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MILITARY EXPENDITURE

ACCOUNTS

April

Previous Paper.

Asks if audited statement for financial year ending 31st March last yet received and requests report to be called for re progress of audit of accounts for current financial year.

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Mr. Stolman

9 Feb. into both hands, in case  
you have any info  
and if any

Mr. Holtomley

Although this letter is dated the 4th Apr  
it is I think to be understood that it refers to the  
audited statement for 1917-18 and to the progress of the  
audit of his accounts. On both these points I have received  
fairly recent semi-official information from the Auditor  
a copy of which I attach, which perhaps might satisfy  
the G.O. Otherwise there is no alternative but to  
telegraph.

17/4/19

See off

(WMS)

Subsequent Paper.

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As regards the Cannon Charges expenditure accounts we have finished April accounts and hope to complete May and June by the end of February and up to December 1918 by the end of May and the accounts after December will of course then begin to decrease in bulk but as we have to wait for Crown Agents' figures we shall not be able to get much closer to the E.A.P.C. <sup>at five months</sup> than five months. The Military Labour accounts with the help from the <sup>Director's Secy</sup> D.S.M. Staff should be practically finished also by that date or a month later and I hope that a big hole will be made in the K.A.R. work but this later account is going to be the worst.

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The annual report of the Military accounts for 17/18 is practically finished and should reach you about the middle of March and will be I think the last really big report.

War Office, 131  
Whitehall, S.W.1.

21 (Accts.5)



14th April, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter of the 29th October last (No.51907/1918), I am directed to enquire whether the audited statement of military expenditure in East Africa for the financial year ending 31st March last, has/yet been received, also to request that a report may be called for regarding the progress of the audit of the accounts for the current financial year.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*W. M. Payne*

For the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

C.O. 533  
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PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

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Downing Street,

2d<sup>th</sup> April, 1919.

**DRAFT.**

Secretary,  
WAR OFFICE.

**MINUTE.**

*Approved 29/4/19*

Sir,

I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of April, No. O165/9251 (Accts 5), and to request you to inform the A.C. that he understands the enquiries contained in the letter to relate respectively to the <sup>audit of</sup> military expenditure in E.A. for the financial year ending the 31st of March, 1918, and to the progress of the auditing of the accounts for the financial year 1918-19.

- Mr. Bottomley, 22.4.19
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. *Windle*
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir G. Piddes.
- Col. Amery.
- Lord Milner.

2. ~~Lord Milner understands that~~ The Director of Military Audit has informed the Director of Colonial Audit <sup>in a letter dated Feb. 4/19</sup> that the annual report on the Military accounts for 1917-18 was <sup>then</sup> practically finished by the beginning of February. He hoped that the report would reach the D.C.A. about the middle of March, and although it has not yet come to hand it may be expected at an early date.

3. In the same letter Mr. Barnes stated that, as regards the Common Charges expenditure the April accounts were finished and the May and June accounts should be finished by the end of February. He hoped that to complete the accounts up to December 1918 by the end

of May.

4. Mr. Barnes added that "the accounts after December will of course then begin to decrease in bulk but as we have to wait for Crown Agents' figures we shall not be able to get much closer to the East Africa Pay Corps than five months. The Military Labour accounts with the help from the ~~D. S. S. Staff~~ should be practically finished also by that date or a month later, and I hope that a big hole will be made in the King's African Rifles work but this later account is going to be the worst."

5. In these circumstances the A.C. will no doubt agree that it is not necessary for a telegram to be sent to E.A. asking for a report on the progress of the audit.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) G. G. G. G.