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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE 7720 VICTORIA.

4, MILLBANK,  
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26th July, 1917.

Sir,

In continuation of our letter of the 16th of July,

I have the honour to enclose, for the information of the  
Secretary of State, copies of a letter and its enclosures,  
received from the Government of the East Africa Protectorate,  
in reply to our circular letter respecting the increase in  
the cost of living which has taken place in consequence of  
the war.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*McKinnon*

for Crown Agents.

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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Treasurer, Nairobi, to Crown Agents.

The Treasury,

Nairobi:

No. 155/379.

19th May, 1917.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by His Excellency the Acting Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1275 Misc. 1361 of 5th February 1917 and as requested to enclose two statements giving a comparison of present prices as compared with those of pre-war days in connection with living expenses in East Africa.

2. The figures given may be taken as providing for the minimum of comfort conducive to healthy living in East Africa.

3. The information regarding the increases in the cost of clothing, boots, etc., has been obtained from the invoices of merchants here.

I have, &c.,

(S. L.) A. Smith,

for Treasurer.

APPROXIMATE COST FOR A SINGLE 1ST CLASS OFFICER IN NAIROBI.

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	Before the war	Present time	Approximate increase per cent
Board and lodging at hotel per month	£10	£16	-
Board and lodging at boarding house per month	£6	£7-10	25%
Food and household expenses in Government quarters or private residence, if member of a mess - per month	£7	£9	25/30%
do do if not a member of a mess - per month	£10	£12	25%
Private - per month	£12	£4-10/25	20/30%
Washing, including household linen, & sundries in Government quarters	£61	£84	35/40%
Cost of house if 1st in Government quarters - per month	£5	£6	20/25%
Washing, including household linen and sundries in house other than Government quarters	£90/£100	£120/£130	35/40%
Boat hire, boats, etc.			Approx. increase per cent as compared with:-
Increase 40/50%	Present English prices	pre-war prices in Colony or Prot:	

Observations

- (1) Board and Lodgings (Hotel) £10/£13      £11/£17  
in Mombasa
  - (2) & (3) Includes Electric Light (monthly rate) and taxes.
- Electric light installation - cost of - not included as it is provided from Government funds. Occupant however pays for fittings and lamps cost of which is from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 100/- according to number of points and class of fittings.