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The organisation of Secretariat

Precedent

Doc X. 10450/27
(Draft 8.06)

Subsequent

1. X. 15095
(Sec. Reorganisation)

2. X. 15206/28 (Draft 28.06.27)
(Draft 28.06.27)
A.A. 26/11
E.A. 6/12

Mr. Wainman 8/12
Mr. Bottwell 6/12
Sibbald 10/12
Mr. Allen 30/12
C.C. 6/12
X.E.A.

Appointment of the Exec. Co. & this
precedence
(See S. 1048
H. 1048)

R. H. ...
8/12/27

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R.H.
at once
10.12.27.

Noted on file
of H. T. ...
Wm. Logan
H.T.

CC. ...
and Graft

2/4 Gov 1048 (passed)

23 DEC 1927

3. Jan to Jan 23 Dec 1927
All Martin ... 4/1/28

1 — by Spiggell — 24th November, 1927

In connection with his proposals for reorganising the Secretariat, requests telegraphic approval to Meakin being appointed Local Govt. Commr and as a Member of the Executive Council. Also requests approval to proposals shown in draft etc.

I am sorry this has been delayed, first for the receipt of the Governor's Speech of the 28th of October, and latterly by pressure of work. The references to this matter will be found on page 45⁴ of the Governor's Speech of the 28th of October, but the proposed re-organisation is much more fully explained at pages 14 to 19 of the memorandum on the draft Estimates for 1928. I attach a note in more ^{answering} detail the establishment of the Local Government Lands & Settlement Division with which this telegram is more directly concerned.

The recommendations with regard to the establishment of a central authority for Local Government purposes will be found at pages 171 et seqq of Volume II of the Report of the Local Government Commission: They recommended, page 173, the appointment of a Commissioner for Local Government who should be responsible under the Colonial Secretary. This recommendation was discussed at length in Mr. Denham's despatch, No. 14 in file X.10220/27, who raised very strong objections to the Commissioner being an administrative head of a Local Government branch of the Secretariat, and the arrangements now proposed

seem to meet these objections as the Commissioner is to have a status as Head of a Department, although the Colonial Secretary remains as the superior, controlling & criticizing authority as in the case of other Departments. There can, I think, be no doubt as to the suitability of Mr. Martin for this appointment, and it will be noted that no change in salary is proposed, but that the Governor wishes him appointed a member of the Executive Council pointing out that in practice his attendance is already required at nearly every meeting, and I suppose for this purpose he is summoned as an Extraordinary Member under Clause 4 of the Additional Instructions of the 28th of December, 1928. That clause also deals with the general constitution of the Council, but the Governor has a power to make provisional appointments, and if the proposal to appoint Mr. Martin to the Council is approved, it will be necessary to give His Majesty's instructions to that effect in reply to this telegram. In addition to asking for approval for Mr. Martin's appointment as Commissioner and also as a Member of the Executive Council, the Governor requests sanction of the "proposals drawn in the draft Estimates", which ^{are} shown generally and commented on in the attached note. As regards the establishment, a point to which particular attention ^{ought} be drawn is the proposed appointment with salary on the scale 1740 - 1820. The general proposals also including other similar appointments in the Secretariat, and the similar appointment styled "Junior Secretary"

Department - Mr. G. S. Co & Mrs.
Precedence -
(See below
address)
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B.H.G.
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10.12.27.

2 1/2 Gov 1048 (11.12.27)

23 DEC 1927

CCO to Gazette
vide draft (3)

3. Let. to Gov. 23 Dec 1927
No reaction ... 4/1/28

- Mr. ~~W. H. ...~~ 12
- Mr. ~~W. H. ...~~ 13 above
- Mr.
- Mr. E. J. Harding
- Mr. C. Strachey
- Sir J. Shackburgh
- Sir G. Grindle
- Sir G. Davis
- Sir S. Wilson
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Lord Lovat
- Mr. Amery

1. 10.30.27
 (not for ...)
 (see ...)

DRAFT. Tel

Governor
 Nairobi

These instructions should be conveyed by a despatch agreed by a com. of state. I submit draft despatch accordingly. As soon as it has been agreed & cables required can be sent.

W. H. ...
 12/12

C.C. in ...
 21/12

2 apts

25 Dec
 Your tel, 20 November 1927
 Secretariat I approve
 generally proposals in
 draft estimates
 in understanding that
 Legis. C. has agreed
 I also approve proposed
 staff of ... and
~~the ...~~
~~...~~
~~...~~
 In regard precedence
 shall await ...
 further explanations
 to be made.

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Mr. Harman 17/12

Mr. Allen 13/12

Mr.

Mr. F. J. Hudson

Mr. C. Street

Sir J. Chubb

Sir G. Grindle

Sir C. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Lord Locat

Mr. Amery

C. D.
17/13/52
D. H.

(To be signed by a
Member of State)

23 DEC 1952

No. 363

W. r. to your tel. of the

24th of Nov, I have the
hon. to inform you that
H.M. has been pleased to
give instructions for the
appointment of Mr. H. T.
Martin to be a Nom-
inated Official Member
of the Executive Council
of the Colony of Kenya

DRAFT.

Kenya

No. 1048

for Jiggs

Copy to be attached
to Exec. Cof. attch file.

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w/ J. J. Hicks

Secretary of State

ORMSBY-GORE

MEMORANDUM.

Proposed establishment for re-organised
Secretariat, etc.

Colonial Secretary.

Secretariat,
Legislative Cpl.

(a) Principal Asst.
Colonial Secty.

£1,200

(b) Secretaries.

£720 - £920.

*James
Walker
Carter
C. W.*
General Staff.

Senior Commis-
sioners, etc. etc.

£1,350 and
£1,200.

to be

Local Government
Lands & Settlement.

Commissioners -
£1,450.

(c) (Principal Asst.
(£1,000.

(d) (Municipal and
Town Planning
Engineer -
(£1,000

(Local Government
Inspector -
(£720 - £920

(e) (Secretaries
(£780 - £920.

Land Secretaries
£425 - £720 etc. etc.

Native Affairs
Department.

Chief Native
Commissioner
£1,450 + £200.

(f) (Principal
Assistant £1,000

(g) (Junior Secre-
taries -
(£720 - £920.

to be

(a) This appointment has been recently vacated by Mr. Northcote on transfer, and it is proposed salary should be reduced from £1,350 to £1,200. In another despatch just received, the Governor has recommended Mr. Merrick, Assistant Colonial Secretary, for this appointment.

(b) See at "X" in minute.

(c) This appointment does not involve additional expenditure since it really represents transfer of appointment of Assistant Colonial Secretary from the Secretariat Division. The Governor proposes that Mr. Logan should fill this post, but he does not ask for specific approval of his appointment. Mr. Logan is, no doubt, the best qualified officer for the post (he was a Secretary of the Local

Government

Government Commission), but as regards seniority he is some way down the list of District Officers, being at present at 2519 on the scale 2475 - 2920.

- (d) Both these appointments were recommended by the Local Government Commission - pages 173 and 174.
- (e) See at "X" in minute.
- (f) This is a new appointment, but the post of Deputy Chief Native Commissioner, held by Colonel Watkins at a salary of £1,200 and personal allowance of £150, has been abolished in the 1928 ^{Draft} Estimates, and he has been transferred to the General Staff Division as Senior Commissioner at a salary of £1,350.
- (g) See "X" in minute.

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

(Dated 24th November Received Colonial Office 4.42.p.m. 24th November, 1927.)

No. 363 of 24th November Proposals for re-organisation of the Secretariat outlined in final paragraph of my speech to the Council on 25th October have been accepted without amendment as printed in draft estimates by select Committee on Estimates and will be passed by the Legislative Council next week. In these proposals Commissioner of Lands will also become Commissioner of Local Government. I propose that Martin should hold both posts at existing salary and that Logan should be his principal assistant. It is important that certain preliminary work connected with the introduction of the Beetham Commission's recommendations should be undertaken without delay. Martin is better qualified than anyone else to conduct such negotiations to success and will I believe secure general agreement on the Commission's recommendations if negotiations are begun at once. The moment is opportune because the Nairobi Municipal Council has just decided by a majority to accept the Commission's recommendations subject to certain financial safeguards. A similar attitude is growing in the outlying areas. With regard to Secretariat reorganisation the Native Affairs branch has ~~has~~ been organised on the same lines as those established in Tanganyika by Cameron. I am issuing instructions in this matter based on his. It is however essential here that the branch dealing with land local Government and settlement shall have an equal status and that Martin as its head should like Maxwell be a Member of the Executive Council. This is all the more necessary (as) Executive Council is constantly concerned with business requiring

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Martin's advice and Martin's attendance is already required at nearly every meeting. I request therefore that Martin's appointment as Local Government Commissioner and as Member of the Executive Council together with proposals shown in draft estimates may be approved by telegraph in order that I may push on with settlement of Nairobi question. He should, I think, rank in seniority next to the Chief Native Commissioner.