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**Telegram from the Governor Kenya to the Secretary of State
for the Colonies**

Dated 13th December, 1937. Received at 11.34 am. 13th Decr.

No. 209 confidential. Your telegram No. 206 PIM's
recommendations. I agree. Proposal for the reorganisation
of the central Government on the general lines of PIM's
recommendations but with considerable modifications of
detail have been formulated and will shortly be considered
by the Executive Council. In addressing you on these
proposals I shall at the same time submit recommendations for
filling the post of Secretary Native Affairs by Kenya Officer

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TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Kenya.

(Sent 4.0 p.m., 9th December, 1937.)

No.206 Confidential.

Please refer to Northern Rhodesia telegram No.208 of 6th December repeated to you. Only other post involved in Pin's recommendation seems to be Secretary for Native Affairs. I assume that in the circumstances you will agree that this post should be on same scale. Do you agree?

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Telegram from the Governor of Northern Rhodesia to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 6th December, 1937. Received 3-28pm 6th December.

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(108) 100 PF 8201 (L. H. BERT)
Your telegram confidential No. 218

of the 25th November. Governor of Kenya has at my
instance authorised me to explain to Lockhart the
circumstances which led up to his being offered the
post at a salary higher than was intended, and Lockhart
has agreed to accept lower salary. I assume that there
is no question of the other officers for whom Fin
recommended a salary of £1,750 being paid full salary from
the outset as this would certainly prove highly
embarrassing to Lockhart. Addressed to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, repeated to the Governor of
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

2nd November, 1937.

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Dear Bottomley,

Your letter of the 20th October. Please don't do anything about appointing Montgomery's successor till you get a definite proposal from me. I am just in the throes of giving birth to a reorganisation scheme; on the lines of Pim in so far as it follows the trinitarian doctrine, but in my opinion a great deal more logical. If after consultation with Pilling and others I find this scheme to be practicable, it will have much bearing on the man selected to fill Montgomery's vacancy, and I have got the man who would be absolutely first class for the job. I won't say any more about it yet except this, that I shall have a new Colonial Secretary in fifteen months and a new Financial Secretary, both coming from outside the Colony. It will make things extremely difficult for me if Montgomery's replacement comes from outside also.

2. I agree about the language problem, but you must remember this - that everybody tries to avoid changes, and ~~and~~ but if we are going to give people leave and if they will go sick, they have got to occur. Also, there are about fourteen different languages in this Colony. As an instance, in one day's tour in South Kavironda I had to learn three different ways.....

ways of saying "Good morning" and "Goodbye" and two days later, at a Local Native Council, I found one of the natives translating the evidence of a witness for the benefit of two of his co-magistrates. I fully agree with the principle, but it is hard to carry out.

3. With regard to the member representing Native interests travelling in the Reserves, I fully agree.

Yours sincerely,

A Brooke-Popham

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DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.
LONDON.

But in any case Mr. Ormsby Gore is anxious that you should know that in default of a very strong desire on your part for a particular local man, he thinks that this is an opportunity to bring in new blood.

So far as the Colonial Service is concerned, the new blood would presumably come from either Tanganyika or Nigeria, and it would be useful if you could tell us whether, in either case, there would be any risk of the man's usefulness being impaired by unofficial prejudice against either place of origin. It has been suggested unofficially to Mr. Ormsby Gore that we might get an excellent man from the Sudan. Of course we have no means of judging here, but Symes knows what is wanted in East Africa, and I am sure ^{he} would be glad to help.

One thing we have to bear in mind is that we don't want a Chief Native Commissioner simply, but a man who would take on the Secretaryship for Native Affairs under the Pim scheme. From that point of view the Nigerian habit

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habit of giving men both Administrative and Secretariat experience might be very useful. Against a Nigerian must be set the preference expressed by the Joint Select Committee (para:106) for a man with East African experience. They said "normally" but, if there is any substance in the idea of local prejudice against a West African, their opinion might be quoted against us later.

However, all this is merely preliminary. It may help you to set the ball rolling, ^{that} but no doubt you have already got the matter under consideration.

Two other points have been put to Mr. Ormsby Gore. The first is that your District Officers lose much of their usefulness in not being sufficiently in touch with their natives, relying too much on Swahili and interpreters. So far as this is justified it is, I think, due to the frequent

frequent changes of stations and the great variety of vernacular languages. That is an old story, and the difficulty cannot be overcome altogether, but Mr. Ormsby Gore is anxious that every effort should be made to get more officers to speak at least Kikuyu and/or one of the Kavirondo languages which are spoken by many tens of thousands.

Also, it has been urged that, owing to lack of means, the unofficial members of Legislative Council selected to represent native interests, cannot travel in the Reserves and that they do not know much of what is going on, particularly in the native mind. Montgomery has confirmed this in conversation with the Secretary of State. He says that he has done his best to get the missionary representatives to visit the Reserves, but that they feel unable to afford the time and money to do so. He admits that they get their knowledge of natives entirely secondhand from other missions or mission boys, and that this prevents them from fulfilling their purpose completely.

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completely. The question which Mr. Ormsby Gore would like you to consider is whether it would not be possible to make some provision for their travelling expenses, so as to enable them to visit the native areas. It would mean an increase in the Vote for travelling expenses of Legislative Councillors, and an extension of its purpose which is now, of course, concerned merely with their attending meetings of Council, but there might not be any serious objection to an increase for such a purpose. You will be able to judge as to that, and we leave the suggestion in your hands.

(By M.C. ...)

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