

1936

Kenya

No. 38107

SUBJECT

CO 533/467

Consecrated at Moga

Previous

1935

Subsequent

see 6669/1/42

7. F.O.K 144/144/201. ----- 11.9.36.
No.2 encl; transmits copies of despatches from H.M. Minister at Addis Ababa on the matter, and states that it is considered that no useful purpose would be served in discussing re-organisation of consular posts in Ethiopia until the future of that country is known.

Send copies of (2) &
(1) without encls to Gov. Kenya
with a short despatch saying
that in view of the opinion of
the SPS for F.A., the SPS considers
that the question of financial
responsibility for the maintenance
of the Consulate should remain in
abeyance for the time being

G. S. Evans

15.9.36

J. J. P. [Signature]

yes: it is an untidy letter but will do them good

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Change lang (2/10/36)

24 SEP 1936

9. Governor tel. No. 238, ----- 6.10.36.
As retention of Consulate is not likely, recommends
that Mr. Reese should be re-absorbed into the Admin-
istration; requests early telegraphic approval

The Consulate at Mega has been
closed since May last, and I imagine that
Mr. Reese has been at Moyale since his return
on the 14th of May last.
Mega is most anxious to be rid of
the financial responsibility of the consulate.
It costs the colony £1,400 a year for Mr. Reese's
salary, but the Government has not
yet decided to pay it. Mr. Reese, who
has been at Moyale since his return
on the 14th of May last, is
an excellent man and has done
very good work for the colony.

See No 8

Ch. P. ...

Clearly I expect F.O. will be glad
J. W. Hunt
9.10
above

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Mr. *Ernest* 19/10
Mr. *Parkin* 19/10
Mr.

Sir C. Parkinson
Sir G. Tomkinson
Sir C. Gottomley
Sir J. Smeethburgh
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Secretary of State

740 Confidential

DRAFT. ref
Governor
Nairobi

(9)

Your telegram No 238 Confidential
RECE. Proposals
approved on the understanding
that if at some future
date the Service of
a Council are
necessary at MEGA
consideration will be
given to reappointment
of person named

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FURTHER ACTION.

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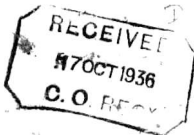
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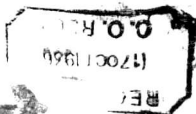
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1.



FOREIGN OFFICE

S.W.1.

16th October, 1936.



Sir,

(10) With reference to Colonial Office letter 38107/36 of October 12th regarding the termination of Mr. G. Reece's appointment as His Majesty's Consul at Moga, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Eden to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that he concurs in Mr. Gamsby Gore's proposed reply to the Governor of Kenya.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

C. O.

Downing Street.

October, 1936.

Mr. Crossmith 9/10/36.

Mr. Flood 9/10/36

Mr.

Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomkinson.

Sir E. Hooley.

Sir J. Shackburgh.

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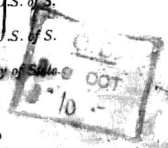
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Sir,

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DRAFT.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

6th Oct. 1936
(9)

I have to refer to your letter of the 10th September, 1936, to the effect that you are proposing the appointment of Mr. A. Crossmith to the Majesty's Consul at Lagos, and to the correspondence regarding the financial responsibility for his salary, and to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary when a copy of a telegram from the Governor of Nigeria is received. It is recommended that Mr. Crossmith be re-absorbed into the Administrative Staff of the Colony with effect from the 1st of January, 1937.

2 Mr. Crossmith is to be subject to any conditions which may have to be agreed with the Government for the retention of the Consul at Lagos to have the same rank as the

FURTHER ACTION.

recommendation, on the understanding
that if it is considered desirable at
some future date that the services of
a Consul are necessary at Mega,
consideration will be given to the
re-appointment of Mr. Rauce.

~~any, etc.~~
3. In view of the fact that
the Government has asked for
an early decision, Mr. Ormsby-Fore
will be grateful if this matter
may be treated as urgent.

Linn et al.

(attached) E. W. FLOOD

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COPY FOR REGISTRATION

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7-OCT-1938
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EGY

Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. 2c

Dated 6th October, 1938. Received 5.15 p.m. 6th October.

No. 236. Confidential.

2316/30 My telegram No. 243 confidential of the 30th October 1938 Appointment of Reece as Consul at Moga. Although it is realised that Italian occupation of Ethiopia has not been recognised by H.M. Government and that political situation is still obscure it seems evident that there will no longer be any necessity for retention of this post. In the circumstances I recommend for your consideration that Reece should be re-absorbed into this administration as from the 1st January 1937 in the vacancy created by casualty reported in my telegram No. 224 of the 21st September 1938 in which he would be offered the same seniority and salary as he would have enjoyed had he not accepted the Consular appointment. All service to be pensionable but extra emoluments drawn as Consul would not count in calculating pension. I shall be grateful if your approval may be conveyed by telegram as early as possible so that provision for the post may be deleted from draft estimates.

PF 16131 (H.P. & A. Agency)

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7-OCT-1936
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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. 2c

Date: 6th October, 1936. Received 5.15 p.m. 6th October.

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P.P. 16131 (H.C. Holmes)

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C. O.

38104/36.

September, 1936

Mr. Evans 16.9
Mr. Parker 16/9 p.

Mr.
Sir C. Parkinson
Sir G. Tomlinson
Sir C. Bottomley
Sir J. Shuckburgh
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Secretary of State

DRAFT *Consa.*

Kenya.
Confidential

Enclosed,
Brigadier General,
Sir Joseph Hayes,
G.O. 17-9., N.E. 22, C.B.

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The enclosure
have not been
inserted in this
draft

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FURTHER ACTION.

Sir.

I have the honour
to refer to your confidential
dispatch of the 30th of
March, 1935, on the
subject of the main-
tenance of consular
offices in Southern
Ethiopia and to ~~express~~
~~my regret at the~~
delay in furnishing
a reply. It was, however,
been
necessary to consult
the Foreign Office and
has been transmitted to you
for your information,

copies of the enclosed correspondence with
the P.O. on this subject.

Having regard to the opinion
expressed by the SPS for Foreign
Affairs, I consider that the

question of financial responsibility
for the maintenance of the
Consulate at Meqa should,
for the time being, remain
in abeyance.

I have etc

SPS.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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The Under Secretary of State
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1

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FOREIGN OFFICE

J. W. I.

11th September, 1936.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter 38107/35 of June 7th, 1935, regarding the cost of maintaining His Majesty's Consulate at Meqa, I am directed by Mr. Secretary of State to transmit herewith, to be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copies of two despatches from His Majesty's Minister at Addis Ababa and am to state that Mr. Eden feels that it would serve no useful purpose to discuss the reorganization of consular posts in Ethiopia at present, or until it becomes possible to estimate with fair accuracy what the future of that country is likely to be.

2. I am to add that Mr. Eden does not agree that the work at His Majesty's Consulates at Harar and Meqa has in the past been analogous, as suggested in Nairobi despatch No. 44 of March 30th, 1935, and that this department could not agree to staff or assume financial control of consular posts which were not maintained in the interest of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the nature of the work at which rendered them unsuitable for staffing by a career consular officer.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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(1)

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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not to any person by name

to—

The Under-Secretary of State
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1



FOREIGN OFFICE

S.W. 1.

11th September, 1936.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter 38107/35 of (2) June 7th, 1935, regarding the cost of maintaining His Majesty's Consulate at Mega, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Eden to transmit herewith, to be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copies of two despatches from His Majesty's Minister at Addis Ababa and am to state that Mr. Eden feels that it would serve no useful purpose to discuss the reorganization of consular posts in Ethiopia at present, or until it becomes possible to estimate with fair accuracy what the future of that country is likely to be.

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I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Copy (not sent) Mega

COPY.

(K 13825/131/201)

No. 188

(41/48/36)

BRITISH LEGATION,

ADDIS ABABA.

3rd December, 1936.

SIR,

I regret the delay which has occurred in replying to your despatch No. 195 (K 6833/131/201) on the subject of the cost of the Consular post at Mega.

2. I am strongly in favour of the proposal put forward by the Colonial Office that the cost of this Consulate should be borne by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, since such an arrangement would in my opinion tend to facilitate the ultimate adoption of a uniform administrative system for the Consular posts in this country which has long been recognized as essential in the interests of general efficiency.

3. During the visit paid to Addis Ababa in September last by His Majesty's Consul at Mega, I was able to discuss with Mr. Beece the internal economy of the post and I enclose copy of the memorandum on Expenses and Buildings drawn up by him at my request.

4. In my opinion considerable improvements in the existing accommodation are necessary.

5.

The Right Honourable Sir Samuel Hoare, Bart.,

G.C.S.I., G.B.E., C.M.G., M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.

5. I am submitting in a separate despatch the semi-official correspondence which passed last year between the Governor-General of the Sudan, the Governor of Kenya and myself on the general question of the organisation of Consular posts in this country, dealt with in the enclosure to your despatch No. 17 (K 13878/5610/201) of 17th January 1934.

I have, etc.,

• PY.

I. EXPENSES.

Staff:-	<u>Annual cost</u> (approx) £
Clerk - interpreter	125
Headman	30
20 sabania	240
10 sycca	100
8 station hands	40
Mules and camels - replacement of	75
Rations for men on safari	30
Gratuities and rewards to officials, chiefs tribesmen, messengers, guides, etc.	40
Saddlery and tents	30
Uniforms and clothing	40
Tools and station stores	25
Transport of stores from Nairobi	50
Consul and clerk's special journeys (leave etc.)	40
Buildings, casual labour, corrugated iron etc.	50
Contingencies	25
Forage for mules	20
Motor allowances	40
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The above estimate is compiled from memory and probably differs considerably from the more carefully calculated estimate recently sent to Nairobi.

II. BUILDINGS. ETC.

The Consulate is pleasantly situated on a hill, and there is sufficient land for its requirements.

Water has to be fetched from the village wells about a mile away.

There is timber (cedar) available quite near, but good thatching grass is difficult to get.

The climate is healthy.

The buildings consist of some of the tukuls built for Mr. Nelson about 20 years ago, and a few mud huts with earthen roofs that have been constructed in recent times.

There are:-

- (a) Dining or reception room. Old tukul, in bad condition.
- (b) Consul's sleeping place. Mud hut with earth roof. Windows and doors made of old petrol boxes. All right in dry weather but unsatisfactory during heavy rains. Floors of earth, cement washed.
- (c) Guest House. Old tukul of no use. It is very damp and is not worth repairing.
- (d) Headman's House. Mud hut with earth roof. Good enough for the present.
- (e) Consul's kitchen. Old tukul. Dirty and unsatisfactory.
- (f) Stores. (for tools rations and saddlery) Mud with earth roof. Newly built. Adequate for the present.
- (g) Servants quarters. Mud with earth roof. Newly built. Adequate for the present.
- (h) Interpreter's House. Mud with earth roof. Newly built. Adequate for the present.
- (i) Saddle and tent stores. Wooden sides. Earth roof. No good. To be pulled down.
- (j) Men's lines. Three blocks of mud houses with earth roofs. Newly built. Adequate for the present.

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- (k) Guard Room. Mud with earth roof. Newly built. Adequate.
 - (l) Office. Od tukul with earth roof. Newly built. Adequate.
 - (m) Stables. Old thatched house. Useless. To be pulled down.
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The buildings most urgently needed are an office and a living (or reception) room.

A new office is being built at the moment - mud walls and earth roof - and as soon as this is finished, work will be begun on a living room. This will be made of mud or pisé and any money that is available at the end of the year from the general vote will be used for buying corrugated iron for the roof.

The Kenya Government has recently promised to send some furniture for the Consulate.

There is a safe belonging to the Consulate at Moyale, but it is cemented in with other safes there and it was not practicable previously to take it to Mega.

It is proposed gradually to roof all the buildings with corrugated iron, of which some could be bought each year with any spare money that is available from the general vote.

COPY.

(K 144/144/201)

No. 196.

(448/1/36)

British Legation,

Addis Ababa.

3rd December, 1935.

Sir,

With reference to Sir John Simon's despatch No. 17 (K 13878/5010/201) of the 17th January, 1934, and to my despatch No. 188 of to-day's date, you will be aware, from my letter No. 165/2/34 of the 17th May, 1934, of the proposals which I submitted privately to the Governor General of the Sudan and to the Governor of Kenya for the reorganisation of His Majesty's Consulates at Goro, Maji and Mega, while Sir Stewart Symes' letter to me No. 93/D/1 of the 18th July, 1934, will have acquainted you with his response to these proposals. To complete the correspondence, I enclose a copy of the reply addressed to me by Sir Joseph Byrne on the 17th July, 1934.

2. It is clear that, except on one issue, it would not now be difficult for Sir Stewart Symes, Sir Joseph Byrne and myself to reach agreement, since I have no great objection to a reduction of the period of the Consul's service from five years to three, and I could meet Sir Stewart Symes on the various other points which he raises. But unfortunately the point on which Their Excellencies are unable to meet me - namely the provision of reliefs when the Consul is absent on leave - is, in my considered judgment, an essential part of any scheme of reorganisation. In fact, unless means can be found to make such reliefs available, I see little point

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The Right Honourable Sir Samuel Hoare, Bart.,

G.C.S.I., G.B.E., C.M.G., M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.

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in proceeding with the matter, and since it is a practical question of personnel and finance which divides us, I can only refer the matter to you for the consideration of His Majesty's Government. In doing so, I would invite attention to paragraph 3 of my letter of the 17th May, 1934 and to the concluding sentences of paragraph 7.

3. There is a further point which I desire to emphasise in this connection, namely the necessity of providing satisfactory conditions of service for the junior - and particularly the native - staffs (paragraph 10 of the same letter). We are here faced with a further question of principle, namely the reluctance of the Treasury, displayed in the case of His Majesty's Consulate at Harar, to sanction the grant of increments and gratuities (Sir John Simon's despatch No. 198 (K 10118/230/201) of the 11th October, 1934.) I feel, however, that an exception might reasonably be made in this country which, in view of the unusual conditions obtaining here, could hardly be regarded as an inconvenient precedent. It is a regrettable fact that under the present system nearly every Consular interpreter has gone to the bad, the latest instance being Captain Whalley's ex-interpreter who has been involved in the running of arms into this country from Kenya.

4. I shall in due course submit proposals to Sir Stewart Symes and to Sir Joseph Byrne as regards the junior staffs at Gore, Maji and Mega, and I am sending them copies of the present despatch, which was drafted some months ago but has unfortunately been delayed by pressure of other work.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) S. Barton.

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C
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

17th July, 1934.

Dear Barton,

With reference to your letter of the 17th May, I annex hereto a statement giving the details of the present financial arrangements; this you asked for in page 7 of your letter.

Until your scheme is set out in greater detail I am not prepared to commit this Government, but I offer the following preliminary observations for your consideration:-

- (a) Our financial position definitely rules out - for some time to come - your idea of appointing Medical Officers who would act as reliefs for the Consuls;
- (b) I would point out that Reece has been recommended for permanent appointment to Mega and Whalley is under contract at Maji. Generally speaking, I like the secondment idea, but I favour a shorter period, for if one of our officers is relegated to Frontier work for five or more years he ceases to be of much use to the Administration when he comes back.
- (c) I would remind you of the negotiations about the Ilsebi Triangle which may affect the Maji Consulate. You will see from the financial statement that Kenya only pays a quarter of the expenditure incurred on this post.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) J. A. BYRNE.

Sir Sidney Barton, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.M.G.,
British Legation,

Addis Ababa.

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MEGA AND MAJI CONSULATES.

Particulars of the Estimate and the actual expenditure so far as the latter is available or ascertainable are subjoined:-

1. MEGA.

	1932.		1933.		1934.
	Ests.	Actual	Ests.	Actual	Ests.
(a) H.B.M. Consul's salary	1000	-	1000	-	1000
(b) " " Horse allowance	50	50	50	50	50
(c) Expenses & Transport of H.B.M. Consul - one line vote	800	955	850	874	900
	1850		1900		1950

(a) It is difficult to ascertain the actual expenditure in respect of the Consul's salary which is debited to the omnibus vote "Administration - General Staff" but presumably the Estimate is sufficient for the purpose in view.

(b) Details of expenditure under this item are as follows:-

1. Salaries, wages and allowances of the subordinate staff.

	1932.		1933.		1934.
	Ests.	Actual	Ests.	Actual	Ests.
1 Interpreter Shs. 2040/- p.a.					
1 Headman 1800/- p.a.					
15 Armed Escort - various					
2 Syces "					
8 Station Hands "					
Casual labour					
Ration Allowance (50% of salary) to Interpreter		418		479	
2. <u>Local Transport & Travelling</u> including passages and maintenance of transport animals.		417		339	
3. <u>Other expenditure</u>		185		56	
		955		874	

The Vote "expenses and Transport" (c) covers the local travelling expenses of the Consul and his reliefs when the Consul proceeds on leave but does not include the cost of passages which is debited to "Administration - General Staff - Passages".

No revenue is credited to this Government in respect of the operations of the Consulate at Mega, but the levy is deducted from salaries and credited to revenue.

2. MAJI.

The Kenya Estimates for 1934 contain the following provision covering the Maji Consulate:-

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|-----|---|-----|
| (a) | Salary of H.B.M. Consul at Maji (representing $\frac{1}{2}$, half being paid by the Sudan and the other quarter by Uganda) | 250 |
| (b) | Travelling allowance at £60 and Horse Allowance at £50 (half payable by Sudan and one quarter by Uganda). | 28 |
| (c) | Transport and incidental expenses of Frontier Agent Maji (half payable by Sudan and one quarter by Uganda). | |

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