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Sends copy letter addressed to G.O.
Containing instructions as to financial
powers of G.O.s and Heads of Administrative
Services

~~Two Hendersons~~
Mr. Read

The Command Order 292 is the last one
in 50260.

I have not looked up the things referred
to in the new draft Order, but
the arrangements laid down seem reasonable
and we need not interfere in a matter which
is purely military.

? Copy of dft on 50260 + this read
(except including the printed A.O.) to
Gov for info & guidance repts 50260.

at once
H. J. R
11/17/16
And as the Audit staff should know of
the arrangements it will be convenient to
print this off about of the correspondence
(except the printed A.O.) from the War
Administration papers? 11/17/16

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Next subsequent Paper

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary.

War Office,

London, S.W.

and the following number quoted,

155/7212 (Accounts l.a.)

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War Office,

London, S.W.

6th January, 1916.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of 3rd November, transmitting a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the East African Provinces, I am commanded by the Army Council to transmit for your information, a copy of a letter addressed to the General Officer Commanding the Forces in East Africa, in regard to the financial powers to be exercised by General Officers Commanding and Heads of Administrative Services.

I am, Sir,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D. D. Currie

Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

1205/2212. (Accounts l.a.)

January, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to Command Order 592 dated 23rd July last defining the financial powers of General Officers Commanding and of Heads of Administrative services, I am commanded by the Army Council to observe that although the powers of write-off of the General Officer Commanding the Forces in East Africa as therein laid down, approximate to those authorized by the Indian War Regulations, the Army Council are of opinion that, in view of the change in the composition of the Force, and of the transfer of the Command to a General Officer of the Imperial Forces, it is desirable that the powers of the General Officer Commanding should be the same as those of the Commander-in-Chief, Expeditionary Force, as laid down in Army Order 52 of 1915, a copy of which is enclosed. I am accordingly to request that the Command Order be amended by the omission of all reference to "write-off" in sub-paragraphs 1 and 2, and that a new paragraph be added giving the amounts allowed by the Army Order in question - vide attached Draft Order A. The Army Council would raise no objection to any delegation

General Officer Commanding,
The Forces in East Africa.

delegation of the powers of write-off within such limits
as the General Officer Commanding considers necessary,
provided that no paymasters be so empowered, and they would
be glad to be informed in due course as to the delegation
the General Officer Commanding advises. 35

I am to add that a copy of this letter is being
forwarded to the India Office and Colonial Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(sd.) D. E. Gubbitt.

ARMY ORDERS.

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WAR OFFICE.

20th January, 1915.

1. Powers during the present War in Relation to Losses; Deficiencies; Nugatory Payments; Debtor Balances; Claims Abandoned; Compensation and Gifts. -1. During the war, the limits within which General Officers Commanding may authorize the writing-off of losses, &c., shall be as set forth in the following table, instead of as detailed in Appendix XXII, King's Regulations.

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2. The powers of the General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, Central Force, will be as stated in column 2 of the table, unless that force takes the field in a sphere of active operations, when columns 3 and 4 apply so far as the writing-off of losses is concerned.

3. The powers of the Commander-in-Chief, Expeditionary Force, will normally be exercised on his behalf by the Adjutant-General or Quartermaster-General in the field or by the Inspector-General of Camps and Quarters.

4. For convenience, the rules laid down in Appendix XXII, King's Regulations, are given below.

5. The amounts specified in the table represent the total or gross value of the lost cash, stores, &c., or the total amount of the damage, irrespective of any portion of the loss or damage that may be made good by the person responsible. All over-issues, &c., for which responsibility attaches to a paymaster should, however, be submitted to the War Office.

6. The writing-off of amounts in commands to which audit has been decentralized is subject to the concurrence in each case of the local auditor. If the local auditor is unable to concur in the writing-off of a loss, the General Officer in Administration will refer the matter to the Army Council. In such a case the local auditor will report on the question direct to the

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POWERS-DURING THE WAR IN RELATION TO LOSSES, &c.

Description of loss, &c.	Powers of						Remarks
	Com- mander in-Chief Expedi- tionary Forces	Gen. Officer in Administration	U.O. where a G.O. is assigned stationed is not appointed	At Home	Aboard	At Sea	
(1) Cash, supplies, animals or stores lost by theft, suspected fraud, or gross carelessness	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
(2) Losses by theft or arson, proved or presumptive— (a) Cash (b) Supplies, animals or stores	Up to 500. Up to 500.	Up to 50. Up to 50.	Up to 11. Up to 11.	Up to 11. Up to 11.	Up to 11. Up to 11.	Up to 11. Up to 11.	• Provided that no suspicion attaches to any persons employed under the War Department

3. Acceptance of dividends in case of contractor's bankruptcy.
 (c) Debtor balances on non-official officers' accounts.
 (c) Claims abandoned for rent due for value of houses in kind on enjoyment and of deteriorated supplies, &c.

III. Stores, animals and supplies lost otherwise than by theft, fraud, or gross carelessness
 (a) Losses or deficiencies of equipment, clothing, supplies, animals, materials and stores (other than clothing and equipment) in possession of soldier, not deficiencies in store accounts, as defined in para. 468, Reg. Regulations.
 (b) Losses by fire, shipwreck, stress of weather, accidents, or incidents of the service, proved on due official trial, have been beyond the control of any person responsible for the stores.

(c) Losses of damage on marching and inspections, see para. 987, King's Regulations.
 (d) Stores supplied or entrusted to a contractor except losses in transit, which will be treated under (a) or (b).

IV. Claims for compensation—
 1. Claims of contractors for loss due to departure from terms of a contract.
 2. Claims of civilians, other than contractors in cases in which the War Office

The authority of the Government Administration will not be required in any ordinary case of a deficit balance within the prescribed limits applicable to Bahadur Agency, A.W.
 This section will apply only to losses of, or damage to, works and buildings.

	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100
Up to 1000	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200
Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000
Up to 2000	Up to 2000	Up to 2000	Up to 2000	Up to 2000
Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000
Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200
Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200
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I. *Approved* (*Allowance* - Y. *...*)
 of to *...* *...* necessary articles of *...*
 I *...* *...* *...* *...* *...* *...*
 approved for *...* of the Territorial *...*
 are placed *...* to embark (by *...*)

In order to *...* the articles necessary *...*
 of Territorial *...* officers who are *...*
 to embark for *...* or *...* *...*
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The grant in question will be paid by the *...*
 Paymaster of the *...* in which the *...*
 quarters of the unit are situated, and will not be subject
 to any conditions of qualification or length of service.

By Command of the Army Council,

R. W. Wade

ARMY ORDERS.

WAR OFFICE,

3rd January, 1915.

1. Powers during the present War in Relation to Losses, Deficiencies; Negatory Payments; Debtor Balances; Claims Abandoned; Compensation; and Gifts.—1. During the war, the limits within which General Officers Commanding may authorize the writing-off of losses, &c., will be as set forth in the following table, instead of as detailed in Appendix XXII, King's Regulations.

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2. The powers of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Force, will be as stated in column 3 of the table, unless that force takes the field in a sphere of active operations, when column 2 will apply as for the writing-off of losses, &c.

3. The powers of the Commander-in-Chief, Expeditionary Force, will normally be exercised on his behalf by the Adjutant-General or Quartermaster-General in the field or by the Inspector-General of Communications.

4. For convenience, the rules laid down in Appendix XXII, King's Regulations, are given below.

5. The amounts specified in the table represent the total or gross value of the lost cash, stores, &c., or the total amount of the damage, irrespective of any portion of the loss or damage that may be made good by the person responsible. All over-issues, &c., for which responsibility attaches to a paymaster should, however, be submitted to the War Office.

6. The writing-off of amounts in commands to which audit has been decentralized is subject to the concurrence in each case of the local auditor. If the local auditor is unable to concur in the writing-off of a loss, the General Officer in Administration will refer the matter to the Army Council. In such a case the local auditor will report on the question direct to the

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POWERS DURING THE WAR IN RELATION TO LOSSES, &c.

Description of loss, &c.	Powers of						Remarks.
	Com- mand- ing- Officer, Especially Frontier Forces.	Gen. Officer in Administration.	G.O.C. where a S.O. in Admini- stration is not appointed.	At Home.	Abroad.		
1.	2.			5.	4.	5.	6.
I. (a) Cash, supplies, animals or stores lost by fraud, suspected fraud, or gross carelessness. (b) Losses by theft or arson, proved or presumptive— (1) Cash. (2) Supplies, animals or stores.	NI Up to 500. Up to 500.	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI
	Up to 500. Up to 500.	Up to 500. Up to 500.	Up to 100. Up to 100.	Up to 100. Up to 100.	Up to 100. Up to 100.	Up to 100. Up to 100.	Up to 100. Up to 100.
							Provided that the suspicion attaches to any person employed under the War Department.

3. Acceptance of dividends in cash under the bankruptcy.
 (6) Dividend conditions on non-effective dividend accounts.
 (7) Claims abandoned for rent due, for value of losses in kind on equipment, and of demurrage charges, etc.

(8) Stoves, animals and supplies lost otherwise than by theft, fraud, or gross carelessness.
 (9) Losses or destruction of equipment, clothing, supplies, animals, materials and stores (other than clothing and equipment) in possession of soldiers and detachments in stove accounts, as defined in para. 566, King's Regulations.

(10) Losses by fire, shipwreck, stranding, wrecks, accidents, or incidents of the service, proved on the capacity to have been beyond the control of any person responsible for the stores.

(11) Losses or damages on purchasing-out subscriptions, see para. 987, King's Regulations.

(12) Supplies supplied or entrusted to a contractor (except losses in transit, which will be dealt with under (a) or (b)).

IV. Claims for compensation—

1. Claims of contractors for loss due to departure from terms of a contract.

2. Claims of civilians other than contractors, in cases in which the War Office

Nil	Nil	Nil
Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100
Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200
Up to 400	Up to 300	Up to 300
Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000
Up to 2000	Up to 1000	Up to 500
Up to 10000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000
Nil	Nil	Nil
Up to 20	Up to 20	Up to 200

This section will also apply to losses of, or damages to, works and buildings.

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(a) A surplus of dividends in case of the bankruptcy.
 (b) Double balances on non-effective promissory notes.

(c) Claims advanced for rent due, for value of houses to find an apartment, and of designated supplies, etc.

III. Stoves, animals and supplies lost otherwise than by theft, fraud, or gross carelessness.
 (a) Losses for destruction of equipment, clothing, supplies, animals, materials and stores (other than clothing and equipment in possession of soldier), not deficiencies in stove accidents, as defined in para. 608, King's Regulations.

(b) Losses by fire, shipwreck, stress of weather, accidents, or incidents of the service, proved on due enquiry to have been beyond the control of any person responsible for the stores.

(c) Losses of damages on packing-out transactions, see para. 987, King's Regulations.

(d) Stages supplied or entrusted to a contractor (except losses in transit, which will be dealt with under (e) or (f)).

IV. Claims for subrogation—

1. Claims of contractors for loss due to departure from terms of a contract.

2. Claims of creditors other than contractors in cases in which the War Office

The authority of the G.O. in Administration will not be required in any ordinary case of a debtor balance within the prescribed limits chargeable to "Balances Irrecoverable."

This section will also apply to losses of, or damages to, works and buildings.

Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 100	Up to 50
Up to 1000	Up to 300	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 50
Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 500
Up to 1,000	Up to 3000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 500
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200	Up to 200

II.—Special Outfit Allowance.—To meet the cost of the provision of necessary articles of regulation Indian outfit a special outfit grant of 20l. has been approved for all officers of the Territorial Force who are placed under orders to embark for India.

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Gen. No.
4341

In order to provide the articles necessary in the case of Territorial Force officers who are placed under orders to embark for Egypt or Mediterranean stations, a special outfit grant of 5l. 10s. has been approved.

The grants in question will be paid by the Command Paymaster of the Command in which the peace headquarters of the unit are situated, and will not be subject to any conditions of qualification or length of service.

By Command of the Army Council,

R. W. Wade

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ARMY ORDERS.

WAR OFFICE,

3rd January, 1915.

I.—Powers during the present War in Relation to Losses; Deficiencies; Nugatory Payments; Debtor Balances; Claims Abandoned; Compensation; and Gifts.—1. During the war, the limits within which General Officers Commanding may authorize the writing-off of losses, &c., will be as set forth in the following table, instead of as detailed in Appendix XXII, King's Regulations.

2. The powers of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Force, will be as stated in column 3 of the table, unless that force takes the field in a sphere of active operations, when column 2 will apply so far as the writing-off of losses is concerned.

3. The powers of the Commander-in-Chief, Expeditionary Force, will normally be exercised on his behalf by the Adjutant-General or Quartermaster-General in the field or by the Inspector-General of Communications.

4. For convenience, the rules laid down in Appendix XXII, King's Regulations, are given below.

5. The amounts specified in the table represent the total or gross value of the lost cash, stores, &c., or the total amount of the damage, irrespective of any portion of the loss or damage that may be made good by the person responsible. All over-issues, &c., for which responsibility attaches to a paymaster should, however, be submitted to the War Office.

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3. Advance of dividend to contractor's bankruptcy.
 (a) Debit balance on non-effective soldiers accounts.
 (b) Claims advanced by post office, for wages of teams in kind on payment, and of fabricated supplies, &c.

III. Stores, animals and supplies lost (other than those by theft, fraud, or gross carelessness).
 (a) Losses or deficiencies of equipment, clothing, supplies, animals, materials and stores (other than clothing and equipment in possession of soldier), not deficiencies in store accounts, as defined in para. 568, King's Regulations.

(b) Losses by fire, shipwreck, stress of weather, accidents, or incidents of the service, proved on due enquiry to have been beyond the control of any person responsible for the stores.

(c) Losses or damages on marching-out inspections, see para. 567, King's Regulations.

(d) Stores supplied or advanced to a contractor (except losses in transit, which will be dealt with under (a) or (b)).

IV. Claims for compensation—

1. Claims of contractors for loss due to departure from terms of a contract.

2. Claims of civilians, other than contractors, in cases in which the War Office

Nil

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The authority of the G.O.C. Administration will not be required in any ordinary case of a debit balance within the prescribed limits chargeable to a Battalion Irregulars bill.

This section will also apply to losses of stores, charges to works and buildings.

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Gen. No.
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II.—Special Outfit Allowance.—To meet the cost of the provision of necessary articles of regulation Indian outfit a special outfit grant of 20*l.* has been approved for all officers of the Territorial Force who are placed under orders to embark for India.

In order to provide the articles necessary in the case of Territorial Force officers who are placed under orders to embark for Egypt or Mediterranean stations, a special outfit grant of 5*l.* 10*s.* has been approved.

The grants in question will be paid by the Command Paymaster of the Command in which the peace headquarters of the unit are situated, and will not be subject to any conditions of qualification or length of service.

By Command of the Army Council,

R. H. Wade

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POWERS RELATIVE TO THE WAR IN RELATION TO LOSSES, &c.

Description of Loss, &c.	Powers of		G.O.C. where a G.O. 1/c Administration is not appointed.	Remarks.
	Com-mander in-Chief Esped-itionary Force.	Genl. Officer in Administration.		
1. Cash, supplies, blankets or accoutrements lost by fraud, mismanagement, or gross carelessness.	2.	3.	4.	5.
(1) Cash. (2) Supplies, animals or stores.	NI	NI	NI	NI
(3) Losses by theft for accoutrements, provisions, &c.	Up to 500. Up to 500.	Up to 50. Up to 50.	Up to 11. Up to 11.	Up to 11. Up to 11.
(4) Cash. (5) Supplies, animals or stores.	Up to 500. Up to 500.	Up to 50. Up to 50.	Up to 11. Up to 11.	Up to 11. Up to 11.

* Provided that no suspicion attaches to any person employed under the War Department.

<p>3. Complaint of affidavit by contractor's bankruptcy trustee follows as substantive matter.</p> <p>(5) Claims allowed by court trustee of assets to be paid on assignment, and of substantial supplies, etc.</p>	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
<p>III. Items include bill supplies and otherwise due by staff, front, or gross environment.</p> <p>(6) Items or deductions of equipment, clothing, supplies, animals, materials, and stores (other than clothing and equipment) to purchase of supplies, and deductions in store payments, as defined in par. 608, King's Regulations.</p> <p>(7) Losses by fire, slip, wreck, stress of weather, accidents, or incidents of the service, incurred by the contractor to have been paid the cost of any person responsible for the claims.</p> <p>(8) Losses or damages on marching out, provisions, and parts, etc., King's Regulations.</p> <p>(9) Items supplied or contracted to a contractor (except losses in transit), which will be paid under (a) or (b).</p>	Up to 100.	Up to 100.	Up to 100.	Up to 100.	Up to 100.	Up to 100.
<p>This section will also apply to losses of, or damages to, works and buildings.</p>	Up to 500.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.
<p>The authority of the G.O. in Administration will not be required in any ordinary case of a debtor balance within the prescribed limits chargeable to a Balance Irrecoverable.</p>	Up to 500.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.
<p>IV. Claims for compensation.</p> <p>1. Claims of contractors for loss due to the departure from form of a contract.</p> <p>2. Claims of civilians, other than contractors, in cases in which the War Office</p>	Up to 500.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.	Up to 1000.

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In order to provide the articles necessary in the case of Territorial Force officers who are placed under orders to embark for Egypt or Mediterranean stations, a special outfit grant of 5*l.* 10*s.* has been approved.

The grants in question will be paid by the Command Paymaster of the Command in which the peace headquarters of the unit are situated, and will not be subject to any conditions of qualification or length of service.

By Command of the Army Council,

R. B. B. B.

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WAR OFFICE,

3rd January, 1917.

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(a) Cash, supplies, animals or stores lost by fire, suspected fraud, or gross careles- sness.	Up to 200. Up to 500.	At Home. Abroad.	Up to 500. Up to 1000.	5.	6.
(b) Losses by theft of arms, powder or provisional.	Up to 500. Up to 1000.	At Home. Abroad.	Up to 500. Up to 1000.	5.	6.
(c) Cash.	Up to 500. Up to 1000.	At Home. Abroad.	Up to 500. Up to 1000.	5.	6.
(d) Supplies, animals or stores.	Up to 500. Up to 1000.	At Home. Abroad.	Up to 500. Up to 1000.	5.	6.

* Provided that no suspicion attaches to any person employed under the War Department.

B. Acceptance of dividends in contractor's bankruptcy.
 (6) Double recovery of non-effective value of insurance of abandoned equipment, and of deteriorated supplies.

III. Stores, materials and supplies lost other than by theft, fraud, or gross negligence.
 (a) Losses or destruction of equipment, clothing, supplies, materials, materials, and stores (other than clothing and equipment) in possession of soldier, not deficiencies in stores accounts as defined in para. 628, King's Regulations.

(b) Losses by the shipyard, stores of supplies, accidents or accidents of the service, provided that liability to have been beyond the control of the person responsible for the stores.

(c) Losses or damages on unshipped cut inspections, for para. 987, King's Regulations.
 (d) Stores supplied or entrusted to a contractor (except losses in transit), which will be dealt with under (6) or (7).

IV. Claims for compensation—

1. Claims of contractors for loss due to departure from terms of contract.
2. Claims of civilians, other than contractors, in cases in which the War Office

	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L.	Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L.	Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L.	Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L.	Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L. Up to 100L.
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The Act of the G.O. etc. will not be applied in any ordinary case unless by business within the limits chargeable in the ordinary course of business.

These sections will also apply to stores or damages to stores and buildings.

II.—Special Outfit Allowance.—To meet the cost of the provision of necessary articles of regulation Indian outfit a special outfit grant of 20*l.* has been approved for all officers of the Territorial Force who are placed under orders to embark for India.

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In order to provide the articles necessary in the case of Territorial Force officers who are placed under orders to embark for Egypt or Mediterranean stations, a special outfit grant of 5*l.* 10*s.* has been approved.

The grants in question will be paid by the Command Paymaster of the Command in which the peace headquarters of the unit are situated, and will not be subject to any conditions of qualification or length of service.

By Command of the Army Council,

R. H. Wade

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Finance.

Command Order No. 200, dated 16th February, 1915, and subsequent amendments thereto, will be cancelled on the 1st January, 1916, and the following revised order, laying down the financial powers of General Officers Commanding, Heads of Administrative Services, come into force in its place, with effect from 1st January, 1916.

(1) Financial powers for incurring Military expenditure up to the amounts specified are invested in the following officers:-

General Officer Commanding (the Forces)	amount of any transaction No limit.
General Officers Commanding Arms	Rs. 2,000.

(2) The above powers are delegated to the following officers, or, in their absence, by an officer deputed to incur expenditure on their behalf up to the extent in the following table:-

To incur expenditure	amount full limit.
President Central Committee of Supplies	All up to order of purchase.
The D.P.C.	General Commanding Arms.
The D.P.C. and I.	Rs. 2,000.
The D.V. and Remount Services	
D.D.M.S.	Rs. 2,000.

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Communications on this subject
should be addressed to:-

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

London, S.W.

and the following numbers quoted

Downing Street,

F.M.D.	Rs. 2,000
G.M.E.	Rs. 2,000
Director of Field Telegraphs	Rs. 1,500
S.M.O. Kisumu	Rs. 1,500
D.O. Troops Zanzibar	Rs. 200
The Chief Paymaster E.A.F.C.	Rs. 500

(3) Financial powers for "writing-off" losses up to the amounts specified below are invested in the General Officer Commanding the Forces:-

Description of loss, ac.

1. (a) Cash, supplies, animals or stores lost by fraud, suspected fraud, or gross carelessness.
- (b) Losses by theft or arson, proved or presumptive -
 - (1) Cash. Up to Rs. 200
 - (2) Supplies, animals or stores. Up to Rs. 100

- II. Cash lost otherwise than by theft, fraud, or gross carelessness, including in the case of (a) over-issues through an excusable misunderstanding of regulations, or when the recovery would entail considerable hardship or present special difficulty.
- (a) Losses, deficiencies and over-issues. Up to Rs. 1,000
 - (b) Hasty or fruitless payments. See note to Appendix XIII., King's Regulations.

P.M.D.	Rs. 2,000
G.N.K.	Rs. 2,000
Director of Field Telegraphs	Rs. 1,500
S.N.C. Kinnam	Rs. 1,500
D.G. Troops Messias	Rs. 500
The Chief Paymaster R.A.P.C.	Rs. 500

(3) Financial powers for "Writing-Off" issues up to the amounts specified below are invested in the General Officer Commanding the Force:-

Description of loss, &c.

- I. (a) Cash, supplies, animals or stores lost by fraud or suspected fraud, or gross carelessness.
- (b) Losses by theft or arson, proved or presumptive -
 - (1) Cash. Up to Rs. 500
 - (2) Supplies, animals or stores. Up to Rs. 750
- II. Cash lost otherwise than by theft, fraud, or gross carelessness, involving in the case of (a) over-issues through an excusable misunderstanding of regulations, or when the recovery would entail considerable hardship or present special difficulty.
 - (a) Losses, deficiencies and over-issues. Up to Rs. 500
 - (b) Negatory or fruitless payments. See note to Appendix XIII., King's Regulations.

(c) Losses on contracts.

1. Excess cost of purchases (or works carried out) in default which involve formal claims on contractors. Nil
2. Fines, if inflicted after appeal, but not recovered; or if contractor's failure causes increased cost to public. Nil
3. Acceptance of dividends in contractor's bankruptcy. Nil

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(d) Debtor balances on non-effective soldiers' accounts. Up to Rs.150

(e) Claims abandoned for rent due, for value of issues in kind on repayment, and of deteriorated supplies, etc. Up to Rs.1500

II. Stores, animals and supplies lost otherwise than by theft, fraud, or gross carelessness.

(a) Losses or deficiencies of equipment, clothing, supplies, animals, materials and stores (other than clothing and equipment in possession of soldier) set deficiencies in store accounts, as defined in paragraph 60B, King's Regulations. Up to Rs.1500

(b) Losses by fire, shipwreck, stress of weather, accidents, or incidents of the service, proved on due enquiry to have been beyond

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the control of any person responsible for the stores.

- (c) Losses or damages on marching-out inspections, see paragraph 987, King's Regulations. Up to Rs. 100
- (d) Stores supplied or entrusted to a contractor (except losses in transit, which will be dealt with under (a) or (b)). Nil

IV. Claims for compensation -

1. Claims of contractors for loss due to departure from terms of a contract. Up to Rs. 100
2. Claims of civilians, other than contractors, in cases in which the War Office can be considered liable, or where payment is advisable as a matter of policy -

- (a) Personal injury Up to Rs. 200
- (b) Loss of, or damage to property ordinary. Up to Rs. 200

If resulting from defence measures (other than loss or damage due to the actual operations of war) Up to Rs. 100

Cases arising under IV., 2, should be reported to the C.D.C. without delay, and claims should be dealt with as promptly as possible, allowing for a proper investigation and consideration of the facts.

V. Charitable grants.

Nil

VI. Gifts of Army stores.

Nil

(4) The East Africa Pay Corps, Nairobi, and the Treasury, Entebbe, will not accept any charge or military vouchers, unless such vouchers are duly countersigned by one of the authorities mentioned in the preceding paragraphs; or by an officer to whom authority has been duly delegated, as laid down in this order.

(5) Discretionary powers are granted to the Central Committee of Supplies, to place indents for foodstuffs, or other supplies to such an extent and value as may be considered advisable.

(6) Heads of Departments referred to in paragraph 2, will furnish the Chief Paymaster, E.A.P.C., the Treasurer, Uganda, and the president, Central Committee of Supplies with a list of officers duly authorized to incur expenditure on their behalf.

(7) This order is not applicable to transactions prior to the 13th January, 1914.

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13 January 1915

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For Mr. Balfour

With reference to your
despatch No. 708 of the 21st
of Sept., I have the
honour to ~~inform you~~
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To W.D. 3 Nov 15 (50260)
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