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Crown Agents

WARLIKE STORES

1915

13th January

Submit observations in regard to supply to the W.O. direct especially as regards clothing & provisions. Suggests Indents on them are likely to receive prompter response than if sent to W.O.

Last previous Paper.

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See Bottomley to Head Pri-G-Fr

Please see Mr Harcourt's minute attached to 2031, in which he expressed a strong opinion that the War Office should be responsible for the supply of these military stores.

In one way, the Crown Agents in their letter quite miss the point. They supply stores for the West African operations because the War Office have nothing to do with the control of the military situation in W. Africa. The Crown Agents do not know that the War Office is entirely

Part by

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responsible for the control of
operations in East Africa, and
that it is mainly for the purpose
of securing more complete unity
in that control that arrangements
are being re-organized made for
them to supply military stores
direct. Sir G. Balfour (in 1916)

views this necessary "to insure
unity & at the same time for
side for the need of the troops,
ording to the military situation"
The system of control is very
important.

Still, I think that there is a
good deal to be said for the
Civilian agents' contention that
they can supply stores more
promptly than the overworked
stretched Supply & Contract
branches of the War Office.

Can we not hit upon a
compromise? All requisitions
for unlike stores to be sent
direct by S. etc. to the War
Office, but the War Office to
be given authority to waive

to use all uses of the resources of the 99
Crown Agents. This would maintain
the W.O. unity of control & at
the same time avoid the
competition of the W.O. Supply Dept.

It ought to be possible to devise
some kind of a 'two lines', which
could be placed before the W.O.

Eqm 15/1/15

The C.A. can supply stores

- (a) from the W.A.S. & K.A.R. Reserve, which exists for
meeting emergency demands of a short nature, depletion
being made up at leisure
- (b) direct from the trade
- (c) direct from the W.O.

If (b) is adopted in present circumstances they will
be in competition (for priority) with the
W.O. ⁱⁿ every case (c) is unthinkable.

With regard to (a), it is a perfectly possible
& convenient way of meeting demands for
stores of K.A.R. pattern, i.e. a perfectly proper
one of meeting K.A.R. ordinary demands,
but if we were to make use of the Reserve
for general purposes we should be using
up more than our K.A.R. share of it
& the W.A. & 2 will go short.

We can tell W.O. of the possibility of getting
stores from the C.A.'s reserve but I think
we ought to make it clear both to them & W.O.
that such demands must be limited by
the requirements of W. Africa - Oct 16. 15

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but
+
A.M.

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as proposed?

H. J. S.

18/1/15

Explain the position as to EA &
CA. personally. We must not risk depleting
our reserves. alone

Pr 18.1.15

Sir G. Fiddes -

There is no risk of the
store being depleted unless the
numbers of native troops are increased.
There are military operations in West
Africa. But this has not substantially
increased the demands on the store.
On the other hand we do not know
the new circumstances, and there
should be advantages in a single
control. I think therefore that
Mr. Macgregor's proposal meets the case,
especially as two of our clubs are
now serving in the M.O. contract
duty and could help.

Sir J. Anderson

W. J. S.
19.1.

While W.O. are limiting
the EA show I do not have it to them. I must
bring the CA. in with it all

Pr 20.1.15

At once
th 20.1.15

W. Reed

This paper is not marked off. In
view of $\frac{CA}{6187}$ & the reply I think it can
safely be

Partly used
37/2/15

at once
H. J. R.
37/2/15

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS "CROWN, LONDON"
TELEPHONE 7100 VICTORIA (8 LINES)

WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.

13th January 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant No. 776/1915 transmitting a copy of correspondence with the Government of the East African Protectorate as to the supply of warlike stores direct to the War Office.

2. The arrangement referred to is doubtless the best in the circumstances as far as such purely warlike stores as arms and ammunition are concerned, but, if the words "Warlike Stores" is intended to cover clothing and equipment, it should be borne in mind that we hold stocks of such articles for the use of the Protectorate troops, the patterns of which would not be familiar to the War Office if demands were sent to that Department direct. Further, we have supplied a quantity of provisions both for the East and West African operations and are familiar with the special questions which have arisen. We venture to suggest that inquiries direct on us are likely to receive a prompt response than if sent to the War Office, and would also relieve the well-known congestion which exists at the present time in the supply & contract branches of that Department.

Under Secretary of State,
&c., &c., &c.,
Colonial Office.

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3. As far as we are aware, all indents for stores for the Colonial troops in West Africa are being sent to us.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. ...

For Crown Agents.

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3. As far as we are aware, all indents for stores for the Colonial troops in West Africa are being sent to us.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Macmillan

for Crown Agents.

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Crown Agents

Officers sailing via Marseilles

1915

15 Jan

Reports payment of admi of £5 to newly app'd
I.A.S. Officers, & officials returning to Ad. Enquiries
as to payment of the admi to men engaged by
C.A.

last previous Paper.

4.00
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Wm O'Steeny M. Reed

It is very reasonable that
all officers who have to
embark at Marseilles shd
receive something towards the
cost of transporting their
baggage across France, and
two men engaged by the
Crown Agents shd be treated
on the same list as the
others in this respect. I
think, however, that the Govt
plan wd be for C.A. to
pay two men engaged by
them a sum of £5 for
transport of baggage on each

Adm. Agents
to C.A. & O.S.

next subsequent Paper

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of their
that they to account^{ing} for Cash
Expenditure in arrival in the Dist.
& refunding any part of the £5
which should not to be in
Excess of requirements. It ~~is~~ ^{is} to be
rather hard for the men engaged
by the Co. to have to pay the
expenses themselves in the first
instance, and to have to wait
for a refund until they get out
to the Protectorate.

Eggs 21/15

The standard practice is that men are promised
"10/- expenses up to £5, & that they are to
claim refund in the Protectorate on producing
vouchers (when in receipt had to start arranging
passages by 14/14, the matter was of some urgency,
& several letters sent to CA. telling them to issue
either £5 or "not exceeding £5" (It is always
more than £5). I had begun to restore the
normal practice when CA. telephoned for instructions.
I said that where they had been told to issue
£5 or not exceeding £5 they should do so
but that in future the standard practice
would be followed.

I think however that W. Knight's
proposal - that the £5 should be issued
here, that the officer should be required
to permit vouchers locally & if any
excess - is better, as preventing hardship
in the case of the less well paid men, & if it
might be adopted as the standard practice?
[The cores are normally few & will be so

of taking that long to account^{ing} for Cash
Expenditure in arrival in the Post-
& refunding any part of the £5
which turned out to be in
Excess of requirements. It ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~be~~
a fair hand for the men engaged
by the Co. to have to pay the
expenses themselves in the first
instance, and to have to wait
for a refund until they get out
to the Protectorate.

The standard practice is that men are promised
Eglen 21/1/5
a 5/- expense up to £5, & that they are to
claim refund in the Protectorate on producing
vouchers (when in receipt had to start arranging
passages by M.M., the matter was of some urgency,
& several letters sent to CA. telling them to issue
either £5 or "not exceeding £5" (It is always
more than £5). I had begun to return the
normal practice when CA. telephoned for instructions.
I said that where they had been told to issue
£5 or "not exceeding £5" they should do so.
But that in future the standard practice
would be followed.

I think however that Mr. Mackenzie's
proposal - that the £5 should be issued
here, that the officer should be required
to furnish vouchers himself & refund any
excess - is better, as preventing hardship
in the case of the less well paid men, & if it
might be adopted as the standard practice?
[The cases are normally few, & will be so

In future when the baggage steamer
(London - Harwich) arrangements
received next month]

? I trust CA accordingly

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21.1.15

at once.

H. J. R.

21/1/15

~~Private~~

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TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON"
TELEPHONE 7728 (VICTORIA 26 LINES)

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WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, E. W.

15th January, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 607/^{9/15}15 of the 7th of January, and to inform you that as instructed therein we are paying to each of the Assistant District Commissioners, who have recently been appointed for service in the British Protectorates in East Africa and who will travel via Marseilles, an allowance of £5. to cover the cost of transporting their baggage across Europe. We are also, as arranged semi-officially by telephone, paying £5. to those officials who have been informed that they will receive from us an allowance not exceeding £5.

2. At present it is not easy to obtain passages to the east coast of Africa, and we are sending some of the men engaged by us via Marseilles. We shall be glad to know whether we should pay these men an allowance of £5. or whether we should inform them that on their arrival in the Protectorate in which they are to serve they will be repaid their actual expenditure up to £5.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Under Secretary of State,

&c &c &c

Colonial Office.

60. 24/12/1915
East Africa

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27 January 1915

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The Agents

Sir, Gentlemen,

I am dc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the

15th of Januy (M/A.B. 217)

and to inform you that

in the course of all officers of the

East African Protectorate

who are required to proceed to East Africa

by steamers leaving Marseilles and whose heavy baggage will

MINUTE.

Mr. Hooper 23/1/15

Mr. Bottomley 23/1/15

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Glenn 2/2/15
H. J. Gilbert
H. J. Gilbert
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2/2/15

have to be transported
overland to that port,
he approves of your
issuing an allowance
of £5 before their
departure on the
understanding that
they will be required
to account ^(with vouchers) for the
expenditure of the
amount on their
arrival in the Port.
and refund any
sum which should
prove to be in excess

of requirements. The Govt of the
Port concerned should be kept in good care so
that arrangements for checking the expenditure
can be made. I

2. It is to be understood that this allowance
will not be made when facilities exist for
sending baggage to Messrs. J. READ.

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overland to that port,
he approves of your
issuing an allowance
of £5 before their
departure on the
understanding that
they will be required
to account ^(with vouchers) for the
expenditure of the
amount on their
arrival in the Port.

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sum which should
prove to be in excess
of requirements.

The Govt. of the
Port concerned should be kept in each case so
that arrangements for checking the expenditure
can be made. *J*

2. It is to be understood that this allowance
will not be issued when facilities exist for
sending baggage to Marseilles.

Mr. Machtig, Colonial Office

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Please see the attached letter from East Africa Protectorate. The £5 allowance was paid to Mr. G.F. Sayers unconditionally because your letter 2412/1915 of 27th January in which it was stated that these allowances would have to be accounted for was not received until after the payment had been made.

Ans. 28 Oct 15
In May last we noticed that we had not reported to the Government the allowances paid to this Mr. Sayers, and Mr. H.L. Wood, and we then wrote to the Government saying that both officials should be called upon to account for the money. Were we right in doing this?

Idmonson
for Crown Agents

5th October 1915.

Mr. B. C. Clegg

(Mr. B. C. Clegg's minute below)

We had better take care
 the arrangement for the
 accounting of passage expenses
 locally was sent to Mr. Clegg
 the sum of £5 to Mr. Clegg
 and Mr. Wood, and that in
 the case they should be
 called in to ~~attend~~ account for the money
 Mr. B. C. Clegg to have a copy of
 copy.

Jan 6/05

Mr. Clegg

I think an official letter to C.A. will
 be better than a despatch. Will you
 please draft?

C.A. 6.10.05
 above

Ch. 24/15

8 Oct. 1915

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Gentlemen,

With ref. to semi-official enquiries made by you as to the £5 (for baggage expenses) allowance paid by

DRAFT.

Comms Agents

MINUTE.

Mr. Deakin 7.10.15

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

you in January last to Mr. G. F. Rogers & Mr. A. L. Wood, Asst. Dir.

Comms, East, & an

etc to inform you

that as the instructions

given to you to pay

£5 to each of these

officers preceded the

general ruling of which according to

officers are required to

account on their arrival

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and the matter
draft 8.24.15.

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amount to, spent & than
and refund any sum balance
which there may be,
it will not be
necessary for these two
officers to account for
~~their expenses~~
~~to~~ ~~them~~ by you.
their baggage expenses.

2 You will so
do or inform the
Govt. of the fact in
due season.

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amount ^{actually} spent by train
and refund any sum balance
which there may be,
it will not be
necessary for these two
officers to account for

~~their expenses~~

~~to the~~ by you.

their baggage expenses.

2 You will be

able to inform the

Govt. of the East in

due season.

Yours
&