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LEAVE CERTIFICATE

1915
19th March

Reports as to present difficulty of stating date from which an officers leave takes effect. Submits proposals for overcoming.

Last previous Paper.

M^r B. B. B. B.

As E. African leave commences and ends in this country it is of little importance to us to know the date on which an officer leaves the Prot., especially under present conditions which make it necessary for us to allow the actual time taken on the voyage to count for full pay, (did not an "ideal" 28 days or so). When the steamer service was regular, and an officer was only allowed 28 days for the voyage. The insertion of the date of departure enabled us to ascertain that an officer had not taken more than 28 days.

We shall probably have to allow the actual period taken on the voyage during the war, and the Gov's proposal to omit the date of departure from

Next subsequent Paper.

Am? 280 21 April 15
Gyford 24 April 15

^{transact}
the above appears to be both necessary
and in present conditions, free from
objection. Mr Wood has looked up the ^{old}
showing how the new form of leave leave
out. came into being and finds that
the inception of date of departure was
not suggested by us, but simply appeared
in the new form, and was not commented
on. It is probably a survival from the
days of the old leave rules when leave
began and ended in the past.

- ① ? ackn. recd and approve the proposal
while steamer services are irregular
- ② ? send copy of decp. and our reply to
CA. In reply LF.

R.D. 14.4.15

Mr. Dornie has drafted.

C.W. 16.4.15 at once

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Res 13 MAR 1915

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

19th March 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to regret that the present uncertainty with regard to the date on which a steamer is to leave for Europe from this Protectorate has rendered it practically impossible for me to state with accuracy, when forwarding leave and last pay certificates, the day from which an officer's leave is to take effect.

2. The existing procedure is as follows. The leave papers are compiled in the Treasury and are then forwarded to the Secretariat where the covering despatch is prepared on the usual printed form. You will observe that on this form it is definitely stated that an officer's leave taken effect from a certain date, the date given in the despatch corresponding with that shown in the leave papers as the approximate date of the departure of the steamer.

It is of course necessary for these despatches to be prepared a few days prior to the expected date of departure of the steamer, and as at the present time it is the exception rather than

THE EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

LORDS MARSHALL, F.C., F.R.S.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

than the rule for a steamer to adhere to the advertised schedule it follows that either an officer must proceed to England in advance of his leave papers or I must forward them to you giving an incorrect date of his departure. I should perhaps add that as any alteration in the date of sailing of a steamer is generally only known at the last moment, it is as a rule impossible to prepare fresh leave papers in time.

4. For an officer to proceed to England in advance of his leave papers is so inconvenient to himself that I have thought it best to forward them as originally prepared, and to draw your attention to this inaccuracy in a subsequent despatch. This constitutes a duplication of work which appears to me somewhat unnecessary, and I therefore propose that the following arrangement should be instituted forthwith. The leave papers as prepared by the Treasury will be forwarded by me so as to reach England at the same time as, or even in advance of, the officer concerned, but no mention of the date on which his leave takes effect will be given in my despatch. If any alteration is necessary the Treasury will advise the Crown Agents as at present.

5. I imagine that, though it is desirable for you to be notified of the arrival in England of an officer on leave, it is not of material importance that you should be aware of the precise date on which his leave commences,

and

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and I trust therefore that you will acquiesce
in this arrangement, which will do away with
the inconvenience at present existing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

W. Bowen
GOVERNOR'S Deputy

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21 April, 1915

Sir,

I have etc to ackn. the
recd. of your despatch No 215
of the 19th of March, ~~1915~~
in the question of the in-
spection in leave certificates
of the date of an officer's
departure from the Post.

It is rarely necessary to
2. The existing procedure
~~is not~~
~~was instituted~~
is to be known the date of departure
under the ~~existing~~ ~~provisions~~
but the existing procedure is
less accurate than with
respect to the period between
necessary to verify that the
has an Officer on the Post.
Officers has some time and
was in order that, if he
has not broken his voyage
had exceeded the period of
in route. It is possible that
period of ~~leave~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~officer~~
in applying to the date of
departure.

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Comr. Sir H. C. Belford
Kang.

MINUTE

- Mr. Downie 15.4.15
- Mr. Robinson 16.4.15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Person
after speaking.

18 April 1915

17025 / this to
C. G. F. W. F.

Commencement of leave in this
country might be antedated
so as to prevent from gaining
any advantage by the delay.

3. In present circumstances it is
necessary to allow the whole period
taken on the voyage to count for
full pay, but it is none the less
desirable to secure if possible that
there is no unnecessary delay on
the voyage. For this purpose
should be glad if the prospective
date of departure at least should
be inserted in the leave certificate.
Though it will not be necessary
to make any subsequent correction
should the date of departure be
altered, unless there are important
reasons for this in special cases.

Therefore prefer that the
prospective date of departure
should ~~not~~ be inserted in
the leave papers, but where
the officer's departure is
greatly delayed beyond
the date it will not be
respect the actual date
is a subsequent departure.
then as soon as date of departure
can be known at the time
of making out the leave
I prefer the actual date,
when leave may be
reported in formally by
a Secretarial Note and,
if more convenient, that
of all the officers leaving
by one vessel may be
dealt with in one note.

4.3. ~~The~~ difficulties arising in
this connexion will be lessened
when officers are allowed to
travel by the P. & O. line,
which maintains at present a
regular service.

(Signed) J. BARBOUR