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Terminal Charges for Telegrams

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See memo by Postmaster General & suggests
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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22 July, 1918.

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My Lord,

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Memorandum

With reference to Mr. Long's despatch No. 467 of the 28th of June, 1918, on the subject of terminal charges for telegrams to and from this Protectorate, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memorandum by the Postmaster General, and to suggest that an adjustment may be made on the lines suggested by Mr. Gosling.

2. I regret the delay in replying to the despatch under reference which is due to Mr. Gosling's prolonged absence from the country.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
Humble, obedient servant,

Edward Northey
GOVERNOR.

RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR ARTHUR BURNHAM
COUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

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10th July, 19

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The Chief Secretary
Nairobi.

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2. It is in these circumstances that we have to meet a demand for the concession of a half terminal for incoming Government messages. We wish to deal with this in accordance with our fixed policy of uniformity, and for the moment can only so deal with it on the assumption that it may be necessary to increase the public rates to Mombasa by 3d a word.

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of such rates being necessary owing to the increased cost of services generally, and dealing with the present question on that assumption.

4. The governing factor seems to be that the really important point for the local Government, i.e., the paving of the way for uniform rates, has no importance to the British Post Office, which could easily acquiesce in our receiving the full half terminal (10 cents of a rupee) on Government cablegrams to Mombasa with the knowledge that this would be entirely a pro forma concession -- there are practically no incoming Government cables addressed to Mombasa. On the other hand the granting by this Department of half rates on incoming Government cables for up-country (Mombasa, Mombasa and Entebbe) will cost the Administration 2.411 per annum. I suggest adjustment on these lines.

S. J. G. G. G.
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

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Mr. Lee

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September 1919

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Mr. Wm. Lee

Mr. C. Lee

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Mr. H. Lee

Mr. J. Lee

Mr. K. Lee

Mr. L. Lee

Mr. M. Lee

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The clerk referred to by the book
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of the 19th of June 1918 which
was sent to ^{the} ~~the~~ for Mrs. Lavin