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Crown Agents

1915

13th January

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J.W.
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WARLIKE STORES

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.

Post by

Mr Bottomley to the War Office
 Please see Mr Harcourt's
 minute attached to 2031, in
 which he expresses 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 entering

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responsible for the conduct 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 negotiated made for them to supply military stores which. Sir A. Badfied (in 776) advises this necessary "to insure money & at the same time provide for the need of the troops according to the military situation" so soon as control is very important.

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

Can we not hit upon a compromise, all requisitions

for warlike stores to be sent through S. & C. to the War

Office, but the War Office to be given authority to award

themselves of the resources of the C.A. & the
Army depots. 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 derive
some stores on these lines, which
could be placed before the W.O.

Edu 15/1/15

The C.A. can supply stores

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

If (b) is adopted as present and 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 demand for
stores of K.A.R. pattern in a perfect, proper
one of meeting K.A.R. ordering demands,
but if we were to make use of the Reserve
for general purposes, we should be running
up more than our K.A.R. share of it
& the W.O. would all 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 & us
that such demands must be limited by
the requirements of W.A.F. Edu 16.1.15

as proposed?

H. S. S.

1871/15

Explains his position as follows to
Col. Fitzgerald. He must not risk depots
or reserves alone

P.M. 1871/15

Sir G. Fiddes -

There is no risk of the
stores 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 stores.
On the other hand we do not know
the new circumstances, and there
should be advantages in a single
canton; I think therefore that
Mr. Macleay's proposal meets the case,
especially as two of our clerks are
now serving in the W.O. contract
det't and could help.

Wm

19.1.

Sir J. Fiddes

While W.O. are demanding
the E.A. slow I w^t have it to him that
bring the C.A. into it, as all

P.M. 20.1.15

Wm

th 20.1.15

A. Reed

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This paper is not worked off. In
view of ~~it~~ ^{the} 6/67, I think it can
safely be

Patty Reed

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27/2/15

at one.

M. J. R.

27/2/15

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Recd 14 JAN 15

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 7780 VICTORIA (6 LINES.)

WHITEHALL CARDEN,
LONDON, S.W.

13th January 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st 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 issued on the War Office.

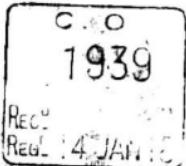
2. The correspondence referred to is doubtless the best in the circumstances as far as such purely warlike stores as arms and ammunition are concerned, but, if the words "Warlike Stores" is intended to cover clothing and equipment, it should be borne in mind that we hold no stock of such articles for 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 indentures direct on us are likely to receive a prompter 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.,

Colonial Office.

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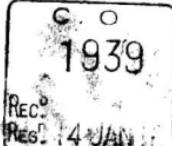
3. As far as we are aware, all ~~indents for~~
stores for the Colonial troops in West Africa are
being sent to us.

I have the honour to be

sir,

Your obedient servant,

N.B.C. *b.c.e.*
for Prov. Agent.



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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. G. Mackell

for Crown Agents.

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1915

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G.O.C. G.O.C.

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S.A.
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Officers sailing via Marseilles

Report payment of adde of £5 to newly appointed
 I.A.S. officers & officials returning to Adm. Squares
 as to payment of the adde to men engaged by
 C.A.

Mr. Secretary W. Read

It is very reasonable that
 all officers who have to
 embark at Marseilles should
 receive something toward the
 cost of transporting their
 baggage across France, and
 the men engaged by the
 Crown Agents should be treated
 in the same way as the
 others in this respect.

Entirely, however, that the Govt
 plan will be for G.O.C.
 to pay the men "engaged"
 from a sum of £5 for
 transport of baggage on condition

of taking
that loss to account for extra
expenditure on arrival in the District
& rendering any part of the £5.
which turned out to be an
excess of requirements. It ~~will~~ be
natural hand for the men engaged
by the C.A. 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
20/- per expense up to £5, & that they are to
claim refund in the Protectorate on producing
vouchers. This in reality had started among
passages by 1914, the authorities of some agency,
& several letters went to C.A. telling them to claim
either £5 or "not exceeding £5" (it is always
more than £5). I had begun to return the
normal practice when C.A. telephoned for instruction.
I said that since they had been told to claim
£5 or not exceeding £5, they should do so
but that in future the standard practice
would be followed.

I still however think A. Marshall's
proposal - that the £5 should be reduced
here, and the officer should be required
to furnish under his signature a
receipt - is better, to prevent hardship
in the case of the less well paid men, & if it
might be adopted as the standard practice?
(The fares are normally few and will be so)

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for a refund until they got out
to the Protectorate.

Egerton 27/1/15
The standard practice is that men are allowed
£5 per expense up to £5, & that they are to
claim refund in the Protectorate on producing
borders etc. in receipt of their money,
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either £5 or "not exceeding £5" (it is always
more than £5). I had begun to return the
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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 still however liked Mr. Bright's
proposal - that the £5 should be issued
here, and the officer should be required
to furnish written reasons & if necessary
reasons - is better, in 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

the future when the baggage steamer
(London - Mauritius) are present &
[arrived next month]

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21/1/15

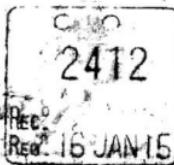
at once.
H. J. R.

21/1/15

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DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS, "DROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE 0786 VICTORIA 26 LINES.



WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.

15th January, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 807/~~X~~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,

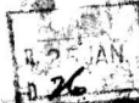
Under Secretary of State,

&c &c ,&c

for Crown Agents.

Colonial Office.

6A - 24/2/1915
East Africa



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2nd January 1915

DRAFT.

The B. Agent -

MINUTE.

Mr. Fraser 23/1/15
Mr. Bottomley 23/1/15
Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Ipington.

Mr. Harcourt.

L. Biggs 23/1/15
to receive
orders H.D.
4/1/15

Sir, Gentlemen,

I am &c. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th of Janry (M/A.B. 217) and to inform you that

in the case of all officers of the East African Protection who are required to proceed to East Africa by steamers leaving Marseilles and where heavy baggage will

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 asked a like arrangement
for checking the expenditure
can be made.

It is to be understood that this allowance
will not be made when facilities exist for
sending baggage to Mysore.

J. READ.

The Under Secretary of State

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and refund any
sum which should
prove to be in excess
of requirements. The Govt. of the
Port concerned should keep a cash book so
that accounts for checking the expenditure
can be made.

It is to be understood that this allowance
will not be issued when facilities exist for
sending baggage to Marshall Islands. H. J. READ.
Secretary of State

Mr. Machtig, Colonial Office

Please see the attached letter from East Africa
Protectorate. The £5 allowance was paid to Mr. G.W. Sayers
unconditionally because your letter 24/12/1915 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.

In May last we noticed that we had not reported
to the Government the allowances paid to this Mr. Sayers,
and Mr. H.L. Mood, 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?


for Crown Agents

6th October 1915.

See Bentley

(See Martin's minute below.)

We had better take care

to see an arrangement for

allowing of passage expenses

totally was cause to offer

the sum of £5 to Mr. Vassar

and his maid, and £4 to

two children. They shd. not be

called in to render account for the money

but Martin to owe a sum of

£5.

Jan 6/95

The Secretary

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

G.A. 6/10/95

above

Ch. S. A.
24/2/15

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8 Oct. 1915

gentlemen,

With ref. to some

official inquiries made by

you as to the £5

(for baggage expenses)
a few weeks ~~paid~~ by

DRAFT.

Police Agents

MINUTE.

H.Q. 6/10/15

Mr. Doherty 7.10.15 for

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law,

you in January last

to Mr. G. J. Hayes &

Mr. A. L. Wood, Ass't. Dist.

Commr., East., I am

etc to inform you

that as the instructions

given to you to pay

£5 to each of these

officers proceeded ^{as} according to

general understanding which

officers are required to

account on their arrival

in the Dist. for the

amount due
on behalf of the
officers for January,
2, of 1915
and to have this account
settled off. & paid.

activity
amount spent is less
and refund any sum balance
which there may be,
it will not be
necessary for these two
officers to account for
~~their financial interest~~
~~or pecuniary gain.~~
their baggage expenses.

2 You will be
desirous inform the
Govt. of the East -
in due.

2 am

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activity
amounts spent by train
and spend any sum balance

which there may be,

it will not be
necessary for these two
officers to account for

~~their allowances received~~

~~or to pay for~~

their baggage expenses.

2. You will no

do the inform the

Govt. of the East in

this sense.

2 am

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