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30 May

Last previous Paper.

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25244INTEREST IN VIKINGIA DISTRICT
ATTACK BY ABORIGINALS

Forwards telegram from O. C. Troops, Turkana District dated 19th May giving account of attack on a party of 100 men, women and children, some of whom were killed.

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 (W. J. Lake Rudolf in regard to
 the Glass men killed and
 undiscoversable.

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 incident as last reported in
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 to amount to very much in our
 present view. The raiders all away
 to the cattle they took, but were later
 handed in to the police.

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 cornered as last of which over 100

Next subsequent Paper.

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Govt. EAP
30/7/17

13 July 1917

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge

the receipt of your cable dated the
8th of the 28th of May, and

to confirm my telegram of the
12th of July, in which I

informed you that I confirmed

the suspension of Mr. J. A.

Jates from his appointment of

Clerk in the Govt. Press.

I assume that, on the receipt of my telegram, Mr.

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- Mr. G. G. ...
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GA. Gas when water
has been taken

2 drafts

Copy of Executive Council Minute dated 14th April 1897.

COUNCIL recommends that the matter be referred to a Special Committee of the Council in accordance with the Colonial Regulations consisting of the Attorney General, as Chairman, the Treasurer, and the General Manager.

Copy of Executive Council Minute dated 10th May 1911.

COUNCIL recommends that Mr. Yates be dismissed and that the question of Mr. Train's failure to exercise adequate supervision should be dealt with by the Acting Chief Secretary as he thinks fit.

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REPORTBY

THE COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPOINTED TO
 INQUIRE INTO THE CONDUCT OF MR. J. A. YATES.

The Committee met on the 5th instant all the members being present. Mr. Yates was in attendance.

2. Mr. Yates admitted the truth of the charges stated and that he had been in the habit of using Government money for his own purposes during the period dealt with in the charges. The only excuse he offers is that he took the money because he was short.

3. It is evident from the papers in the custody of the Treasurer and from Mr. Yates' admission that there have been frequent attachments on Mr. Yates' salary.

4. The Committee had not considered it part of its duty to inquire into the method adopted in the Government press of dealing with cases reported to the method of accounting for it. Slackness in supervision, if such there be, although it may afford additional opportunities for the course of conduct adopted by Mr. Yates cannot, in the Committee's opinion, be advanced as a defence. But the Committee suggests that proper steps be taken to render such a course of conduct more difficult than at present it appears to be.

5. The Committee is of the opinion that the facts admitted by Mr. Yates reveal a grave state of affairs. Nothing can be more serious than a clerk helping himself to his

he was square, but he had omitted an amount of Rs. 132/00 receipts from July 4th to July 10th. From his account of receipts. I have seen his statement which bears out this. On this statement no A Form is quoted for the sum of Rs. 52/00 quoted in para 9 and presumably this was what Mr. Yates thought he was short and therefore paid in on January 4th.

9. Receipts ought to be paid in at very much shorter intervals than have occurred during the period under audit.

10. I would point out that Mr. Yates has frankly confessed the whole quality of irregularities, has made good the amount found deficient and has rendered no waver assistance in my audit, I am also of opinion that he honestly believed his account was square with the Government after he had made the payment of January 4th.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. G. K. S.
Senior Assistant Auditor.

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PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

amounts to Rs. 469/96. Payments were made as follows :-
 (A Form 64524) on December 8th Rs. 148/80 by cheques and on
 December 14th Rs. 96/- by cheque making a total of Rs. 244/80
 and leaving Rs. 225/70 unaccounted for.

6. From December 8th to December 20th Rs. 375/- was
 received, making the total amount to be accounted for
 Rs. 496/70. Payments were made as follows :- December 20th
 Rs. 64/- in cash and Rs. 80/- in cheques and on December 20th
 Rs. 187/80 in cheques equalling Rs. 210/80 in all and reducing
 the deficiency to Rs. 186/80 - As regards the payment of
 Rs. 187/80 on December 20th, it should be pointed out that
 only Rs. 24/- had been collected since the 28th, the date of
 the last payment, it being necessary to take receipts from
 December 18th to get a sum which could possibly cover the
 payment of Rs. 187/80. In this instance and very possibly in
 others, cheques would seem to have been held back after sums
 were ^{being} paid into the Bank, possibly awaiting endorsement, and
 the borrowings from the safe, which have admittedly taken
 place, may not be the sole cause of the delays in paying in
 the cash received - If this be the case an explanation of
 the delay in ^{debiting with the} endorsing cheques should be given. On January
 4th Rs. 55/80 was paid in in cash. A further sum had been
 collected by this date, but this was subsequently accounted
 for, thus the deficiency was reduced to Rs. 132/80 at which
 sum, with the 60 cents mentioned in paragraph 2, less 79 cents
 excess found in the cash, it stood at the date of audit,
 March 7th.

7. The receipts between February 1st & February 28th 1917
 Rs. 496/70 (which should be Rs. 497/10 vide para 5 above) were
 paid in in full on February 27th & 28th 1917 under A Form
 64546. A further Rs. 20/- also collected on February 28th
 being paid the same day under A Form 64544.

8. Mr. Yates admits that he used to take money from the
 safe. He states that he used to make a note of the amount
 and place it in the safe in the bag containing cash. At the
 end of December he reckoned up the payments made and thought

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AUDIT OFFICE.

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NAIROBI.

18th, March 1917.

SIR,

I have the honour to report an audit of the Cash Account of the Official Messengers & Stationery Department - This audit has revealed certain irregularities which are detailed below.

2. The cash was checked and compared with the balances as taken from the Receipt Forms since the date of the last *payment to the Bank* audit. A small excess of 78 cents was found. A check from the Receipt Forms into the A Forms from the date of the last audit, however, revealed the fact that Rs.152/80 had not been accounted for, of which 60 cents was due to errors of 80 cents in each case in bringing to account the receipts of Nos. 212611, 242919 & 242920. The amount of Rs.152/80 was paid in by Mr. Yates under A Form No. 64545.

3. The Receipts from August 1st to August 29th were Rs. 866/80 of this there was paid into the Bank on August 31st Rs. 209/80 by cheques (A Form 64529) leaving Rs. 156/80 unaccounted for which was paid in of September 29th by cheques Rs. 157/80 and by stamps and cash to the Treasury Rs. 1/80 (A Form 64530). By this date the receipts show further collections of Rs. 522/40. This latter amount was paid in as follows :- (A Form 64531) On October 5th Rs. 100/- in cash, Rs. 82/- in cheques, and on October 23rd Rs. 1/40 in cash & Rs. 140/- in cheques. By October 29th a further Rs. 226/- had been received.

4. The Receipts from October 2nd to October 27th were Rs. 242/80 of which Rs. 220/80 were paid in by cheques on November 5th (A Form 64532) leaving Rs. 116/80 unaccounted for.

5. From November 1st to December 8th the receipts amounted to Rs. 355/25 which, with the Rs. 116/80 mentioned above,

AUDITOR,
Nairobi.

amounts to

AUDIT OFFICE,

Nairobi,

24 March 1917.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith for your information a report by Mr. Kholiye on a recent examination of the Cash Account of the Official Gazette and Stationery Department.

It would appear from this report that the clerk in charge Mr. Yates has for some time past been in the habit of using Government money for his own private purposes. Varying amounts were kept back by him from month to month and repaid as other receipts accrued and at the time of audit he was short Rs. 128/00 which shortage had been outstanding since January 1917.

That Mr. Yates was enabled to keep back large sums of money and to use the same for his own benefit points to a regrettable lack of supervision and I would suggest for your consideration that in future receipts accruing from this source whether in cash or cheques be paid in daily and that the payments be sent to the Treasury and not to the Bank as I understand has been the practice hitherto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. W. ...

Auditor.

4. Mr. Water is an Eurasian who has now been in several years in the service of the Government, and has not proved himself equal to the additional work and responsibilities which have been imposed on the Staff in general by reason of the growth of the Protectorate. At the end of 1914 he appeared before a Committee of the Executive Council to answer a charge of absconding himself from duty owing to over-indulgence in alcohol. The Committee found that the charge was substantiated but the Governor in Council decided to give him another chance. Of that leniency he has not availed himself, he is heavily in debt, and his work is not satisfactory. I therefore consider his retention in the service undesirable.

5. I should add that steps have been taken to make the supervision of the accounts in the Government Press more strict in future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

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Sir,

I have the honour to report the circumstances in which I have found it necessary to direct the suspension of Mr. J. A. Yates, Clerk in the Government Press.

2. On the 18th March I received a report from the Auditor, copy of which I enclose, from which it appeared that Mr Yates had been for some time past in the habit of using Government Money for his own private purposes. I considered this report with my Executive Council and I subsequently referred it to a Committee of that body consisting of the Attorney General as Chairman, the Treasurer, and the General Manager of the Uganda Railway. I also directed a letter to be sent to Mr. Yates stating the charges against him and calling upon him to state any grounds on which he relied to exculpate himself.

3. Upon receipt of his reply the Committee investigated the matter and in due course presented its report, a copy of which is enclosed. The matter was then again referred to my Executive Council who recommended that Mr Yates should be dismissed. With this recommendation I concurred. I transmit herewith copies of the Minutes of the Council dealing with the case.

His Honourable,
Walter Long, P.C., M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON.