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North Frontier Province Poll Tax Ordinance

Previous

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Reg 297

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Comm 209

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Mr. Freestone

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Dr. Wood

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1. A/Governor Moore 150 (encl) (H.M. Mail)

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24 October 33

Seeks consent to a motion in the Leg. Council for the extension of the N.F.P. Poll Tax Ordinance for a further three years. States an amending Bill will be submitted & requests tel. reply.

When Lord Passfield agreed to introducing taxation in the Northern Frontier Province the following considerations especially weighed with him

(a) It was decided that taxation of some sort of these people was justified not only in view of the future benefits the Province might expect to receive from Government but also as Sir Edward Grigg at any rate urged, because it was inequitable that nomad Somalis should be exempt from taxation whilst law-abiding tribesmen, whom they harassed, paid it.

(b) In spite of the fact that attempts to impose taxation in Somaliland gave rise to great trouble in the 'twenties, it was decided that it was ^{safe} ~~necessary~~ to impose taxation in the N.F.P.; and so in fact it has proved.

The Secretary of State agreed to the imposition of ^{poll tax} ~~taxation~~ provided it was at the rate of 10/-. ~~He~~ suggested numerous amendments and the Ordinance in its final form (enclosure to No. 14 on 15043/30) may be said to have been quite to his satisfaction. As the minutes on that paper show it was only incidentally that he required that his prior consent should be given before the Ordinance was renewed.

Mr. Moore now states that he is going to introduce a good many new amendments but in the meantime he wants telegraphic permission to renew ^{renewed} the Ordinance and I see no reason why this should not be given. [? The period for which it is renewed need not be specified, i.e. it may be ^{left} indefinite.] (I do not

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not know why this despatch was not sent a month or two earlier so that the need for telegrams might have been altogether obviated].

We might confirm by a despatch drawing attention to what Lord Moyne said in paragraph 77 of his Report (namely, that the remoter and more undeveloped regions of the Colony - he especially mentions Turkana, but doubtless much the same applies to the N.F.P. - do not get a fair return for the revenue they contribute by taxation); and say that the Secretary of State in approving the continuation of taxation in the N.F.P. hopes that this aspect of the matter will be considered by the Native Betterment Committee.

Turkana tribesmen contribute 6/- poll tax; N.F.P. contribute 10/-.

Two days: 7 Nov

W. Austin
J. E. G. Flood
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Yes. There has been a remarkable absence of trouble and so long as Lord Moyne's point is maintained I do not think that the S. off. and he trouble with the tribes.

J.E.G.
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Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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15 October, 1933.

Sir,

I have, etc., to confirm my confidential telegram No. 233 of the 9th of November in which I intimated that I approve the proposals in your confidential despatch No. 150 of the

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(1) 27th of October to introduce a motion in Legislative Council at the forthcoming meeting in November for the extension of the Northern Frontier Province Toll Tax Ordinance for a further period of three years.

2. Lord Moyne suggested in paragraph 77 of his Report that in certain backward areas of the Colony the provision made for direct native services was ~~inadequate~~ ^{disproportionate to} the revenue contributed by such districts to central funds, and I have approved

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FURTHER ACTION.

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the continuation of the
native poll tax in the Northern
Frontier Province on the
assumption that this aspect
of the matter will be considered
by the Native Betterment Committee.

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(Sgd.) P. CONLIFFE-LISTER.

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Secretary of State.

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20 October 1933

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to Lord Passfield's despatch Confidential (2) of 11th April 1931, on the subject of the Northern Frontier Province Poll Tax Ordinance of 1930, in which he requested that he might be consulted before any resolution to extend the Ordinance beyond the 31st December 1933 should be moved in Legislative Council.

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2. Though practical difficulties in collection have arisen in certain areas reports show that the Ordinance has been a salutary measure and one which it is desirable to continue. I shall be grateful therefore for your consent to a motion in Legislative Council at the forthcoming meeting in November, for the extension of the Ordinance for a further period of three years. In view of the shortness of the intervening period I shall be grateful for a telegraphic reply.

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3. I propose to submit to you for your consideration in the near future an amending bill designed to render the operation of the Ordinance smoother and in certain respects more effective.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

John A. Murray

ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MAJOR SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P.,
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