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Mombasa Wireless Station

It is not yet possible to state exact total cost involved, but approx expenditure for current year may be taken at £2728, for which sum of W^{ts} have been issued & will be provided for in Supply Ests. Trusts action will meet with approval.

Int. Head.

Excess up to end of 1914-15	£752
Expenditure in 1915-16 (probably)	£2,728
Total excess on estimate of 1915-16	<u>£3,480.</u>

In the absence of any info about the Protectorate's finances in 1915-16,

? caption of Govt's having authorized
being used from balance.

and being exp. with supplementary estimates
when raised.

Oct. 27/16

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The Annual Account, 1914-15,

shows the excess up to 31.3.15 at £686-17-10 only. The revised S^{ts} for 1915-16 (incl. in estimates despatched 10.1.17 (10954/16) indicates a S. W.

26,000. 7/15 D & S. for £1400, to be met from balance, but does not refer to the remaining £1328. P^{ty} bet. 15.4.16 at once.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE
No. 864

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

December 16th, 1915.

for
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Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 1029 of December 14th 1914, respecting the estimated excess on the cost of the Mombasa Wireless Station, I have the honour to report further as follows:-

2. In that despatch I stated that a sum of £5,800 had been allotted for the buildings and plant, and anticipated that there would be an excess of expenditure over this amount of at least £1,500.

3. By 31st March last the former provision was exceeded by £752 only, and the excess was met from departmental savings in the Post Office and Public Works Departments.

4. The work was, however, at that date, far from completed, and considerable further expenditure was foreseen. Though the plant and buildings have now been finished, and the former is in working order,

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

it is not yet possible for me to furnish exact figures of the total cost involved, owing to lack of information as to the final charges in London on the plant supplied by the Marconi Company, but with the data at present available it is possible to arrive at an approximately accurate amount.

5. The total expenditure, as anticipated, for the current year will amount to roughly £2,728 of which £1,328 is in respect of plant, and £1,400 in respect of buildings.

6. For this amount there is no provision in the Estimates. In ordinary circumstances it would be met by curtailing expenditure on other works, but as the total provision this year is so small there appears to be no other course than to meet the expenditure from balances.

7. I have, consequently, sanctioned the issue of Special Warrants for the sums in question and provision will be made accordingly in the Supplementary Estimates.

8. I trust my action in this respect will meet with your approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR'S Deputy

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Mr. Jewell 28/1/16

Mr. Bottomley 29/1/16

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Sir G. Fiddes

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

I have the honour to acknowledge

the receipt of your despatch No 84 of the

16th of Dec., on the subject of the

total expenditure in respect of the

Mombasa Wireless Station, and

to inform you that I approve your

action in having authorised

payment of the excess cost from

balances.

B. LAW.