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MILITARY EXPENDITURE
SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS

Encloses copy of cable from G.C.C. ON THE SUBJECT.

Suggests Prot Govt be asked to report on steps taken to engage additional pay staff from South Africa and that the Governor be urged to engage such staff that compilation of older accounts may be carried on for audit without delaying compilation of current accounts.

As W.O. sent the instructions it would have been simpler if they had said the enquiry also, but the Prot Govt is in charge of the C.C.A. and it is for them to see that the necessary staff is available.

See app. tel.

W.O. no. 4.16 at ...

1916
21st April

Last previous Paper.

W.O.
18067

Next subsequent Paper.

W.O.
19016
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Submission of accounts

To Govt. tel. cons. 24 April 16
✓ Answer (copy to) 25 April 16
Done and 3 min. 16 2075/16

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London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

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0165/7511 (F.1.)

21st April, 1916.

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I am to point out that, on the recommendation of Major General Tigue, authority was given to obtain additional pay personnel from the Union Government of South Africa for the office of the Chief Paymaster, East African Pay Corps (see copies of cables of 6th and 21st January enclosed, which were communicated semi-officially to your Department at the time). I am to suggest that the Protectorate Government should be asked to report what action has been taken in this direction. If suitable staff cannot be obtained either locally or in South Africa it may be possible to send out men from home.

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important that the latter should be dealt with as soon as possible after the transactions concerned.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. D. [Signature]

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Maj. Gen. Tignor War Office.

212/55. Your 2789? noted but please see my telegram Dec 25th 1915/16. The East Africa Pay Corps is practically performing the functions of a Military Accounts Department for the whole East African Military expenditure. Union and Indian pay personnel only dealing with questions of pay and allowances of respective forces. Chief Paymaster East Africa Pay Corps considers he requires 12 Accountants of the rank of sergeant, 12 of the rank of corporal commanding establishment to cope with work. Above exclude Union pay personnel. Will Imperial Paymaster act accordingly as Financial Adviser and assume control of Military Accounts generally? On Chief Paymaster's advice I am now asking Gen. Smuts for extra personnel above at Union rate of pay or should we await arrival of Imperial Paymaster.

165/7205.

21st January 1916

War Office to Maj. Gen. Tignor, Nairobi.

9*2. Your telegram 212/55. The East Africa Pay Corps will remain responsible for accounts for common charges and for store and supply accounts, and you are at liberty to ask Gen. Smuts for any necessary personnel not obtainable locally. Report result to this Office. The Imperial Paymaster will act as general financial adviser to G.O.C. in C. but will not be responsible for accounts kept by East Africa Pay Corps or Indian Disbursing Officer. Final settlement of duties should await arrival of Smith-Dorrien.

Cable from G.O.C. in C. East Africa to War Office.

10th April 1916

A392. Reference to Colonial Office telegram of 21st January re Accounts, you may expect to receive audited accounts to 31st December by 31st October and audited accounts to 31st March 1916 by 31st January 1917.

East Africa Pay Corps took over in August 1915 military expenditure and accounts from commencement of hostilities, therefore accounts one year in arrear.

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War Office,

Whitehall,

S.W.

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Dear Mr. Pittman,

You may like to

have three copies of the form

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Yr

W. G. ...

Major General Tigue to War Office. 21st December, 1915.

1338/2. December, 21. My letter 854/40 November 2nd; paragraph 5, qualified officer's services urgently required East African Pay Corps to take in hand Military Accounts Department's equipment. Quartermaster Rottley, North Lanes, rank Captain local Officer Commanding can submit name successful.

D155,7205.

War Office to Maj.-Gen.

27897. Your 1338/2. Quartermaster of possible home and Smuts collecting pay per Africa. You should tell Smuts what your that these two sources will meet you make provisional arrangements

Major-Gen. Tigue to War Office.

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0165/7203.

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 approval of Smith-Dorrien.

6165/7209.

Extract from memorandum given by Assistant Financial Secretary to General Sir H Smith Dorrien, December 1915.

4. The common charges will be reclaimed from the War Office by the Protectorate Government through the Colonial Office, and the Commander-in-Chief is not further concerned with the accounts for them; but as the expenditure is incurred on the authority of the Commander-in-Chief he is responsible for it from the point of view of regular and economical administration.

(The Protectorate Government is to repay to Army Funds hereafter some share of the common charges, but the Commander-in-Chief will not for the present be concerned in this adjustment.)

Extract from memorandum given to Lieutenant Colonel Lean (by direction of Assistant Financial Secretary) before his departure for East Africa.

"The Paymaster will advise the Commander-in-Chief on financial questions generally, other than those which fall within the special province of the paying officers of (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph 2 above, i.e. Indian and local troops."

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Sent 4-20 PM
24/4/16
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April 24
Amoffa

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Mr. Northwood 2

Mr. Lea

Mr. J. Just

Mr. G. Pichler

Mr. Steel-Mailand

Mr. Bonar Law

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It contains stuff

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sources cheaply

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