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Complaint by Lt. Col. Betherell regarding  
unequal treatment of a squatter by European P. C. Potter

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FILE A

1. *Commission bygone* 17/5  
Lumishes a report on the complaint of Lt Col Wetherell  
a state is satisfied that no more can be done & that the  
matter does not demand any further action.

Lt Col Wetherell's complaints in A.C.  
and I enclosed with 14 18318/32 are  
that the sheep were not put in the pound  
that he heard that they were being stolen  
that a charge was made against the boy  
because he demanded the return of 3 missing  
sheep that when the boy was convicted he  
(at Col W) was ~~not~~ in prison by the P.C. as table that  
the boy had paid his fine and fine whereas  
the boy was in jail.

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

The former is satisfied however that  
the justice was done.  
Convey the fact of *Sir Francis*  
*Freemantle*

15/5/33  
12/1/33

Inform Sir F. that you have now upheld  
add as at B and A (in that order) in the dep.  
and say that Sir F. has formed the opinion which  
he trusts will be shared by Sir F.F. that no  
good purpose can be served by pursuing the  
matter further.

1. It may be seen  
if it see good.

(Quite possibly Sir F. Freemantle will ask a  
question in the House.)  
Draft Wetherell  
J.P. Peckitt  
14.2.33  
12.6.33 - 14.2.33



MEMORANDUM.Draft

Mr. Priestman. 23/1.

Mr. Cressy. 24/1/33

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 Railway 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.

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.

Memo to Gov. (3)

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. Magadi Soda Company Limited.

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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.

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.

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Approved by 2/11



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TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.  
5th February, 1933.

Reply  
please quote Regd. No.

*Cham 7*

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.

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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 <sup>Cash</sup> position  
is all right. But one cannot go on on this basis for

ever

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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 main</sup> a 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 swings 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 5 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 asking for a report not later than the end of July on the results of the half year's working.

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Yours sincerely,

M. W. [Signature]



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Yours sincerely,

*M. Ward*