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Last previous Paper.

Over-expenditure in Police Dept.

The copy of departmental orders respecting which appears to be entirely due to enhanced prices. Has instructed C.A. to proceed with indent. Excess will be met from General Estimate.

Mr. Head

We cannot accept the quotation, as the General Estimate that the full indents were required. As regards the means of meeting the excess, the Gov. says that it will be met from general savings. Mr. Kothby suggests £1000 as available from personal estimates. Mr. Brown had previously indicated £1346 as available from Police Officers on military service. We could not accept that, but Mr. Brown also gives £500 as available from actual vacancies.

Probably Mr. Kothby foresees genuine savings on salaries to the extent of £1000 but it will be as well to examine the revised estimates when we get them. Not according to? - and

Ans 87 4 F.W.

Next subsequent Paper.

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W.S. 2/2/16

The revised Estimates are apparently
the restatement of previous proposals
which was enclosed with the draft
Estimates for 1916-17 (S/P/0954). They
statement anticipates a saving of
£1000 on personal expenditures but does
not show how it is made up.

There is a never continuing one vacancy
for Asst. Supt. and the salary of
another (Capt. McRoberts) is almost
or entirely covered during the war. There
are ^{two} ~~one~~ vacancies for an Asst. Inspector
and several for Constables. There
can be no fear of their having
countered in any of the Police Service.

Best: Officers.

Putty Lt. Col.

23.7.16
at p.m.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE
No. 872

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

21st December, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit
herewith copies of correspondence on the subject
of over-expenditure in the Police Department.

from Commissioner of
Police
11. 8. 1915
with enclosure

from Commr. of Police
19. 8. 1915.

2. Consideration of the matter was
originally deferred until the return from leave
of the Commissioner of Police when, after
consultation with my Executive Council, I issued
instructions for a telegram to be despatched to
the Crown Agents requesting them to complete the
indents, which were already in their possession.

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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.


3. The additional cost appears to be entirely due to the enhanced prices prevailing in Europe, and it was impracticable to reduce the amount asked for.

4. The excess expenditure will be met from general savings: I have delayed reporting the matter until the revised estimates for the current year were prepared.

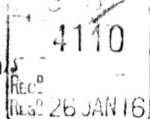
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,


GOVERNOR'S Deputy

ENCLOSURE
In Despatch No. 273 of 2/1/15



No. P. 28/17/14.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
P.O. BOX, No. 135, NAIROBI,
11th June 1915.

Sir,

- Indents for Ammunition, Arms, Equipment etc. -
- Police Department -

With reference to your S. 487/14 dated 26.5.15, I have the honour to inform you that in the draft estimates for 1915-16 submitted by this Department the following amounts were asked for in respect to the four principal sub-heads under Other Charges i.e.

(a). Arms and Equipment.....	£. 814.
(b). Uniforms.....	£. 3479.
(c). Miscellaneous Stores.....	£. 1130.
(d). Ammunition.....	£. 823.

2. The only information received from you regarding the curtailment of our requirements was that contained in your S. 9631 dated 23.10.14 in which you conveyed His Excellency's decision that the whole of the new services for the Police were to be deleted. This was taken to mean that our estimates for existing services would be allowed to stand.

3. Thus, in accordance with the procedure adopted in past years, the following indents were forwarded in February 1915 to the Hon'ble Treasurer to cover our requirements

The Hon'ble The Chief Secretary,
Thro' The Hon'ble The Treasurer,
NAIROBI.

requirements in respect to Arms, Equipment, Clothing, Miscellaneous Stores during 1915-16 in anticipation of the estimates being passed as submitted. These indents were in due course transmitted through you to the Secretary of State.

(a). <u>Arms and Equipment</u> - Treasury			
	Indent No. 77.	=	£. 602.
(b). <u>Uniforms</u> .	"	"	78. = £. 2845.
(c). <u>Miscellaneous Stores</u> .	"	"	129. = £. 435.
-do-	"	"	175. = £. 66.16.0.
(d). <u>Ammunition</u> .	"	"	76. = £. 687.

(All exclusive of freight for which 20% should be added).

4. On receipt of the estimates in my office on the 10th May last, it came as a great surprise to read that the original amounts asked for under the sub-heads quoted above had been considerably reduced, more especially so as my figures for the articles required had been based on pre war prices, e.g.

	Asked for.	San- ctioned.
(a). Arms and Equipment.....	£. 814.	£. 645.
(b). Uniforms.....	£. 3479.	£. 2518.
(c). Miscellaneous Stores.....	£. 1130.	£. 900.
(d). Ammunition.....	£. 823.	£. 800.

5. Further, advice was received on the 24th April 1915 from the Crown Agents that the prices for practically all police and military stores had advanced from

from 20% to 100% with effect from 1st April 1918. I enclose a list showing the difference in prices for your information. Thus even on the basis of the figures originally prepared by me, a very considerable excess over estimates was entailed, and I duly notified the Hon'ble the Treasurer to this effect in my letter P.26/11/14 of the 24th April 1918.

6. Subsequently, the enclosed copies of telegrams passed between the Hon'ble Treasurer and the Crown Agents on the subject of the excess expenditure involved in our indents 84, 77, 78, (84 being a charge against War expenses does not come within the scope of this letter), from which it will be seen that in the two indents under discussion the sums apportioned in the sanctioned estimates have been largely exceeded.

Arms and Equipment. G.P.'s estimate.
Indent No. 77. £. 602 + 20% freight = £. 722.

G/A's estimate.
£. 1100 + 20% freight = £. 1300 excess
£. 578.

or £578 in excess of amount sanctioned in estimates.

Uniforms. G.P.'s estimate.
Indent No. 78. £. 2648 + 20% freight = £. 3114.

G/A's estimate.
£. 3700 + 20% freight = £. 4440 excess
£. 1326

or £1326 in excess of amount sanctioned in estimates

or on these 2 indents above £2904 over expended.

In addition to the above the increased cost of articles required under the heading of Miscellaneous Stores

must be taken into account, more especially as saddlery is included under this schedule, the cost of which may be taken as having increased at the lowest by 50%.

7. To summarize, therefore, the total deficit amounts to approximately £3000 made up as follows:-

Arms and Equipment.....	£. 687.
Uniforms.....	£. 1922.
Miscellaneous Stores.....	£. 500.
	<u>£. 3079.</u>

8. Now, in ordinary times there would have been no difficulty whatsoever in meeting this amount by savings from other Heads in the Police Vote, as nearly every year the savings on the total police vote has amounted to over this figure. In this year, however, matters are different, since owing to all discharges having been suspended, the Indian and African Ranks are full up to establishment and are likely to remain so, hence no saving can be looked for in this direction and I am given to understand that it is useless to expect any assistance from outside sources.

9. As, however, it is of paramount importance, in my opinion, that the African Police should be properly equipped, clothed, and ready for any emergency, the only course open appears to me to make sacrifices in other directions of the Police Vote.

10. In this connection the first point which arises is whether the salaries of the Police Officers of the Police Service Battalion which are at present paid by the Military may be reckoned as a definite charge against War Expenses. If this is so, then the salary provided for these officers in the Police estimates will be available for other services. I think it can be safely reckoned that their services will be required for 6 months of this financial year and therefore on this basis the following would be the savings affected:-

Lt. Col. Edwards, B.S.O.....	£267.
Capt. Rigny.....	£230.
" Long-Innes.....	£230.
" Wolsley-Bourne.....	£147.
Lieut. Anderson.....	£147.
" Hainsford.....	£125.
" Miller.....	£100.
Sergt. Major Wood.....	£100.
	TOTAL £1,346.

11. Presuming therefore that this amount may be allowed to reckon as a saving under the heading Personal Expenditures - European Staff. I desire to make the following additional recommendations for providing the balance of the £3000 required to cover the Indents above referred to.

- (a). That the vacant appointments of Asst. Captains of Police be kept open for the present.....£ 500.
- (b). Saving on Musketry Prizes and Targets.....£ 20.
- (c). Purchase of Buckboard be withheld.....£ 20.
- (d). Expenses in connection with weights and measures need not be considered this year.....£ 40.
- (e). Delete ammunition vote.....£ 200.
- (f). With-held extra issue of "shorts" approved for the African Police this year.....£ 100.
- TOTAL £ 1,080.**

12. The item (a) requires special explanation - At the present time there is in the police a supply equal to 222 rounds of .303 ammunition per rifle, an adequate supply for normal purposes. The military have a very large supply of this ammunition and in the event of the police being required to expend ammunition in connection with the War, such expenditure would be replaced on the spot by the Military Authorities. Therefore no extraordinary circumstances need be considered. The ammunition already on order (Indent No.76) was intended to cover the annual musketry course for trained men and recruits, but as this course has been suspended both last year and this for trained men, and taking into account the large local reserve with the military authorities, I think that in the special emergency which has arisen we can easily carry on without any additional supply from home. If this is approved the Crown Agents should be asked by cable, please, to cancel Indent No.76. I may add that I have spoken to both the C.O.3rd K.A.Ms. and the Deputy Director of Ordnance who both agree with the course I propose.

13. It is with considerable diffidence that I make these suggestions whilst acting as Commissioner of Police, since the conditions which have arisen were entirely unanticipated, and I have no means of knowing what would be the views of the Commissioner of Police,

for

for these reasons I would ask that, if it is considered desirable to proceed on the lines indicated in this letter, the latter might be referred home in brief by telegram so that Mr. Motley might have the opportunity of raising any point which has been overlooked by me. Further I think the opportunity of Mr. Motley being at home should be taken advantage of in respect to revising the Indents now with the Crown Agents which were prepared by him with a view to their reduction.

14. If my suggestions for meeting the deficit are approved, and I can be provided with a special warrant for £3000 to be set free savings as foreshadowed above, all the indents now in hand can be executed with the exception of a small reduction in the Uniform indent in respect to the number of shorts required. If, however, it is decided that the sum mentioned in paragraph 10 (officers salary) of this letter cannot be utilised for the purpose suggested, I shall have to submit further recommendations to cover this additional amount, but I trust that this will not be necessary. Further I hope that the reductions in question may be looked upon as provisional only, and that if financial circumstances permit at a later date, the services affected may be re-admitted.

15. As regards the small indent No. 79 for typewriters, when this was sent forward, it was not anticipated that

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the vote would be reduced by £50. I would ask that the Crown Agents be requested by telegram to reduce the number of typewriters required to two.

16. As Mr. Notley is due to leave on his return early next month, I would ask that this matter may be treated with urgency so that a brief summary can reach him before he leaves.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



AG. COMMISSIONER,

E. A. POLICE.

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SCHEDULE OF PRICES FROM 1ST APRIL 1915.

Item.	Last price paid	Present price.
	£. S. d.	£. S. d.
ts, waist brown leather	0. 1.10	0. 4. 0
pes, brown leather pair	0. 2. 5	0. 6. 0
pieces, brown leather, for braces	0. 0.3½	0. 0.5½
gs, brown leather	0. 1. 2	0. 2. 3
ches, brown leather	0. 2.7½	0. 4. 6
bbards, brown leather, Pattern 1907, Mk. I (internal chape	0. 4. 0	0. 4. 1
ngs, rifle, brown leather	0. 1.0½	0. 2. 1
aps, greatcoat, brown leather (without connectors) pair	0. 1.0½	0. 3. 5
aps, overall, brown leather	0. 0.9½	0. 1. 9
rons, 1 bar doz.	0. 1. 9	each 0. 0.1½
" 2 bar "	0. 3. 3	" 0. 0. 3
" 3 bar "	0. 4. 6	" 0. 0.4½
" 4 bar "	0. 6. 0	" 0. 0.5½
ockets, G.S.	0. 4. 0	0. 7. 6
asses, Khaki drill	0. 2.10	0. 3. 0
oses, red K.A.R.	0. 0.9½	0. 0. 9
rsack, Khaki Canvas	0. 1. 3	0. 1. 6
seys, blue K.A.R.		0. 5. 6
arbands, red doz.	0. 8. 9	each 0. 0.8½
okers, khaki drill pair	0. 1. 8	0. 1.11
ettes	0. 2. 0	0. 2.10
ies, blue	0. 1. 9	0. 2. 6

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VERY URGENT.

In Despatch No 872 of 24. 7. 1915

No. P. 28/21/14.

Office of the Commissioner of Police,

P. O. Box No. 135, Nairobi,

10th. August 1915.

Sir,

Estimates 1915-16. Indents on the Crown Agents.

In continuation of my P. 28/19/14 of July 1st 1915 addressed to the Hon'ble The Chief Secretary through you on the subject of the reduction in the approved Police Estimates I have the honour to request that definite orders may be issued to the Crown Agents by cable to proceed with the indents with the utmost expediency except in the specific instances in which items have been cancelled.

2. The position is most serious more especially in so far as uniforms are concerned as the uniform at present on issue will be time-expired and worn out in September and I have none in stock for the October & yearly issue until that an order with the Crown Agents is received.

3. I have been through every item on the indents and am unable to recommend the deletion of any except those noted at the end of this paragraph; in this connection I would invite your attention to the practice whereby only bare requirements for the year in question are provided for in the draft estimates submitted for this Department detailed particulars concerning which are

forwarded

THE HON'BLE
THE TREASURER,
NAIROBI.

forwarded with the draft estimates.

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Items to be deleted.

(1). Item No. 2 of Indent No. 175/15 (vide my O.M. 157/3/15 of 18.8.15).

(2). Items Nos. 1 and 3 of Indent No. 76/16.

Consequent upon the suspension of the firing of the Annual Musketry Course owing to the existing state of Active Service and necessity for saving; if this is approved the Crown Agents should be instructed by cable to delete these items from the indent.

4. The financial situation is as follows:-

Sub-Head	Cost of items indented for at pre-war prices plus allowance for freight and insurance	Estimated actual cost plus freight and insurance.	Estimated excess over approved estimates.	Estimated Saving on approved estimates.
Uniforms	3721*	6018	3500	-
Arms & Equipment	795	1000	350	-
Miscellaneous Stores	950	1150	350	-
Purchase of Typewriters	40	45	15	-
Personal Emoluments				1000
Ammunition				760 ^o
Passages				800 ^z
Musketry				50
Buckboard				50
Weight & Measures				40
		Total	<u>4115</u>	<u>3700</u>

Excess of estimated expenditure over approved Estimate **4115.**

* Includes goods to value of 2340 indented for in 1914-15 but not supplied until 1915-16.

o Provided recommendation in paragraph 3 approved.

z Provided

Provided active service conditions continue till end
of year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) W. A. N. C.

COMMISSIONER,

E. A. POLICE.

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4 Feb. 1916

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Sir

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EXP.

No. 81

for Sir H. C. Belfield.

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Mr. Harper 3/2/1916.

Mr. Bottomley 3.2.16 f.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

I have the honour to
ack. the receipt of your
despatch, No. 872, of the
21st of Dec on the
subject of over-expenditure
in the Police Dept. &
to inform you that
I approve of your
action in the matter.

for reviewed 1915-16
minutes

BONAR LAW.