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Financial & Economic Position.

Economic Development Committee.

Creation of Standing Board.

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State that a Standing Board will be created, h.m.s. afft.
for a while time Secretary & enquire whether a suitable candidate could
be obtained in the U.K. & on what salary.

2. Report of discussion between Dept & Sir J. Byrnes on
30.7.36

Sir C. Bottomley

Draft herewith, after further discussion
with Sir J. Byrnes yesterday

J. Byrnes
7/8

Sir J. Byrnes agreed to the draft
this morning.

Mr. Clouston

There has been no earlier shortening
of the report as I had I think
(when it was one of your suggestions
of report - which we will have
forwarded by the 1st of the 1st of the
work of the Government Conference
was cut off) that you should
see the draft.

The position has been a
good deal complicated by
Sir J. Byrnes's suggestion (which
Sir J. Byrnes has seen) but we
feel that they are trying to
attach an A1 Tail to the C3 prop.
and that, that all counts for a hind,

Mr. Kennedy could look
after statistics, he or some
one else available locally,
acting as secretary both

Woods.

Woods
7/8/35

Seen, thank you. I agree that you have
selected the right course. Personally I
have great doubts of the utility of the
a Board of this kind containing unofficials.
The best kind of Board is the Govt itself,
taking the advice of unofficials selected
ad hoc on special subjects as they arise.

G. L. & Ransom
7/8

As this was asked in substance
at the discussion with the
Prof. S. I don't mind and on 2
Woods was then interpreted
but I think the air mail
department will serve us as
well as any further attempt
before Sir J. Bygone gets on

Woods
7/8/35

My last number
1st of 35
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4. Governor Bygone Feb 22/35 _____ 23rd S.H. 35
States that he is now being pressed to form Committee &
suggests Mr. Gurney as Secretary who would be acceptable to
unofficials.

With Mr. Jeffries's authority I have given a
copy of this letter to Mr. Gurney. He will
let us know his wishes in a day or two.

Woods
J. Ransom
24/9

JM

5. H. B. Gurney (20) _____ 27 S.H. 35
States that owing to private affairs the suggestion in Nov
is unacceptable & that in any case he could not leave for Kenya
before the end of the year.

S. J. B. has enquired what action is
being taken on it.

Draft letter for comment, after
discussion. Mr. Gurney has seen the front
page (only) & accepted it as a fair
expression of his attitude.

The £1000 Assistant Secretary post
has now been filled; but the departure
of Messrs. Barton, Baker & Gurney, & the
temporary incapacity of Mr. Pilling, offers

wide scope for reorganization, if they want it!

Director
30/9

Yes: but they won't want to have a Deputy on
£1550 (Dr. Pellis) on contract on £1200 (Mrs. G. Carter)
and a third on £1000. No doubt by being would
consider the £1000 part but reorganization is a normal
part to advancement.

234.700
30/9

*There is no doubt to
be Sir Otto Niemeyer.

(I can't see King getting what they want which is a
Sir Otto Niemeyer to be at the back of the problem.)

C. J. Jeffries
30/9/35

Mr. King
I have planned the staff for
perhaps you will tell the S. off.
of the position, I have said to the
Tech Section.

Dr. G. T. ...
LCS.
1/10/35

6 - Tel. to Gov., Kenya, re 26/10/35
1/10/35

Copy to S. off. ...
at ...

7. Gov. Byrne (Res. etc.) 5.10.35 4

Reports regarding the personnel of the Standards
Board of Economic Development & provide copy of
terms of refer. Indicates that difficulties have
arisen with the Vigilance etc. comments thereon.

Attached to this file by Sir C. Bottomley's

Director. P. H. B.

Director
of ...

AIR MAIL.

PERSONAL & PRIVATE.

5th October, 1936.

My dear Bottomley,

(6) This letter deals with the subject raised in Colonial Office Telegram No. 267 Confidential of the 1st October.

At the last meeting of Executive Council we agreed on the terms of reference (copy enclosed) for the Board of Economic Development and on the unofficial European personnel recommended by Lord Francis Scott. I arranged to appoint the Agricultural Economist as Secretary for the time being. The Colonial Secretary will be Chairman, the members being the Chief Native Commissioner, Colonel Griffiths (Kenya Farmers' Association), Mr. Mitchell (a prominent Nairobi business man), Lord Francis Scott and Mr. Pandya.

I hear the Vigilance Committee are protesting that this is not the Committee they want. O'Keefe has put it into their heads that a "Hearing Committee" is what they most have, one whose recommendations will be issued "day by day", initialed by the Governor and put into effect.

My feeling therefore is that the "Board of Economic....

Economic Development" will be of ^{little} better use at the present time and this being so it would be better to leave Liversage as Secretary until the air becomes clearer.

Now as regards Gurney. I should greatly like to get him back after the poor fellows present troubles have ended. Wade and Walsh however think that it would not be fair on Hayes-Sadler and Leaving, both of whom are doing good and hard work, if he were brought back and made Assistant Colonial Secretary. We therefore think that he should be absorbed in his old place when no doubt before long his abilities would warrant him getting further advancement.

The enclosed cutting from this morning's East African Standard may interest you and perhaps the Secretary of State. These unfortunate so called leaders of public opinion seem to be getting themselves into a hopeless tangle, and there are already mutterings of dissatisfaction coming from the Commercial people and from the sound farmers. However, it is best to give them rope at the moment.

Francis.....

Francis Scott will soon find himself in a difficulty over his oath of secrecy which you see he admitted in his speech. You will notice also that having pressed for a Special Commissioner they are not too happy about the scope of his investigation.

The statement made by Lord Francis about my informing a Deputation that the Special Commissioner would examine official salaries is without foundation.

Also the Conventions record of my replies to their deputation. When I was asked whether the White Highlands Order-in-Council could be sent out in draft for their inspection before going to His Majesty is inaccurate. I merely stated that I would submit their views to the Secretary of State: I never said that I would support them.

I do not know what is happening about the Land Bank Loan. I would suggest caution and consultation with me before any decision is announced.

This war news is very sad: one cannot foretell the repercussions. I propose to fly round our posts on the frontier next week so as to satisfy myself as to our arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Sir F.C. Bottooley, K.C.M.G., etc.
The Colonial Office.

Sgd.) J. A. BYRNE

Standing Board
of Economic
Development.
11.20.

Council advised that the
terms of reference of the Standing Board of
Economic Development should be:-

To keep under review the economic
situation in the Colony and to advise
on schemes of economic development
put forward for the consideration of
the Government from time to time
whether by particular industries or
not, to anticipate developments in
the economic field and to tender
considered advice as to the initiation
of forward measures".

Council advised that the
personnel of the Board should consist of the
Colonial Secretary as Chairman, The Chief
Native Commissioner, Jt. Col. The Hon. Sir
Francis Scott, K.C.M.G. The Hon. J.B. Pandy,
Col. G.O. Griffiths, C.M.G. and J.C. Litchell
Esq. Mr. Patel undertook to suggest the name
of a suitable Indian to take Mr. Pandy's
place during the temporary absence of the
latter.

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- Mr. Heath 50/9
- Mr. Flood 30.9
- Mr. Jeffries 30
- Mr. Parkinson

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Sir G. Tomlinson

X Sir C. Bottomley. 1.10. 30.10.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

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DRAFT. Tel.

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Private affairs which caused
 person needed to leave
 service of government still
 obtain and he cannot
 contemplate leaving England
 before beginning of 1936.
 In any case he is not
 anxious for offpt. to a
 post on consolidated salary
 placement
 outside the regular service.

FURTHER ACTION.

Letter copy of 4.5
 - this shd go on
 Mr. Guinness' PF.
 Done
 O. H. ...
 5/10/35

Though he has not suggested
it I think he would be ready
to accept offer as Assistant Col.

Salary at £1,000 but of course others
might have to be considered if not were
Shall await your further to be filled

Propose regarding Secretary of Standing
Development Board. Salary to be

offer must depend on status and
function which you may decide
to assign to the post.

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Dear Jeffries,

NOTE

With reference to the Kenya Government's telegram of the 23rd September, of which I have seen a copy, and to our talk this morning, my position is this. I left Jamaica owing to private affairs which, I fear, still continue and apply equally to Kenya as to Jamaica. I cannot find any argument which would justify my taking a different decision from that which I took in Jamaica, unless it is that in the present difficult times in Kenya my experience here may be of some special value to the Kenya Government. The

part of Secretary of the proposed Economic
History Board on a consolidated salary
outside the permanent series, but not
one in which that value is likely
to be realized.

It is however appreciated that if it
seems likely, private affairs continue as
they are, there must come a time when I
shall have to decide finally between applying
for an overseas appointment and leaving the
service and I am not therefore in a
position to refuse anything that might
be offered to me at the present time
I should be pleased to consider receiving
the same at any time after
the end of this year if I see

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I offered a part in the Secretariat
which takes my previous service into
account.

I am sorry to seem so indefinite,
but the two points on which I
am quite clear are that (a) my
answer to the suggestion of the
Secretary as it stands is "no" and
that I could not in any case go
before the end of the year.

Yours sincerely

H. G. Gurney

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

Dated 23rd September 1935. Received at 11.30 am. 23rd Sept. 1935.

No 3

No. 225 Your despatch No 500 of the 9th August. I am now being pressed to form Committee which has already been promised in White Paper. I see no alternative to doing so but am not sanguine as to results as possibilities of relief and development have been examined over and over again during the past few years. GURNEY as Secretary would be acceptable to unofficials and I should greatly (? group omitted) to get him back in the Secretariat which is considerably weakened by departure of MARTON and BADER perhaps he could be engaged in first place as secretary on consolidated salary and eventually absorbed into the permanent service. Would be grateful if my suggestion could receive consideration.

(P.f. is at present with
Supt. Dumb - he is
not attached to C.O.)

C.O.

Swift Payne copies 2/28/35

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Mr. Franklin 7/8

Mr.

Mr. Clainson 7/8

Mr. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley. 8/8/35

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

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Air Mail of 10 August.

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I have rec. to
ack. the rec. of your letter
N: 178 of the 29th of July
regarding the selection of a
Secretary to the Standing
Board of Economic Development.
My attention has ^{subsequently} been
drawn to the relevant
paragraphs of Second
Paper N: 1 of 1935.
On the receipt
of your telegram I entertained
some doubt as to the

FURTHER ACTION.

wisdom of adding yet another to
the numerous Boards and standing
Committees already existing in Kenya,
and the justification for burdening
the Colony with the expenses (which
would undoubtedly be heavy) of a
Secretary of the ^{College} ~~type~~ envisaged. It
was not clear to me why the
ends in view could not be
adequately attained by extending
the work of statistical correlation
etc. to an office already in
the Kenya Service, such as, for
example, the present Agricultural
Economist.

3. On discussing the matter
with Sir Joseph Byrne, I find that
my own doubts are fully shared
by him to the full. In the circumstances
I propose to defer taking any action
on your telegram unless we ^{must}

C. O.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Parkinsson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

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until Sir Joseph Byrne has
had the opportunity, after
his return to the Colony,
of acquainting me with
his views.

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD

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Discussion between the Secretary of State
and Sir Joseph Byrne on July 30th., 1935.

Secretary of Standing Development Board.

Sir Joseph Byrne was decidedly pessimistic as to the practical results of the work of the Board and he was strongly of opinion that no advantage would be gained through the appointment of a Secretary of the character described in the Acting Governor's telegram of July 29th.

It was agreed that we should telegraph to the effect that after consulting the Governor the Secretary of State is averse to the appointment of a whole-time Secretary on the lines indicated in the telegram. It may be possible in drafting to ^{explain} explain this, but if so, it will be desirable to show the draft to Sir Joseph Byrne when he comes to the office next week.

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Telegram from the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 29th July 1935. Received 4.51 p.m 29th July 1935.

No 178

Economic Development Committee's report paragraph 491 - 503. I have accepted unanimous advice of the Executive Council that Standing Board should be created. Efficiency of Board will depend on appointment of whole time Secretary who should be qualified and experienced economist possessing adequate powers of initiative to formulate schemes in addition to ability to examine and advise on proposals submitted to the Board. It is also proposed that his duties should include preparation and correlation of statistics of value to the Colony. I consider that there is no officer available in the Colony who possesses the above qualifications and I should be glad to learn whether suitable candidate could be obtained in the United Kingdom and on what salary. You may wish to discuss the general outline of proposed Board and appointment of ~~XXXX~~ Secretary with Sir Joseph Byrne.

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