

EAST AFR PROT  
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33492  
RE:  
RE: 4 JUN 19

AIR LANDS AND  
DEVELOPMENT Co.

1919  
JUNE

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL RENT

previous Paper  
26112

Station CA has refused to accept - paid at current rate of day and requested payment at 15 Rupees per ft. Station. Makes strong protest. Requests copy of E.A. Order in Council of 1905.

The Hon. Secy. of State

This is the second instance of difficulty in the conversion into rupees (based approximately from 1/4 to 1/8) of a contractual obligation, expressed in sterling, on the part of a Company to make certain payments to the Govt. It each case the Govt has insisted on keeping to the 1/4 rate, & we now believe that their action is based on the advice of the Att<sup>y</sup> General, who founded his argument on the 1905 Currency O. in C.

The relevant articles seem to be 4(2) ~~13~~ + 13 - namely, I think, 13. But I don't believe it covers the Govt. A statement

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subsequent Paper.  
5200

a sovereign is  $\frac{1}{10}$  of a pound  
for 15 shillings which amounts to  
the same as a particular coin &  
does not bring mind establish  
a basis for accounting transactions.  
I.e. if a man owed 300 shillings  
in E. Africa he could <sup>buy</sup> if there was an  
exchange of 30 shillings in full  
discharge, but his charges would  
have to be for £35.

It is to be noted that the  
gold coins in the East are  
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in different parts of the  
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What is the value

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It seems to me that the position in view of article  
13.0 at the present, but I cannot think that  
the article was meant, or does, affect the rate of  
exchange. I think we should get the foot's views  
& then if necessary we could get advice from Treasury.  
H. B. 1/1/19

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Mr. Grindle.

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to J  
24/29/19  
joint below

In the Hayashi case we have  
already asked for a full report, & we  
said that the Govt must for the  
present accept buy-sell at the  
current rate of exchange. We have not  
heard whether this has been done.

On the 23rd it will be best not to  
lay down any instructions in this case but  
simply to telegraph us a very brief -  
the second sentence being intended to  
ensure that we get a reasoned statement  
of the Govt's position.

And? Ask. recd. & say that  
we are in communication with the Govt  
on the subject & enclose a copy of the  
1405 Currency Off. The enclosing orders  
are not relevant to the purpose.

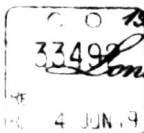
C.C.B. 7/6/19

G.S. 7.6.19  
at once

EAST AFRICAN LANDS & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

INCORPORATED  
IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS  
BY THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS  
GOVERNMENT

REGISTERED OFFICE  
10, MARK LANE, LONDON, E.C. 3.



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Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Government of British East Africa has refused to accept from our Agents in British East Africa the annual rent of £2000, as reserved to the Crown in terms of the agreements of ~~1911~~ <sup>1912</sup> and ~~1913~~ <sup>1914</sup> between the East Africa Syndicate Limited (now the East African Lands & Development Company Limited) and the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

This annual rent was due to be paid in January and was paid on the due date by our Agents, the British East Africa Corporation Limited, at Nairobi, to the Land Office there, the payment being in respect at the current rate of the day for cable transfers. The Land Office declined to accept the cheques and demanded payment in Rupees at par of exchange, viz., Rupees 15 per £1 sterling.

On the matter being referred to the Chief Secretary to Government at Nairobi, a ruling was communicated from the Attorney General of that Government, upholding the contentions of the Land Department to be paid at par of exchange, and stating that this decision is based on the East African Order in Council of 1908.

We are further in receipt of a cable from our Agents, dated

Chief Secretary of State for the Colonies -

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TELEGRAM

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate.  
(Sent 4.15 p.m. 7th June, 1919)

7th June.  
My telegram of 24th April Magadi similar protest  
made by East African Lands Development Company see your  
telegram of 23rd April 346. Government decision said  
to be based on East African Order in Council Currency  
but some doubtful whether applicable. Hope to receive  
report called for at an early date.

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MSJ  
33492 EAP

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And 3921  
Jawhara  
7 June

So Seal Card  
4.15 pm  
7/6/19

DRAFT. Call to  
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July tel. of 24 April

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Battery 7/10/19

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25 April 1919  
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G. Fisher  
V. S.  
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Sir.  $\frac{10}{10}$  11<sup>th</sup> June 1919

att

Secretary

(Handwritten scribbles)

I am in receipt of the rest of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, regarding the payment to the East of the E.A.P. of the annual rent of £500, as reserved to the Crown under the terms of the agreement of the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1908 and the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1915 between the East Africa Agricultural Committee (now the East African Lands & Development Company Limited) and the C.A. for the Colonies, and to inform you that he is in

Tab. 10/10 9. f.

in case of O. in C. 1915  
(Handwritten notes)



Communication with the Gov of the

E.A.P. on the subject. 1-a - response (Currency)

2 - A copy of the 1905 ~~currency~~  
1905

Order in Council is enclosed for your  
inspection & for eventual return to the

Dept

Signed: G. BRIDLE

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Signed G. GRADLE