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Pension for Matthew Wellington

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Mr. Bactwood	4/3
Mr. Allen	10/3
Mr. [unclear]	11/3
Mr. C. Mottomley	11-3
Mr. S. Gilson	12.3.31
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Albon's Rep. Martin 68 _____ 29 January
Reports select committee of legislative council etc no
reason to vary recommendation that Matthew Wellington
should be guaranteed income of £500 per month for
life etc; submits comments on Mr. McGregor Ross' letter
and states not disposed to adopt suggestions made

When the local com. reported,
recommending that Govt. should guarantee
Wellington £500 a month with
certain additions, the Offs. asked
the S. of J. to ascertain the
position in regard to funds raised
in England for his benefit; the
intention being, on receipt of this
info, to move the adoption of the
report in Leg. Co.

The info obtained from
G.S. was that the London Missⁿ
Soc^y had raised a sum of £37.12.4
& that Mr. McGregor Ross in
addition to considerable initial
contributions had received promises
of annual ~~and~~ subscriptions of
£52.16.0 a year. It was

Therefore unlike what the Govt. guarantee
of ~~£500~~ 3 a month would
become operative, & Mr. McGregor

Ross suggested that the Kengen
Govt. should make an out- & out
grant of £36 a week leaving
it to subscribers to make the
to £1 a week, or better still, to
make an out- & out grant of £1
a week in which case the private
fund could be closed down altogether.

Presumably the Government will be just
to the newspaper Co. since it exists in the
only manner ~~has been~~

I don't think any
communication to Mr Ross is
necessary. Presumably if he
to have anything he must have
the substance of the whole story.

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J. G. G. G.
4.3.31

In case it should be thought necessary
to write to Mr McGregor Ross by handword
sent or rough copy which I have had
replied & send a few lines as it
certain seems necessary to make
out the rest.

W. H. M. C.

W. H. M. C.
12.3.31.

All Parliament
11.3.31

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W. H. M. C. 11.3.31

Send letter as per draft.

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At once.

2. To Mr. McGregor Ross — 18 MAR 1931
To Mr. G. G. G. (w/c. 2.) - 1. Approved - A/1 - 19 MAR 1931
W. H. M. C.

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Mr. Eastwood 4/3.

Mr. Allen, 10/3

Mr. ~~Tomlinson~~ 11. 3. 31

~~Mr. Tomlinson~~

Sir C. Bottomley, 11. 3.

Sir J. Shackburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

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Secretary of State.

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Downing Street,

18th March, 1931.

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W. McGREGOR ROSS, ESQ.

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Passfield to refer to your letter of the 16th October 1930, regarding the arrangements for the support of Matthew Wellington during his old age. As you were informed in the letter from this Department of the 23rd October 1930 a copy of your letter was sent to the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya, and a despatch has now been received from him on the subject.

2. The suggestions made in your letter have been considered by the

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the
Select Committee of Legislative Council
which was appointed to consider the
best form which Government assistance
to Matthew Wellington could assume.

3. The Committee has reported
~~against varying~~ ~~the~~ ~~recommendation~~ ~~that they are not prepared to vary the~~
recommendation contained in the last
paragraph of the report of which a
copy was sent to you in the letter
from this Department of the 7th
October. ¹⁹⁸⁰ This recommendation was
as follows:-

"That Government should guarantee
to Matthew Wellington an income
of at least Shs.60/- per month
for the rest of his life, together
with additional payments as and
when necessary to cover the
maintenance of the house and furniture,
purchase of clothes and provision of
medical attendance, medicines and
medical comforts".

The Committee also state that they
are not only satisfied that their

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their recommendation meets all requirements, but ^{has} they are convinced that Matthew Wellington is himself satisfied that that is the case.

The Committee add that the site upon which Matthew Wellington and his daughter and son-in-law reside is freehold property belonging to them and ^{has} there is therefore no question of eviction.

4. The Acting Governor states that in view of this report he ~~is not disposed~~ to adopt either of the suggestions made in paragraph 7 of your letter of the 16th October ¹⁹²⁰ 1920.

I am etc.

(Signed) A. C. C. PARKINSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

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29th January, 1931.

My Lord,

No. 35 on 15428/29

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No. 25 on 15428/29

I have the honour to refer to Your Lordship's despatch No. 831 of the 23rd October 1930, transmitting copies of correspondence with Mr. MacGregor Ross and the London Missionary Society regarding funds raised for the benefit of Matthew Wellington. On the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch I instructed the Treasurer, as Chairman of the Select Committee of Legislative Council appointed to consider what form the compassionate allowance to Matthew Wellington could best assume, to call a meeting of that Committee for the purpose of considering the suggestions put forward by Mr. MacGregor Ross. That Committee has reported that it sees no reason to vary the recommendation contained in the last paragraph of this report which was transmitted to Your Lordship under cover of my despatch No. 551 of the 28th August 1930, viz:- "That Government should guarantee to Matthew Wellington an income of at least Shs. 60/- per month for the rest of his life together with additional payments as and when necessary to cover the maintenance of the house and furniture, purchase of clothes and provision of medical attendance, medicines and medical comforts."

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

No. 32 on 15/2/29

2. The Committee wishes to add the following comments on certain points raised by Mr. MacGregor Ross in his letter of the 16th October, addressed to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies:-

"Para. 3 of Mr. MacGregor Ross' letter. The statement of remittances set out by Mr. MacGregor Ross is correct. It will be observed that the draft for £40 was remitted to Matthew Wellington personally through the National Bank of India, Mombasa, on the 23rd July 1930, which was the date upon which the report of the Committee was signed. The Committee were unaware of this and feel that it is no help to the old man to hand him personally so large a sum which would certainly be dissipated in a few weeks.

The funds in the hands of the Trustees on the 31st December last were

Current Account	Shs. 1210.27.
Deposit Account	Shs. <u>2000.00.</u>
	Shs. <u>3210.27.</u>

which, if payment was made at the rate of Shs. 60/- per month, will last for four years and five months.

Paragraph 8 of Mr. MacGregor Ross' letter. The Committee are not only satisfied that their recommendation will meet all requirements but they are convinced that Matthew Wellington is himself satisfied that that is the case.

Paragraph 10 of Mr. MacGregor Ross' letter. The site upon which Matthew Wellington and his daughter and son-in-law reside is freehold property belonging to them and there is, therefore, no question of eviction."

3. In view of the Select Committee's report I

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am not disposed to adopt either of the suggestions
made by Mr. MacGregor Ross.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

H. T. Mackinnon.

ACTING GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.