 10.1.16 (2)

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

Sir Madam,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> I am directed by the Secretary Bonar Law to inform you that a telegram has been received from the Deputy to the Gov<sup>r</sup> of the G.O.P. reporting that, on the recommendation of the ~~Medical~~ Medical Officer, *Mrs. Lancelles* has been granted a sea trip to South Africa and



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Telegram.

The Deputy of the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.  
(Received Colonial Office 5.3 p.m. 8th January, 1916)

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No: 8.

With reference to your telegram of 7th January, a recommendation of Medical Officer Lascelles has been granted for a trip to South Africa and back. He will be posted at a healthy station on his return.

BOWRING.

Downing Street,

2nd February, 1916.

Dear Sir Henry,

I enclose a copy of correspondence which Mr. Bonar Law has had with Lord Lansdowne about the case of Mr. H.F. Lascelles.

Would you kindly, in consideration of the mother's state of mind, make sure that if there is any doubt on Mr. Lascelles's return as to his fitness to go on serving he shall be invalided home forthwith.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) F.G.A. Butler.

Lord Lansdowne's letter of 18th Jan. and  
S. of S. reply of 2nd February.

the 18th of January and will tell him that if, on Mr. Lascelles's return from South Africa or subsequently, there is any doubt as to his fitness to continue to serve, he should be sent home at once.

I hope that this will relieve Mrs. Lascelles's mind.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) A. Bonar Law.

Downing Street,

2nd February, 1915.

My dear Lansdowne,

I am sorry that I have not yet said anything to you in reply to your letter of the 18th of January about Mr. Lascelles of East Africa. His case had already been before me on the representations of his mother and friends of here. I had in consequence been in telegraphic correspondence with the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate about it and had learned of the sea voyage to South Africa and of the intention to post Mr. Lascelles to a healthy station on his return. It is difficult for me to interfere with the discretion of the East African medical authorities in such a case and I have every hope that the steps which they have taken will make it possible for Mr. Lascelles to return to duty without any untoward consequences. As a matter of precaution, however, I will send the Governor a copy of your letter of  
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BAMFORD,  
CALNE,  
WILTS.

My dear Homer

Will you let your Secretary  
send me half a dozen lines about the  
case of young Lascelles, as to which I  
wrote to you?

I think you told me that the  
local authorities had already been  
written to about him - would it be  
possible to send on to them my letter  
to you as bearing on the young  
man's family circumstances, which  
might entitle him to favourable  
consideration?

I am very anxious to show the  
poor mother that I have done all that  
I could for her. Please me for  
your kindness.



Blackwater fever. He has been given sick-leave and sent on a sea voyage to South Africa, and will, he believes, be transferred, if he recovers, to a healthy station in East Africa. His mother is naturally very nervous about him, and earnestly desires that he should be given leave to come home to this country for a short time before returning to work.

Much as I detest troubling my colleagues about such matters, I venture to hope that you may find it possible to have it arranged that this lady's prayer shall be granted. She certainly deserves well of the State.

*Please forgive me for being tiresome  
Yours very truly  
Lancelotti*

at Mr. Haswell's instance, and  
that we must hope that the measures  
taken by the local authorities will be  
all that is required.

J.A.B.

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Come with hard hand down  
attached.

J.A.B.

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the S. of S. is reluctant to intervene  
in the Gov's arrangements, and is  
assumed that the <sup>local</sup> M.O. will ~~be~~ have been,  
and will continue to be, consulted  
in the matter, and that his advice  
will be followed throughout; but  
that, as a precaution, the Gov. will be  
instructed that Mr. Lascelles should not  
be allowed to return to duty until, in  
the opinion of the M.O., he ~~is~~ <sup>has</sup> completely  
recovered; that his health should be  
studied and every care taken to guard  
against a <sup>recurrence of his health</sup> relapse; and that, at the first  
convenient opportunity, he should be  
instructed to proceed on leave.

And write to Gov. accordingly  
in despatches.

Instead of A, I should prefer to promise to let  
to the Gov. that if on return from S. Africa  
there is any doubt as to his fitness he should  
be sent home at once. This will interfere  
less in the details of the case. [Of course  
it is contrary to our practice to interfere  
at all and in a doubtful case we referred  
to above]

W. S. P.  
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LANSDOWNE HOUSE,  
BERKELEY SQUARE, W.

18th January 1916.

*My dear Donal Lasc*

Please forgive me if I venture to trouble you about a purely personal matter.

Mrs. Lascelles, widow of the Hon. Henry Lascelles, has been staying with me. She is a sister of the Bishop of Oxford, and although not a blood relation, is closely connected with my family. She lost her husband two or three years ago. Of her sons, one was killed last year. He was a very promising young soldier, and his death nearly broke his mother's heart. Another son has been serving with his regiment at Helles, and a third, who was incapacitated for military service, is in the Munitions Department and acting as secretary to Lord Murray. <sup>Henry</sup> The fourth, has been in East Africa since 1913, and has been serving as Assistant District Commissioner at Rabai, near Mombasa. He had three attacks of malaric in the spring of 1915, and at the end of the year was sent to hospital at Mombasa with

Blackwater

going to answer Lord Lansdowne's  
letter, explaining that we have been<sup>84</sup>  
in telegraphic communication with the  
Govt, at Mr. Hasell's instance, and  
that we must hope that the measures  
taken by the local authorities will be  
all that is required.

Jas B.

20.1.16

Put by.

at once.

G. J. R.

20/1/16

~~has been put by~~

Copy with Lord Lansdowne  
attached.

Jas B.

22.1.16

the facts as to the sea voyage and  
 posting to a healthy station: that  
 the G. of S. is reluctant to intervene  
 in the Gov's arrangements, and is  
 assumed that the <sup>local</sup> M. O. will ~~be~~ have been,  
 and will continue to be, consulted  
 in the matter, and that his ~~advice~~  
 will be followed throughout  
 that, as a precaution the Gov. will be  
 instructed that Mr. Caswell is ~~not~~  
 to be allowed to return to duty until  
 the opinion of the M. O. <sup>has</sup> been ~~fully~~  
 recovered; that his health should be  
 studied and every care taken to guard  
 against a <sup>recurrence of his health</sup> relapse; and that, at the first  
 convenient opportunity, he should be  
 instructed to proceed on leave.

And write to Gov accordingly,  
 in duplicate.

N. O. 19/1/16

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 it is contrary to our practice to interfere  
 at all and in a second case we refused  
 to do so.]

Yes  
 to J. A.

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 H. J. R.  
 19/1/16

with her  
 H. J. R. 19/1/16