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KENYA

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Complaint by Lt. Col. Wetherell regarding  
unjust treatment of a quarter by European P. C. Potter

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1. Government of India 1833

13 January 1833

Transmits a report on the complaint of Lt Col Wetherell  
to state is satisfied that no legal wrong was done & that the  
matter does not demand any further action.

Lt Col Wetherell's complaints to the A.C.  
and enclosed with his 1831/8/32 are  
that the sheep were not put in 16 pound  
that he heard that they were being sold  
that a charge was made against his boy  
because he demanded the return of 3 missing  
sheep that when the boy was convicted he  
(below) was informed by the P.C. that the  
boy had paid his fine and gone where  
the boy was in goal.

It looks so if the boy was not given  
a reasonable opportunity to pay his fine.

The former is satisfactory but  
no justice was done.

? Convey the fact of his discharge  
Freemantle

H. S. Poole  
13/1/33

Inform Sir J. T. that your letter has now reported,  
and add at 10 and 11 (in the order) in the dep;  
and say that Soh. has formed the opinion, which  
he trust will be shared by Sir J. D., that no  
good purpose would be served by pressing the  
matter further.

(Put privately Sir J. Freemantle with ask a  
question in the House)

Soch. Dr. G. W. H. 14/2/33

S. P. 14/2/33

10 may sell them  
off we sold.

Sec of State.

I am sorry for the delay in  
answering this or, but I have seen to  
call up these which did not occur

in fact

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25.2.33

Opposing myself to those who  
objected to the action of the  
Finsbury Committee

At Chipping

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Putty  
H. R. P. S. Committee  
1/3/33

Stewart

1/3/33

S.S. of Finsbury 1<sup>st</sup> March '33.  
Expresses thanks for No 2 & for the investigation

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Putty  
H. R. P. S. Committee  
2/3/33  
at once

S.S. of Finsbury 26 April '33  
Ends a further letter from Col. Wetherell &  
requests further investigation of certain points may be made.

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Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear] - 28  
Mr. [unclear]

83 8.32 AM

- (4) Finsbury, Mr. [unclear] to receive the information  
with kindly consideration. Further point. Please see  
the letter of the 11th of April and advise whether  
a further reference to the Governor of Kenya is  
required. If so, perhaps I can have the draft  
of a letter for the Secretary of State's signature  
next week?

Enclosed

26.4.33.

Very many thanks for your kind note  
with reference out of Kenya.

Of Sir F. Finsbury's note, the first could  
be met as easily as raising stock as is understood  
that the E.P.C. concerned was reprimanded  
by the Head of the Dept. for his lack  
of discretion generally in the case of [unclear]  
of disallowing the [unclear]. The 2nd could be  
met by saying now in view of the fact that  
no matter was raised, no fully investigated  
or if P. [unclear] [unclear] 26.4.33  
the [unclear] would make it all the  
more difficult for [unclear] to argue with  
any difficulty in doing so. All agree that no  
good purpose will be served in pressing the  
matter further when unanswered to point  
above. On applying to see Col. Wetherell.

June 21  
Col. Wetherell, through Sir J. Finsbury, is trying  
to use the S.C.J. as an unofficial Court of Appeal

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MEMORANDUM.Draft

Mr. Priestman. 23/1.

Mr. Creasy. 24/1/32.

Mr. Freeston.

See (140) in

27004/32. E.A.

1. Dead Assets and Obsolete Stores.

The result of the proposed investigation into the adjustments necessary on this account will be awaited with interest.

2. E.A. Dependencies Trade and Information Office.

£2,400 is provided under item ix(b) Publicity - in Abstract E, General Charges, of the Railways section for the London Office and Overseas Advertising. The following items included in this sum can be omitted for consideration: (a) salary of London Representative £600; Advertising £500; Total £1,100. The total provision remaining is consequently £1,300 from which to furnish

- (1) the Administration's contribution to the Central Office;
- (2) Expenses necessitated by the maintenance of a special railway representative at the Central Office e.g., stenographer's salary and office expenditure.

*Chancery*

As a result of the recommendation of the Governors' Conference at Dar-es-Salaam (1) was fixed at £1,000. Consequently provision for (2) is reduced to £300. Half the share of the cost to be borne by the special railway section according to the financial figure supplied to the Secretary of the Governors' Conference is £336, but this includes no provision for a stenographer.

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A sum of £104 must be added for this service, making in all £440, to meet which provision of £300 only has been made. Additional provision of £140 will therefore be required.

3. Muzaggi Soda Company Limited.

18074/32.

The temporary modification of the Railway Lease with this Company for the period from the 1st of November, 1932, to the 31st of October, 1934, whereby outward freight on soda goods is fixed at a minimum of £37,000 for the two years in question, will presumably necessitate an adjustment of the estimate of revenue.

4. Loan Sinking Fund Charges.

(1 in 16321/32)

The approval by the Secretary of State in his telegram No. 29 of the 22nd November, 1932, to the High Commissioner of the reduction of the contribution to the Sinking Fund of the £5,000,000 1921 loan from 26 shillings to the legal minimum of £1 per cent. produced a saving to the Railways and Harbours Administration of £12,736 which is not reflected in these estimates.

(Vide memo on Colony estimates 1933)

Colonial Office.

January, 1933.

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Telegram from the High Commissioner for Transport, Kenya  
and Uganda to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 11th February.

Received 8.53 a.m. 11th February, 1933.

No. 4. Confidential.

No 5  
18.19.32 My telegram No. 33. Confidential. I have sanctioned  
withdrawal of such money as necessary to carry on service  
pending your approval to this administration's estimates  
for 1933 which I trust may shortly be despatched.

Answered by

Telephone No.: WIMBLEDON 1234.



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COL OFFICE

TREASURY CHAMBERS,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1

6th February 1933.

Copy,  
please quote Regd. No.

Ans (2)

No 6

18277/32

Dear Freeston,

This is in reply to your letter of the 3rd February 1933 to Grieve on the subject of the 1933 Estimates of the Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours Administration.

I have not gone into the position very closely nor do I think it profitable to do so at the moment since as you say we must study Gibbs' report before we can make up our minds on future policy.

Broadly speaking the present situation, though not desperate, cannot be said to be really healthy. It is true as the Governor points out that the accumulated deficit at the end of 1933 will be more than covered by the accumulated balance of the fund, and so long as little or nothing is required for renewals, the position is all right. But one cannot go on on this basis for ever

L.R. Freeston Esq., O.B.E.,  
Colonial Office.

ever since clearly at some stage there will have to be pretty heavy expenditure on renewals.

Moreover from the abbreviated balance sheet which I have seen, it looks as though the renewals and betterment funds really represent <sup>in the long run</sup> depreciation reserve and if so it is clearly unsound that this reserve should be earmarked against accumulated deficits.

No doubt these matters will be dealt with fully in Gibbs' report however and we need not pursue them at the moment.

Incidentally, is it sound for the Governor to include in the balance of funds to set against the deficit the amount standing to the credit of the Provident Fund?

We cannot dissent from the view that the realised deficit for 1932 should be carried to the

balance

balance sheet; and we have no comments on your draft despatch except that by comparison with the corresponding despatch of a year ago (14th January 1932), it seems perhaps a little far in the direction of optimism especially in view of the 1932 outturn. I suggest for your consideration that the third sentence of paragraph 6 might start "At the same time there are certain hopeful features in the outlook; for instance . . .", and that the last sentence of paragraph 5 ("In all the circumstances . . . realised") might be omitted. It might also be well to add a sentence to the end of paragraph 6 asking for a report not later than the end of July on the results of the half year's working.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. [Signature]

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Yours sincerely,

H. H. Ward.