

1929

Kenya

No. 13550

SUBJECT

CLOSED
UNTIL

0533/385/15550/29

Defence Force.

Previous

10278/28

Subsequent

1 10493/30

2. Sub. 2.110 H-D

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY MR. WELLOCK FOR ORAL ANSWER
ON THE 26. TH. JANUARY, 1929. (SEE H.C. DEB. VOL. 215, P. 118 "A")

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY MR. DAY FOR ORAL ANSWER
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH. FEBRUARY, 1929.
RE. 11. 3. H.C. DEB. VOL. 215, P. 118 "A"

Parliamentary question by Mr. Day for oral answer

To Gov. Gen. conc. of July 29

2. States extent of Dept's action re returned to date. Question of exemptions will be discussed in Executive Council tomorrow and result telegraphed as early as possible.
3. Sends list of exemptions from compulsory service glad to receive early replies to papers 477 and 289 of 1928. and that liberality be approached regarding the position of Royal Nav. Reservists.
4. MINISTER OF DEF. ANSWER DATED 23rd. Feb. 1929.

N^o 2. N^o 14. Part of

N^o 3. 2nd. "Compulsory"

Confirms: Gov. have replied in N^o 4 on 13/3/29. Gov. also ~~re~~ advised by letter 4/3/29, re replied, to return sent a receipt of ship 289 of 20. May 1929. Administ^r

will no longer be reminded in that file.

= as to dip. of 31 Aug. 1944.
see No. 114 in file 15298728

the ~~apparently~~ ^{was} involved with 61301729 Gen.

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

= the new act that
will be approached
and X.

off to Morrissey
through W.C. Lawrence, who
is at the time

in the office of the
Ministry, on 31 Aug. 1944
15298728 B - it also
referring to the statement
of W. Lawrence

accrue and better be
taken on 15298728
copy of the letter
file

see
25-7-44

The further possible who have
been of this or not or what
was No. 4 -

see
12-29

to follow

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Sir Samuel Grigg has a talk with Sir Samuel
this morning. He is in the
Secretary of State's office. He then
goes to the Home Office of State definite

was signed
by Mr. [unclear]
see
20-7-44

J.C. Parham
23-7-44

(50) G.C. 14
23-7-44

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emerging as suggested in
Mr. Sykes' question of 2nd July
1929 (No. 4 in X. 15550 (29A)).
I have scribbled in green the
minutes of the S.P.S.
written against in the margin
on 22 Aug. 1929, indicating
his decision.

If we had in Kenya
a *Tribunal Nova* to refer a
concerns this reference
force, the S.P.S. would
presumably not agree
to the introduction of any
such legislation, but
that it is vastly different
from what attempts to
remove the Ordinance from
the Statute-book of
Kenya, so long as the
affected representatives
of those who are affected
by the Ordinance wish it
to be retained.

As to action, I agree
with Mr. Allen

all Parliament
21.11.29.

I agree.

It will be interesting to see
how much is made of this
- in the election - but

Close Union is likely to be the
main issue.

G.C.S.
21.11.29.

See of late
(through the press).

I agree with the action
proposed.

G.H.G.
22.11.29.

I should like to discuss this matter
with you W.K. 22.11.29.

I will write to Sir G. G. G.

Mr. Allen
I attach two drafts in Parliament
has prepared for so draft to Sir
Edward Gigg.

Car Cliffe

I have done the work I can
in the S.O. Dept. in the
instructions given the S.P.S.
pencil with attached
all Parliament
O.P. 29

to Clauson

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Yai shu au 10-12

connected with the form for a list

Serial of which will be made us to answer the question of whether these

2/10/30

Mr Allen

We have now got the W.O. reply, which is registered on 71231/Gin (subwith). We have not examined this, but generally speaking I think that you can assume that we shall circulate the W.O. memo to all Col. etc. Govt in its present form.

The right course therefore is ? to instruct the Govt to add to the list of exemptions

"All officers of the R. A. R. O. & I. A. R." so as that the attached follows regarding this question.

Presumably we should add a similar exemption clause for Naval Reservists (we shall have to get out the papers - about Memorandum 2, to discover the exact form of words.)

Unless the matter is flamingly urgent we might get so. con-
-urrence in the form from W.O. + A.M.S.

G. L. V. Clouston

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I have spoken to the Clauson who

agrees that he was sent a list

of 1 in Col. etc. The letter to the

Army into 21 Sub File C

2/10/30

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Mr. Allen 5/12

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Mr. ~~Wilson~~ 6/12/29

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Mr. ~~Butcher~~ 6-12

Mr. E. Harding

Sir J. Shingburgh

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir C. Davis.

T Sir Wilson.

6/12/29

Mr. ~~Ormsby-Dore~~

T.S. 10/12/29

X ~~Frederick~~ 11/12

DRAFT.

~~MISS K.E. THOMAS.~~

The Secretary
Peace Committee
Society of Friends

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3 drafts

Downing Street,

13 December, 1929.

Dear Madam,

With further refⁿ to your

In continuation of my letter

of the 8th November, I am desired by

Lord Passfield to submit the following

observations on the points raised by the

Peace Committee of the Society of Friends

regarding the ~~compulsory conscription~~
regarding the ~~conscription~~ of Europeans

in ~~Kenya~~ ^{the Kenya Defence Force}

(a) The Defence Force Bill was before the public of the Colony for approximately four years, and the Governor made it clear before the elections of members of the Legislative Council which were held in January 1927 that there was no intention of pressing such a Bill after

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passed in the Legislative Council in 1924, and Lord Passfield himself, if he were dealing with a similar situation, would take the same decision; but the ~~position~~ ~~however~~ has since then been radically altered by the acceptance of the principle of compulsory service by the late Government and by the assent given to a Defence Force Ordinance containing compulsory provisions, which has now been on the Statute Book for two years and in operation for more than one year. In the circumstances, Lord Passfield sees no constitutional ground which would justify him in taking steps with a view to forcing the repeal of the compulsory provisions by the use of the official vote in the Legislative Council, although, if it became clear that public opinion in the Colony, as reflected by the unofficial members of Council, ~~selected~~

among the persons affected by the Ordinance

Recd 6.12.29

Downing Street.

11 December, 1929.

~~Mr. ...~~
~~Mr. ...~~
~~Mr. ...~~

for signature by the
S. G. S.

+ Sir S. ...
x ...
x ... 11/12

Mr. ...
for ...

DRAFT.

H. E. Hall-Cornell

Sir Edward Grigg,
K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.,
U.S.O., M.C.,

An official despatch is coming to you by this mail enclosing correspondence with the Peace Committee of the Society of Friends about the Kenya Defence Force Ordinance. You will see that I have taken the line that I am not prepared to ask the Government of Kenya to repeal the Ordinance, although, as you will no doubt realise, I am personally out of sympathy with anything in the nature of conscription, and if the Ordinance had come before me as a new measure in the form of a Bill, I should certainly not have agreed to its introduction.

I should like you to know that the existence of conscription in Kenya is a

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real source of embarrassment to the Government

here; there is very strong feeling on the
subject among our own supporters in the House,

and in many quarters outside the House, ^{and} any

action taken under the Ordinance is used to

revive the whole question of principle. If
in time the Ordinance could fall into abeyance,

I should be ~~delighted~~ pleased; but I hope

that at any rate it may be possible for you to

ensure that the ~~unpopular~~ element becomes in

practice a dead letter. Could not the Government

at least refrain from action in the direction of

general ~~non~~ compliance with the Ordinance?

Perhaps you would be good enough to let me have

your views as to how far such action, or rather

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Yours truly

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necessity had then arisen to enforce such penalties.

As already shown, failure to enrol is not an offence, and if any District or Resident Commissioner is publishing anything in the nature of a black list of people who allow themselves to be "assembled to be enrolled" rather than attend for enrolment, it is not surprising that a strong objection is taken, and enquiry on the point is clearly necessary.

Yes, see p

Case 1 E.D.
28 Sep 1925
p. 12.

(ii) The posting of regimental orders is merely a detail of routine, and does not seem to call for comment.

(iii) The "Times" extract of the 26th October, 1927, says as regards the Estimates for 1930, that "there is an increase of 24,000 in the vote for the Defence Force for the purchase of rifles, and a portable camp to enable a start in the training". The estimate for the Defence Force in the 1929 Estimate was 26,327. This again, if the force is to exist, is a provision of $\frac{1}{2}$ of a million as a matter of routine.

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(iv) The petition referred to is that sent in the Acting Governor's Memorandum of the 21st Feb, 1927. The Memorandum states that the petition is a matter of routine. The reply to the petition is attached to the Memorandum of the 21st Feb, 1927. The reply to the petition is attached to the Memorandum of the 21st Feb, 1927.

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attached

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A. regarding the suggestion that the Bill sanctioned a "policy" regarding the natives, the Acting Governor referred to the "speeches made by the Hon. the Official Member representing the Native Cause."

Force was significantly before the public in 1927. He held before and at the time of the 1927 elections. In his speech in the Council on the 10th of December 1926 before the Council, Sir E. Grigg stated that the Government did not propose to press the Bill in that Council, but to refer the amendments considered desirable to a Select Committee of Council to publish with the help of that Committee the outline of an amended Bill, and to submit that outline to the judgment of the Colony before the elections to be held in January, 1927. He added that there could be no question of pressing such a Bill after the elections unless the elections showed that the general opinion of the Colony endorsed it. On page 2 of his report of the 1st May, 1927, the Acting Governor said that the Unofficial Members on seeking re-election had definitely referred to the Defence Force Bill in their manifesto to the country and all with one exception - and stated that his personal opinion was in favour of the measure but that he felt that he must be guided by his constituents - had declared their adherence to the principles of the Bill. The Acting Governor said that except in Nairobi, now represented by members who in their speeches in Council both strongly support the Bill and state their position in respect of their constituencies, little criticism of the Bill was heard at any of the elections, while numerous resolutions were passed in its favour. The Bill was passed by 33 to 1 in the Legislative Council, the adverse vote being given by the sole Indian Elected Member (Mr. Malik) on the ground that the Bill had not been applied to Indians, yet even he, however, supported

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the Bill. To this, however, should be added

a copy of the telegram
~~attached to the following telegram~~

Received from 'Congress,' Nairobi, on the 7th
July, 1937, ~~dated 7th July~~ "Indian Community"
strongly protests against the Kenya Defence Force
Bill, no provision made for Indian participation
moreover delation Oath of Allegiance dangerous.
Local conditions do not warrant this measure
request disallowance.

(Note:- The requirement of an Oath of
Allegiance was dropped in view of the doubt ex-
pressed by the Committee of Imperial Defence as
to the desirability of requiring such an Oath in
the case of "Immigrants to be controlled".)

On the 23rd of July last, Mr. Ayles
asked the Secretary of State whether the S. of S.
in view of the opposition in Kenya to the
Bill, and the fact that the Government were
not in a position to institute an
enquiry into the Bill, in view of its
importance, and the fact that the S. of S. had
previously suggested the suggestion that an
enquiry should be held, but that in view of the
fact that the Bill had been on the Statute
Book for two years, and actually in operation
for a year and a half, he was not disposed with-
out further consideration to ask the Acting
Secretary of State to institute any such enquiry.

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SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL (2)

Douglas Street,
23 August, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Confidential despatch No. 30/A of the 21st of May, in which you transmit a Petition against the Defence Force Bill forwarded by the Anti-Conscription Committee.

2. As you are aware, there was some delay in dealing with the Bill, owing to the fact that authenticated copies were not at first sent home. In the interval, Mr. Amery had left England and it was necessary that the arrangements for taking and conveying His Majesty's pleasure should be made through another Principal Secretary of State.

3. I desire to assure you, however, that careful personal consideration had been given to the Petition, and to the whole question, by Mr. Amery before his departure. He was however, unable to accept the view, which had been put forward, that the introduction of the Bill was against the general wish of the Colony. Indeed the fact that the Bill has been under public consideration for the past four years and was before the electors at the time of the recent elections afforded sufficient evidence against this contention. The referendum on this point which was held in Nairobi resulted in both constituencies in a large majority in favour of the Bill.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
KENYA

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The Bill, moreover, was passed in the Legislative Council by a majority of 33 to 1, the only dissentient being the Indian Member, whose opposition was based on the ground that it had not been applied to Indians.

4. As regards the necessity for compulsory enrolment, Mr. Amery was satisfied that it would be difficult if not impossible, in a thinly-populated and scattered community, to organise a Defence Force satisfactorily on a voluntary basis. Such an attempt would throw an undue burden on those who were willing to serve and would inevitably in course of time, lead to a weak and inefficient organisation. The European population of Kenya have made clear their preference for a more regularised system.

5. In the light of all these considerations Mr. Amery saw no constitutional grounds on which he could intervene or advise His Majesty to withhold his assent. I shall be glad if you will cause the Petitioners to be informed in the space of this despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(State)

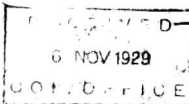
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PEACE COMMITTEE of the SOCIETY of FRIENDS
FRIENDS HOUSE, EUSTON ROAD, LONDON, N.W.1.

Chairman:
JOHN WILLIAM GRAHAM
Vice-Chairman
FRANCIS F. POLLARD
Secretary:
KATHLEEN E. INNES



Telegrams:
OVERSIGHT-BUSROAD, LONDON
Telephone:
MUSHUM 3600.

4th November, 1929.

To the Rt. Hon. Lord Passfield,
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Peace Committee of the Society of Friends to submit for the favour of your consideration the following views upon the subject of the conscription of Europeans in Kenya Colony.

The Committee gathers from papers recently to hand from NAIROBI that, following upon the return of the Governor from London to the Colony in August of this year, there has been increased activity on the part of the local Government in the militarisation of the male British community. Thus we gather that a list of the names of those Europeans in the MOMBASA district who have so far declined to enrol in the so-called Defence Force has been posted there by official authority (Times of East Africa, August 21st, 1929, p. 27), that regimental orders were to be posted in about a fortnight to adult males whether "registered", or "deemed to be registered," (Times of East Africa, September 28th, 1929) while the Governor announces the forthcoming expenditure of \$4,500 in the ensuing year upon the supply of rifles and provision of a training camp. (The Times, October 26th, 1929.)

The fruits of these actions, if correctly described, would appear to be an unworthy attempt to hold individuals up to obloquy for their opinions, - a form of persecution which may well be more potent and coercive in a small dependency than here at home.

This Committee has had before it the draft of a petition which, it is understood, was addressed by objectors in the Colony to His Majesty the King, praying that conscription might not be imposed. The memorandum that was delivered with this document implies that the concurrence of a former Secretary of State to the now existing measure was obtained by some degree of misrepresentation, for it contains, among others, the following two consecutive sentences:

"Sir Edward Grigg has stated: I desire to repudiate in the strongest terms all suggestions that the compulsory organisation of Europeans for defence is based upon alarm of any sort regarding our relations

Copy sent to Mr. C. C. ...
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with the King's African subjects in the Colony."

"It is difficult to find words to describe sufficiently vividly the falsity of the impression that such a statement is bound to convey in England. For months past local newspapers have been full of letters and speeches whose burden is that defence is urgently needed against the danger of native trouble."

We understand that the petition was signed by some 1,300 British men and women in the Colony. If the situation at the time that the Defence Force measure was approved is as described in the above quoted sentence it appears to those from whom I write that you thereby be placed in a position to revise, justifiably, the decision that was come to by the previous Secretary of State. But even if this is not so, this Committee wishes respectfully to represent that the arming and drilling of European conscripts in a Colony of mixed races is so grave a departure, by your predecessor, from continuity of policy in this matter as to justify reconsideration, by the present Cabinet, of the sanction given by him. It is understood that proposals of the nature complained of were formally placed before Lord Elgin, the Hon. A. A. D. B. B. B., Mr. Winston Churchill, the Duke of Devonshire and Mr. Thomas, and rejected by them all.

The members of this Committee believe that the continuance of conscription in Kenya would increase the risks of unlawful action in the Colony, and lead to the forfeiture of the respect and loyalty of the native inhabitants, who are in your charge, but also of many who feel that colonisation should not be supported by methods from which we, as a nation, have always dissented.

The Committee further is convinced that the maintenance of conscription must inevitably bring about a deleterious effect on the outlook of young men growing up in the Colony. We believe that a Cabinet which has done much towards the establishment of peace in the world and has pledged itself to take the lead in definite measures for international reduction and limitation of armaments, might, upon a request taken from you, be prepared to consider the withdrawal of conscription from Kenya. We therefore beg you to give the matter your serious consideration.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. J. Innes

Orig. on 15599/29 K

- (a) Malindi.
- (b) Tanta.
- (c) Lamu.
- (d) Puna River.

By Command of His Excellency the Acting Governor,
Nairobi,

This 10th day of June, 1929.

H. M. M. MOORE,
Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 389.

THE DEFENCE FORCE ORDINANCE, 1927.

In accordance with the provisions of section 6 (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1927, His Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to appoint the following Local Defence Committees in the following Defence Force Districts.

TRANS-NZOIA DISTRICT.

- The Resident Commissioner, Trans-Nzoia.
- The District Commissioner, West Suk.
- Major C. L. Bolton, M.C.
- Major R. J. Campbell, M.C.
- Capt. R. F. W. Echlin.
- Major J. W. Godley, M.C.
- Capt. F. L. Goringe, M.C., D.F.C.
- Major F. H. Le Breton, M.C.
- Capt. H. Wreford Smith.
- Major C. E. Stuart Prince.
- Major J. B. Thomson.
- Major E. J. Tyack.
- F. H. Weiler, Esq.

Ex-Officio.

- Lieut.-Col. A. C. A. Thackwell, M.C.

UASIN GISHU DISTRICT.

- The Resident Commissioner, Uasin Gishu.
- Lieut.-Col. G. East-King, D.S.O.
- F. R. Erasmus, Esq.
- W. P. Law, Esq.
- Capt. C. H. W. Roberts, O.B.E.
- Major E. P. H. Pardoe, O.B.E.
- Lieut.-Colonel A. D. Stitt.

Ex-Officio.

- Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Swinton-Houie, C.B., D.S.O.

NYANZA DISTRICT.

- The Resident Commissioner, Kisumu-Londiani.
- The District Commissioner, Kericho.
- The District Commissioner, South Kavirondo.
- The District Commissioner, Central Kavirondo.
- The District Commissioner, North Kavirondo.
- The District Commissioner, Nandi.
- The Manager for the time being of the Victoria Nyanza Sugar Company.
- Capt. S. Carlin.

Capt. W. Evans.
 Capt. R. K. Frost.
 Capt. R. Goshin.
 Major H. Hannay.
 Major J. K. Matheson, M.C.
 Capt. G. Q. Orpharson.
 Capt. F. J. Parmore.
 Major C. J. Smith.
 The Hon. F. H. White, C.M.S.

Ex-Officio

Brigadier-General A. C. Lowry, C.B., C.M.G.,
 D.S.O., A.D.C.

NAKURU DISTRICT.

The Senior Commissioner, Nakuru.
 The District Commissioner, Ravine.
 Major P. D. Boyce.
 A. Browne, Esq.
 C. P. B. Fitzgerald, Esq.
 Capt. N. Graham.
 J. H. L. Judge, Esq.
 H. G. Montson, Esq., M.C.
 Capt. D. P. Temple, D.S.O.
 R. J. Thomson, Esq., M.C.
 J. G. H. Graham, D.S.O.
 J. G. H. Graham, D.S.O.
 E. W. Whitmore, Esq.

Ex-Officio

Brig. Gen. G. C. Eaden, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
 M.C.

LAKIPIA-NYERI DISTRICT.

The Resident Commissioner, Embu.
 The Resident Commissioner, Nairobi.
 The District Commissioner, Meru.
 The District Commissioner, South Nyeri.

Capt. J. G. P. Browne.
 A. G. Cole, Esq.
 Commodore R. C. Cross, R.D., R.N. (Retired).
 Capt. R. B. Gooch, M.C.
 Major J. Gordon.
 Capt. J. J. Murray, M.C.
 Colonel C. A. Teant, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 Brig. Gen. I. Wheatley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
 Major H. B. H. White, D.S.O.

Ex-Officio

Colonel A. G. A. Adintano, C.M.G., D.S.O.

NAIVASHA DISTRICT.

The Resident Commissioner, Naivasha.
 Major G. C. Buxton.
 Major C. F. C. Beecroft, D.S.O.
 Major J. A. Dune, M.C.
 Col. G. J. Henderson.
 Capt. J. V. Holland, M.C.
 Col. M. C. Wetherell.

Ex-Officio

Col. S. J. Paterson, C.B.E.

NAIROBI TOWN DISTRICT.

The District Commissioner, Nairobi.
 Major C. E. Browne.
 Lieut. Col. D. P. Driscoll, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 A. E. Hegarty, Esq.
 Brig. Gen. G. D. Rhodes, C.B.E., D.S.O. (R.E.).
 (Retired), M.E.I.C., M. Inst. P., Assoc. Inst.,
 C.E.

Lieut. Col. W. K. Tucker, C.B.E., T.D.

Ex-Officio

Lieut. Col. D. P. Driscoll, C.M.G., D.S.O.

NAIROBI RURAL DISTRICT.

(a) Kyambu—

The District Commissioner, Kyambu.
 Col. F. W. Hallows, C.B., C.I.E.
 Capt. M. S. H. Montagu, M.C.
 Major C. Steele.
 Major C. M. Taylor.

(b) Fort Hall—Thika

The District Commissioner, Fort Hall.
 The District Officer, Thika.
 Major C. E. Browne, D.S.O., M.C.
 W. Earley.
 Major P. C. M. Maste, O.S.E.
 Major R. W. M. Maste, O.S.E.
 Capt. J. D. Guman.

(c) Embu—

The District Commissioner, Embu.

(d) Kiambu—

The District Commissioner, Kiambu.

(e) Machakos—

The District Commissioner, Machakos.
 Major A. C. Hill, D.S.O.
 Major P. H. D. Joyce, M.C.
 Capt. W. H. N. Webber, M.C., D.S.M.

(f) Mombasa—

The District Commissioner, Kiambu.
 The District Commissioner, Nairobi.
 W. H. Billington, Esq.

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Lieut. Col. C. G. Durham, D.S.O.

COAST DISTRICT.

The Senior Commissioner, Coast.
 The Resident Commissioner, Mombasa.
 The District Commissioner, Digo.
 The District Commissioner, Kilifi.
 The District Commissioner, Tana River.
 The District Commissioner, Lamu.
 The Assistant District Commissioner i/c, Malindi.
 The District Commissioner, Voi.
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Capt. W. Evans.
 Capt. R. K. Frost.
 Capt. R. Goshin.
 Major H. Hannay.
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 Capt. F. J. Parmose.
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 The Rev. F. H. White, C.M.S.

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Brigadier-General A. C. Bowie, C.B., C.M.G.,
 D.S.O., A.D.C.

NAKURU DISTRICT.

The Senior Commissioner, Nakuru.
 The District Commissioner, Ravine.
 Major F. D. Boyce.

A. Browne, Esq.
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 J. H. L. Judge, Esq.
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 M.C.

LAKIPTA-NYERI DISTRICT.

The Resident Commissioner, Lakipta.
 The Resident Commissioner, Nyeri.
 The District Commissioner, Meru.
 The District Commissioner, South Nyeri.

Capt. J. G. P. Browne.
 A. G. Cole, Esq.
 Commodore R. C. Cross, R.D., R.N., Retired.
 Capt. B. W. Gooch, M.C.
 Major J. G. Gooch.
 Capt. J. J. Murray, M.C.
 Colonel C. W. Tom, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 Brig. Gen. J. V. Bentley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
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Colonel A. G. A. Arbuthnot, C.M.G., D.S.O.

NAIVASHA DISTRICT.

The Resident Commissioner, Naivasha.
 Major G. C. Buxton.
 Major C. F. C. Beecroft, D.S.O.
 Major J. A. Dine, M.C.
 Col. G. J. Henderson.
 Capt. J. V. Housud, V.C.
 Col. M. C. Wethrell.

Ex-Officio.

Col. S. Paterson, C.B.E.

NAIROBI TOWN DISTRICT.

The District Commissioner, Nairobi.
 Major C. E. Browne.
 Lieut.-Col. D. P. Driscoll, C.M.B., D.S.O.
 A. E. Egan, Esq.
 Brig. Gen. G. D. Rhodes, C.B.E., D.S.O. (R.E.),
 Retired, M.E.I.C., M. Inst. T., Assoc. Inst.,
 C.E.

Lieut.-Col. W. K. Tucker, C.B.E., T.D.

Ex-Officio.

Lieut.-Col. D. P. Driscoll, C.M.G., D.S.O.

NAIROBI RURAL DISTRICT.

(a) Kyambu—

The District Commissioner, Kyambu.
 Col. F. W. Hallows, C.B., C.I.E.
 Capt. M. S. H. Montagu, M.C.
 Major C. Steele.
 Major C. M. Taylor.

(b) Fort Hall Thika—

The District Commissioner, Fort Hall.

The District Officer, Thika.
 Major C. M. Taylor, D.S.O., M.C.
 W. Earley.

Major F. G. M. Moxley, O.M.
 Major R. W. Moxley.

Col. G. S. S.
 Capt. J. D. Stumar.

(c) Embu—

The District Commissioner, Embu.

(d) Kitui—

The District Commissioner, Kitui.

(e) Machakos—

The District Commissioner, Machakos.

Major A. C. Hill, D.S.O.

Major F. H. D. Joyce, M.C.

Capt. W. H. S. Webber, M.C., D.S.O.

(f) Mombasa—

The District Commissioner, Kajjajo.

The District Commissioner, Narok.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 391.

THE DEFENCE FORCE ORDINANCE, 1927.

In accordance with the provisions of section 6 (d) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1927, His Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be District Commandants in the following Defence Force Districts:

Lieut.-Col. A. C. A. Thackwell, M.C., Trans Nzoia
Defence Force District.

Lieut.-Col. G. A. Swinton-Home, C.B., D.S.O., Uasin-
Gishu Defence Force District.

Brig.-Gen. A. C. Lewin, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C.,
Nyanza Defence Force District.

Brig.-Gen. G. C. Sladen, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.,
Nakuru Defence Force District.

Col. A. G. Arlathnot, C.M.G., D.S.O., Laikipia-Nyeri
Defence Force District.

Col. B. Paterson, C.B.E., Naivasha Defence Force
District.

Lieut.-Col. D. P. Driscoll, C.M.G., D.S.O., Nairobi
Town Defence Force District.

Lieut.-Col. C. G. Durham, D.S.O., Nairobi Rural
Defence Force District.

Capt. C. M. Boys-Hinderer, M.C., Coast Defence Force
District.

Lieut.-Col. G. East King, D.S.O. (to act for Lieut.-Col.
G. A. Swinton-Home while on leave).

Capt. W. Evans (to act for Brig.-Gen. A. C. Lewin
while on leave).

Col. G. C. Griffiths (to act for Brig.-Gen. G. C. Sladen
while on leave).

By Command of His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Nairobi,

This 10th day of June, 1929.

H. M.-M. MOORE,

Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 392

THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ORDINANCE.
(Chapter 21 of the Revised Edition)

NOTICE.

WHEREAS by instruments dated the 6th day of September, 1927, Captain F. V. Ward was appointed to be a Justice of the Peace for England in the Nyanza Province in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance.

And whereas it has been notified to me that Captain F. V. Ward is no longer resident in the Nyanza Province.

Now, therefore, I, Jacob Willmott Barth, Knight, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya, in pursuance of the provisions of the aforesaid section, do state that it is my pleasure that the aforesaid appointment shall from and after the date hereof cease and determine.

Given under my hand and the Official Seal at Nairobi this 8th day of June, 1929.

J. W. BARTH,

Acting Governor

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 393

THE IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION
ORDINANCE.

APPOINTMENT.

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon me by section 3 of the Immigration Restriction Ordinance (Chapter 92 of the Revised Edition), His Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment to take effect as from the 1st day of June, 1929:

To be District Officer, Mandera.

The Assistant Superintendent of the Marine and Harbour Police, Kisumu.

Government Notice No. 392 dated the 29th May 1929 is hereby cancelled accordingly.

By Command of His Excellency the Acting Governor.

NOTICE.

This Law Book is in force from 1st June 1929.

I. S. MERRICK,

Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 394

NON-LIQUORIAN CITIZENSHIP STATE
CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION.

THE following persons obtained a Pass at the Information Examination held in March 1929:

L. M. Taps, Public Works Department.

N. M. Patel, Audit Department.

The Secretariat

Nairobi.

16th June, 1929.

A. J. FIELD,

Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 395

NOTICE.

Reference Government Notice No. 192 of 1929. BERNARD ARTHUR CRISP reverts to his former position of Resident Magistrate with effect from 1st Aug. 1929.

GENERAL NOTICE NO. 751.

THE CROWN LANDS ORDINANCE.
(Chapter 140, Revised Laws of Kenya)

AUCTION SALE OF PLOTS AT KERICHO.

Tenders for Conducting Sale.

TENDERS are invited from Licensed Auctioneers for the conducting of the sale by auction of the plots referred to in General Notice No. 705.

2. The sale will be held at Kericho on Thursday the 11th July, 1929, at 10 a.m. in the Office of the District Commissioner.

3. All advertising will be effected by Government.

4. The successful tenderer will be required to furnish a bond or Bank guarantee before the date for the sum of Sh. 3,500.

5. Tenders should be submitted in sealed envelopes endorsed "Tender for Plot Auction, Kericho" and should be in the hands of the District Commissioner, Kericho, by noon on Wednesday the 3rd July.

6. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Nairobi,

14th June 1929.

W. M. LOGAN,

Acting Commissioner for Local Government,
Lands and Settlement.

GENERAL NOTICE NO. 754.

KENYA AND UGANDA RAILWAYS AND
HARBOURS.

NOTICE.

SALE OF LOST AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of section 29 of the Kenya and Uganda Railways Ordinance, 1927, a Sale of Lost and Unclaimed Property will be held at the Goods Shed, Nairobi, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 17th of July 1929.

A detailed list of articles to be sold may be seen on application at the Office of the Superintendent of the Line, Nairobi, the Divisional Superintendent, Kampala, and to the Station Masters, Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru, Eldoret, Tororo and Kisumu.

General Manager's Office.

Nairobi, 6th June, 1929.

G. D. RHODES,

Acting General Manager.

ORIGINAL decode of a telegram from the O. A. G. Kenya

Colonial
Dated 23 July 1928 Received in the Office at 10.35 a.m. on 23 July
Dominions

Decoded by J.C.G.
Decyphered

22 July No.212. My tel. 20 July No.211. Defence Force Ordce.

Have decided with advice of my Exec.Col. to exempt following under Sec.13 (2) of the Ordce. from compulsory service

- A. Ministers of religion who have undergone a ceremony of ordination in a recognised church. ^{B.} /Duly accredited members of missionary bodies except from liability to perform certain services of non-combatant nature under conditions accepted by Protestant and ~~CATHOLIC~~ Catholic leaders.
- C. Judges.
- D. Members of Exec.Col. & Legis.Col.
- E. Officers and N.C.O.'s of the K.A.R., Police, and Prisons
- F. Officers of K.A.R. Reserve of Officers
- G. Persons holding disability or wound pensions from Armed Forces of the Crown
- H. Persons discharged for misconduct from such Forces.
- I. ~~PROVINCIAL~~ Provincial and District Offrs. and Magistrates subject to certain conditions now under examn.
- J. Such persons as Gov. in Col. may exempt on conscientious grounds.]

I have apptd. Sub-Committee of the Exec.Col. to consider such applns.

As I desire to publish comprehensive list of exemptions and be glad to receive an early reply to my desp. 31 Aug. 1928

15298/28 No.477 and my desp. 20 May 1928 No.389. Request also Admy. be approached regarding the position of Royal Naval Reservists who may wish to enrol

Ag. Gov.

C.O. 533 / 385

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TELEGRAM from the O.A.G. of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Dated 20th July Received Colonial Office 11.20.a.m. 20th July, 1929.)

No. 211. 20th July. *nsd.*

Your telegram 17th July Defence Force Ordinance.

Extent of application of Ordinance to date as follows

(a) Commandant and Staff Officer appointed under Sections 3, 1 and 2 also Central Defence Committee under Sections 4, 1 and 3. (b) Defence Force Districts formed and local Defence Committees appointed under Sections 5 and 6, while action under Section 7 is now in train. (c) Draft Rules under Section 31 sub-sections (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (i), (l) and (n) are being drafted by Attorney General in conjunction with Staff Officer and understand will be submitted to me shortly. (d) Rifle ranges have been constructed in districts preparatory to training which it is proposed to carry out when the Rules mentioned have been formulated and approved. Regarding answer given in House of Commons on 12th November (a) questions of exemption under sections 13 (2) of Ordinance will be discussed with Executive Council to-morrow and I will telegraph you result as early as possible. These include position regarding Lay Missionaries and conscientious objectors. (b) in view of numbers enrolment now amounts to 5172 it is not intended to reconsider certain sections of the Ordinance as originally proposed. (c) no necessity has yet arisen to enforce penalty clause.

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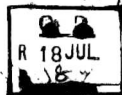
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