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REC-15

Crown Agents

1915

1 Dec.

Last previous Paper.

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Military Expenditure

Report recd. of first advance of £100000 from Govt.
Sahibul Corree with National Bank of India resp.
Banks terms for transfer by lot of fixed sum of
from £50000 to £100000 a month to credit of Govt. at
Bombay Branch, & requires checked forms to be received

To: Read.

It had not occurred to me before that
while our mail service was so irregular
we derived considerable benefit from
the fixed rate of 1.413%. The longer
the bull was on the way the longer the
CA. got the interest on money at this
end. If in para. 3 we take to 5%
& 41 days instead of 4 1/2% & 35 days,
the saving in interest being, the
1.413% down to the 17 3/4 per cent
was justified for T. F. But no doubt the
1.413% bank on a mean length of 30 days.

Incidentally the W.O. will exhaust
an allowance in respect of this part
interest saving to be made. The 1.413%
goes on the common things etc - the
interest saving as far benefits the
State etc only. We can bear the

Copy to A.O. - same to see 1915
Copy to for Conf. Com. - Dec 15

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to realize this for themselves? On
the CR's figures it is a matter of doubt
£264 a month.

Major L. B. ...
187.

The 17th of June seems to be as good an
arrangement as we can hope for - I don't
see the necessity for telegrams at all (it
was part of the proposal - see draft on
49613 that it should work automatically)
but perhaps we need not go into that

? Copy to W.C. & say we propose
if they agree to adopt the arrangement
& to fix the monthly remittance at
£80,000 till we have more experience.

x We know the
will be a con-
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and send copy of 44456 and draft, 46400
draft, 49613 & draft, & the draft, to Gov.

Clark's figures and ask him to consider
& report by tel: at what figure the
monthly remittance should be fixed.

[I doubt we shall have to telegraph but it
may be an advantage to get the concepts off
by mail first.]

Oct. 3/1875

at once
A. S. R.
3/21/75

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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

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REC'D
Per 2 DEC 15

TELEGRAMS "CROWN LONDON"
TELEPHONE 1750 VICTORIA

WHITEHALL GARDENS.

LONDON, S. W.

1st December, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th November, No. ⁴⁰⁰49513/15, with reference to the advances to be made to us by the War Office on account of Military expenditure in East Africa. The first advance of £100,000 was received by us on the 5th November and was reported to the Colonial Office in our letter of the 13th November.

23. 11. 15.

2. We have been in communication with the National Bank of India with regard to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of your letter under acknowledgment, and I enclose, for the information of the Secretary of State, a copy of a letter which we have received from the Bank stating the terms upon which they would be prepared to transfer, by telegraph, a fixed sum of from £60,000 to £100,000 at the beginning of each month to the credit of the Government of East Africa at their Nairobi branch.

3. The terms offered by the Bank, viz. at exchange of $1\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{2}$ per rupee less 2/6d. per cent, are equivalent to a charge of 17/- per £100 and would show

a saving

The Under Secretary of State,

&c. &c. &c.

Colonial Office.

a saving of 2/7d. per cent on the present charge for bills at 3 days sight which we understand to be 1.413% - £1. 8. 3

from which should be deducted interest from the date of issue to the date of payment of the bills say 4 1/2% for 35 days. £. 8. 8

Net charge.

4. The bills which the Protectorate Government have sold to the Bank during the period 1st December 1914 to 31st August 1915, presumably on account of Military expenditure, amounted to £850,000, or an average of about £61,000 per month.

5. We shall be glad to hear if the Secretary of State approves of our accepting the Bank's terms for the telegraphic transfer of a fixed sum each month, and would suggest that the amount of the transfer should be decided by the Protectorate Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. E. ...

for Crown Agents.

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REC'D
Per: 2 DEC 1915The National Bank of India Ltd., 15 Crown Agents,

24, Bishopsgate, E.C.

23rd November, 1915.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter No. A/207 of 11th inst. and in continuation of our reply thereto of 12th idem, we now beg to say that we have heard from our Nairobi Manager regarding the proposal for supplying funds to the Government of the East Africa Protectorate on more economical terms than hitherto.

The arrangement proposed by you would be less costly to the Government than the previous method of finance by 3 d/s drafts of the Protectorate on the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

We would be prepared to make the transfers indicated by you at exchange of 1-4 5/32 per Rupee, less 2s. 6d. per cent in your favour, until further notice. We trust these terms will be agreeable to you.

As regards your enquiry in paragraph 4, there are no transactions of any magnitude with the general public, but we may say that ordinary remittances are usually made at rates of exchange worse by at least 1/2 than those now offered to you.

I am etc.

(Sd) H. Chalmers.

General Manager.

C.A. E.A.P.
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~~Per Ind~~

6th December 1915

Ans 200376

Sir,

I have the hon. to transmit to you, with reference to your telegram no. 382 of the 2nd of Dec., 1914, the accompanying copy of correspondence on the subject of the cost of remittances from this country to the E.A.P. and the possibility of making a more economical arrangement for the purpose than that of sending bills on the C.A. for the Colonies at this day sight.

I shall be glad if you will consider and refer to my telegram

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You.

to H. Balfour

MINUTE.

Mr. Balfour 3/12/15 for

Mr. E

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

Gen Office	27 Sept. (over)
To Mr. J.	2 Oct
Gen Sec.	6 Oct (over)
To Gen	13 Oct (-)
Gen.	26 Oct (over)
To Mr.	9 Nov. (-)
To Mr. J. Co.	8 Nov (-)
To Mr. J. Co.	1 Nov (over)
To Mr. J. Co.	on (-)

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GEORGE A. LOWME LAW.

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The Secretary
War Office

MINUTE.

- Mr. Anderson 3/11/15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Piddis.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

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and 9386

With reference to the
letter from the Board
of the 9th of Nov., I am
directed by the King
Bonar Law to transmit
to you, to be laid before
the Army Council, the
accompanying copy of
a letter, with enclosure,
which has been received
from the CA for the
purpose of the
arrangements to be made
for the remittance of
funds to the E.A.P.
I am directed to transmit
the Army Council, the
Bonar Law proposes to
submit the C. I. & P.

CA 1 am (55566)

Copy sent from office to

