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My Lord.

with reference to paragraph 7 of Sir Charles Bowring's Confidential despatch No.79 of 9th of May, 1917, and paragraph 2 of Mr.Long's Confidential despatch of the 22nd of July, 1918, I have the honour to furnish herewith an approximate statement of the initial equipment of loca units at the outbreak of the war:

East Africa 465 men @ £4068.15.0

East Africa 110 men @ £5.10.0

East Africa 84 men @ £5.10.0

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2. These figures have been furnished by the Chief Paymaster, East Africa Pay Corps, who states that he is unable to give an estimate of the East Africa Transport Corps as he has no details of their numerical strength or scale of equipment at the outbreak of war.

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COUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIDE.

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

- With regard to paragraph 3 of Mr Long's despatch above referred to. I would suggest that the heading "Civilians in Military Employ" is misleading and should have been more correctly styled "Civilians in military employ attached to non-combatant Units" as it also includes the pay of Carriers. The salaries of the Committee of Supplies were charged to this head, but they form a very small portion of the total amount.
- As the Committee from the date of its formation purchased supplies for the feeding of the Forces both prior to and after the arrival of the Indian Expeditionary Force in addition to controlling the civil supplies it is not possible to fix a date from which they purchased solely on behalf of the military suthorities. I am of opinion therefore that salaries of the Committee should remain a charge against the "Common Charges Account".

I have the hondur to be, Your Lordship's humble, obedient servant.

> Edward Nather GOVERNOR.

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