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FROM
CROWN AGENTS

CO533/363

Date
17 NOV 1926

1% RATE ON PASSAGES OF GOVT. OFFICIALS

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UNTIL

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Previous paper

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1) Crown Agents (minute) ----- 15th Novr. 1926.

Encloses copy letter from the Actg Treasurer of Kenya enquiring whether passages of wives should be included in the lists for rebates and enquires whether proposed reply meets with approval.

Mr Boore

Will you kindly put up alternative drafts as arranged?

Jeffries 24.11.26.

Mr. Jeffries.

An alternative draft in reply to the letter from Kenya is attached. If it is decided that this should go the draft to the other East African Dependencies will not be necessary.

Department,
Crown Agents,
9.12.26.

The point is this:- when the Govt. pays for the whole cost of a Union Castle passage, or for more than half the cost of a British India passage, a rebate of 15% can in the former case & of a varying percentage depending on the value of the total Govt. passage taken in the latter case can be claimed. By travelling by a lower class an officer can bring the cost of his own and his wife's passages within the Govt. allowance for which he is eligible, & it would be possible for ~~the cost of~~ his wife's passage as well as ~~the cost of~~ his own to be included in the claim.

for confidential rebate.

There is no doubt that the Govt. could obtain this rebate; the objection is that it would be necessary for the wife's passage to be booked by C.A. as a Govt. passage. This is a nuisance from which C.A. would be glad to be relieved, & it also involves a departure from the principle that we do not provide an officer with a passage for his wife, but give him financial assistance towards obtaining a passage for her himself. The number of cases in which the question would arise is so small that the financial gain to the Govt. would hardly be sufficient to justify making special arrangements to cover such cases.

I should prefer to negate the proposal, but I put up a third draft as an alternative to Mr Boose's second dft.

C. J. Jeffries
13.12.26.

J. D. Downie
14.12.26

Mr Downie

We discussed this with Mr Green, who considered that there were serious difficulties in the way of opposing any saving of money by a Colonial Govt. unless it could be shown either (a) that to include wives' passages in the Govt. list would be contrary to the spirit of the agreement, or that (b) the number of cases was in fact so small that the saving would not be worth the extra trouble involved.

We subsequently discussed with Mr Boose, who said that we could not rely on (a). As regards (b), he promised to try and get out some figures showing the number of cases which arose last year, but he later telephoned that this was impracticable. He also said that it was impracticable to make a list of the cases which would arise as the number of possible combinations is almost infinite! The

He is however confident that the number is very small.

best he could do was to supply
the attached statement showing
how the savings and grants work
out in the case of an officer and
his wife travelling in the same class.

I spoke to you on receipt of this
and you suggested that the best
thing would be to write to Kenya
mentioning the reasons why we
should prefer not to claim
rebate on wives' passages if no
substantial saving to the Govt.
would be realized, and
suggesting that statistics should
be kept for a year showing the
number of cases in which wives'
passages actually come within the
amount paid by the Govt. in
order that the matter may then
be further considered in the
light of the results obtained.

I think that this would
be a very satisfactory solution
of the difficulty. A copy of
the proposed despatch should go
to C.A. & the other E.A.
Dependencies, who should be

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be asked to keep similar statistics.

Jeffries
28/1/27

W.D. Downie 20/4/27

J. Allen 21/1/27

Mr Green

He discusses this & agrees
with you but it is ^{not} desirable as to
appear to get in the way of advice to
Secretary as to interview between a
Col. & their Parents, unless for some
very good reason.

I think the Mr Treasurer's
letter is more in the nature of an
enquiry than an instruction: I
hope the draft Law and a bill
meet your points. As regards details
to resume the Jeffries cases.

J. Allen

11/2/27

I am much obliged to Mr
Allen for the trouble he has taken
above

Received by
Mr Jeffries

2/6

Mr Green (3) 17/8
Govt ~~17/8~~ copy.

17 FEB 1927

(p. 10)

In Downie.
you would see.

? Now send copies of our despatch of
the Kenya Treasurer's letter to all
other S. A. Govts - Except Samaliland
LEF & copy of despatch only to
C.A. LEF.

Downie
19 2 27.

1912/27

at once

3 To Sec Kenya 25 MAR 1927 3pm

4 To C.A. (w/copy no 2) 2 MAR 1927 $\frac{B}{C}$

5 To Gov Uganda Govt (12)
6 To Gov Egypt (13)

7 B. Res. 26a;
8 S.Y. "

9 to the d.

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Acting Colonial Secretary, Nairobi, and begs to request that the Secretary of State's despatch numbered 149 of the 17th of February, regarding the arrangements for assisted passages in certain cases for wives or families of Government officials, may be placed in the Confidential series, and ~~the numbering cancelled.~~
to make conf(3)

DOWNING STREET,

25 February, 1927.

- Mr. Sel 242 p.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. E. J. Harding.
- Sir C. Strachey.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir S. Wilson.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Earl of Clarendon.
- Mr. Amery.

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the 17th of February,
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after speaking
15th Aug.

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put up to be made
Confidential. The
references altered
then resubmitted.

D.S. - Feb. 1927

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25 February, 1927.

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- Mr. Allen 14/2.37.
- Mr. Green 11/3
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- Mr. Amery.

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DOWNING STREET,

17 February, 1927.

Ans'd
17/3/27
27/5

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to

the letter addressed by the Acting

Treasurer to the Crown Agents for the

Colonies on the 8th October last No.O/P

362, in which he raises the question

whether the Government is entitled to

claim the confidential rebate incomes in

which the arrangements for assisted

passages for wives or families of officers

result in the Government actually paying

the whole cost of such passages.

2. As the matter is one which

affects the other E.African Dependencies,

the Crown Agents considered it necessary

to refer the matter to the Colonial Office

and, as it would appear from its terms

that the Acting Treasurer's letter was

merely intended as an enquiry as to the

possibility of sustaining such a claim,

I think it advisable to invite attention

DRAFT.

KENYA

NO.

O.A.G.

2 MAR 1927

Copy to C.A. - 2 MAR 1927
copy to Sir [unclear] (15)
copy to Sir [unclear] (15)

Recirculate for further action.

passages as Government passages,
in some cases not in others.

~~passage of the wife of an officer.~~

For these reasons and as cases contem-
plated in the ^{the} Acting Treasurer's
letter are probably relatively
infrequent, it is a matter for
consideration whether any saving to the
Government would outweigh the disad-
vantages in other directions, ~~including~~
~~the inconvenience which would arise~~
~~from regarding the wife of an officer~~
~~as a Government passenger in some cases~~
~~and not in others.~~ You are, no doubt,
in a position to satisfy yourself
and
on this point, in the event of your
deciding that the change is desirable,
you are, of course, at liberty to
give instructions to the Crown Agents
accordingly: but, as the matter is one
in which uniformity of practice would
appear desirable, I am sending a copy
of this despatch to the Governors of
the other East African Dependencies,
and, in the circumstances, you may
prefer

prefer to leave the final decision to
my discretion when I am in receipt of their
observations. In that case, I shall be glad
if you would furnish me with your views for
consideration at the same time.

I have, etc.

M.H.K.



M/S.A. 291.

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RECEIVED
25 JAN 1927
COL. OFFICE

Mr. Jeffries,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

With reference to your recent telephonic conversation with Mr. Boosé, (who is at present on sick leave), I enclose a list showing the allowance at present paid to an official in respect of the cost of his wife's passage to Mombasa or Dar-es-Salaam.

[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten signature]

"M" Department,
Crown Agents.
24.1.27.

MM.

BRITISH INDIA LINE.

Mombasa, Tanga,
or Zanzibar.

First class official
travelling:-

(a) (b)
Schedule fare.
Single. R.T. basis.

2
(a) (b)
Government Grant & saving.
Single. R.T. basis.

3
(a) (b)
Present cost of
wife's passage to
official (i.e. net fare)
Single. R.T. basis.

| | £. | £. s. d | £ | £. s. d | £. s. | £. s. d |
|--------------------------|----|----------|----|----------|--------|----------|
| 1.B | 80 | 72. 0. 0 | 40 | 40. 0. 0 | 72 | 64.16. 0 |
| 1.C | 70 | 63. 0. 0 | 50 | 49. 0. 0 | 63 | 56.14. 0 |
| 1.D | 65 | 58.10. 0 | 55 | 53.10. 0 | 58.10. | 52.13. 0 |
| 2nd | 55 | 49.10. 0 | 65 | 62.10. 0 | 49.10. | 44.11. 0 |
| <u>To Dar-es-Salaam.</u> | | | | | | |
| 1.B | 83 | 74.14. 0 | 42 | 42. 0. 0 | 74.14. | 67. 4. 7 |
| 1.C | 73 | 65.14. 0 | 52 | 51. 0. 0 | 65.14. | 59. 2. 7 |
| 1.D | 68 | 61. 4. 0 | 57 | 55.10. 0 | 61. 4. | 55. 1. 7 |
| 2nd | 57 | 51. 6. 0 | 68 | 65. 8. 0 | 51. 6. | 46. 3. 5 |

UNION CASTLE LINE.

To Mombasa, Tanga
or Zanzibar.

First class official
travelling:-

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----------|----|----------|--------|----------|
| B.3 - 1st | 87 | 78. 6. 0 | 40 | 40. 0. 0 | 78. 6 | 70. 9. 5 |
| B.4 | 70 | 63. 0. 0 | 57 | 55. 6. 0 | 63. | 56.14. 0 |
| B.5 - 2nd | 62 | 55.16. 0 | 65 | 62.10. 0 | 55.16. | 50. 4. 5 |
| B.6 | 57 | 51. 6. 0 | 70 | 67. 0. 0 | 51. 6. | 46. 3. 5 |
| G.3 - 3rd | 36 | 32. 8. 0 | 91 | 85.18. 0 | 32. 8. | 29. 3. 2 |

Second class official
travelling:-

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----------|----|----------|--------|----------|
| B.5 - 2nd | 62 | 55.16. 0 | 30 | 30. 0. 0 | 55.16. | 50. 4. 5 |
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To Dar-es-Salaam.

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| B.4 | 73 | 65.14. 0 | 59 | 57. 6. 0 | 65.14. | 59. 2. 7 |
| B.5 - 2nd | 64 | 57.12. 0 | 68 | 65. 8. 0 | 57.12. | 51.16.10 |
| B.6 | 59 | 53. 2. 0 | 73 | 69.18. 0 | 53. 2. | 47.15.10 |
| G.3 - 3rd | 37 | 33. 6. 0 | 95 | 89.14. 0 | 33. 6. | 29.19. 5 |

Second class official
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Government pays whole cost of wife's passage - when
~~separate~~ officer and wife travel together by same
 class and amount in column 2 (a) or (b) exceeds
 corresponding figure in column 3 (a) or (b).

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~~responsible~~ officer and wife travel together by same
class and amount in column 2 (a), or (b), exceeds
corresponding figure in column 3 (a), or (b).

3rd Draft

The Treasurer
Trarobis

Sir, I have to ack. the receipt of your letter O.P. 362 of the 8th of October in which you suggest that, when the amount available ~~for~~ ^{for} the cost of an officer's passage ~~is not~~ plus the family passage allowance is sufficient to cover the cost of his wife's passage as well as his own, the former passage should be included as a Govt. passage in the claims made to the Shipping Companies for ^{the} confidential rebate:

It is possible that a claim made in such cases could be upheld, but after careful consideration & after consultation with the C.O., we are of opinion that, as the number of cases in which the question would arise is so small the saving to the Govt. would hardly be sufficient to justify a departure in these cases from the principle that the Govt. does not provide

an officer with ~~at~~ a passage for his wife, but gives him financial assistance towards obtaining a passage for her himself.

Apart from the question of principle, the adoption of the suggestion would involve a considerable amount of inconvenience from our point of view, as there would be two entirely different systems of arranging for wives' passages going on side by side. This would mean extra work for our staff, and there would be some risk of confusion. Further, it would be difficult to explain to officers why the special arrangements were made in some cases & not in others without reference to the confidential agreement.

For these reasons we consider it inexpedient to depart from the present practice under which it is left to the officer himself to book and pay for his family's passages and to benefit by the rebate allowed to him as a land servant by the Companies.

The Treasurer,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter D.P.362 of the 8th October respecting the proposal that passages for wives of Government officials should, in certain circumstances, be booked under the terms of the Confidential Rebate Agreement, and to inform you that this matter has received careful consideration and ^{reference} after ~~referring to~~ the Colonial Office it has been decided that the cost of a passage for the wife of an official cannot be considered as coming within the terms of the Confidential Rebate Agreement.

The assistance given under the families' passage scheme is treated entirely as an allowance, and is not regarded as having any direct bearing upon the cost of a passage. ~~and as~~

The number of cases in which the allowance plus any saving effected on the cost of an officer's passage covers the full cost of a wife's passage, are ^{so} however, few ~~and~~ ^{it is considered, in order} to obviate the possibility of

confusion

Under the term of the Confidential Agreement it is

to be
~~considered~~ inexpedient to depart from the present

practice.

[Signature]
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- 2 MAR 1927

M/S.A. 275.

X.F. 7786
17 NOV 1926

CONFIDENTIAL.

East Africa Department,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

*Kenya copy (2)
Kenya (3)
Ed 2 Nov.
H Road.*

to Gov

copy 1st end

We attach a copy of a letter which we have received from the Treasurer, Kenya. We propose to reply to Kenya and to inform the other East African Colonies and Dependencies as shown in the attached drafts and we shall be glad to hear whether you agree.

EB

Ed
"M" Department,
Crown Agents.
15.11.26.

The Treasury,
Nairobi, Kenya.

P.O. Box No. 591.

No. O.P.362/ 8th October 1926.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the arrangement under which the Union Castle and British India Steamship Companies allow a confidential rebate of 15% on passages for which this Government pays the full cost, I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that, in certain circumstances, it would appear that the passages of wives of officials should be included in the lists for this rebate.

2. In the case of first class passages Government is liable for the cost of one passage and a payment of £40 towards the passage of a married officer's wife. If the total cost of the passages booked for the officer and his wife does not exceed the cost of one 1st class passage plus £40, Government is actually paying the whole cost of both passages, and it would seem that the rebate could equitably be claimed on both passages.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) ?

for ACTING TREASURER.

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
4, MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1.

CONFIDENTIAL

The Treasurer,
Nairobi,
KENYA COLONY

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. D.P.362 of the 8th. of October, respecting the proposal that passages for wives of Government officials should, in certain circumstances, be booked under the terms of the Confidential Rebate agreement, and to inform you that we agree with your contention that a rebate is allowable on the cost of the passages of both an official and his wife, when the total cost does not exceed the cost of the official's passage at the rate to which he is entitled, plus the amount of the allowance due.

In future, therefore, we propose, in such cases, to book both passages, instead of leaving the booking of his wife's passage to be completed by the official concerned, and to claim rebate under the Confidential Agreement on the cost of both passages.

E.P.
15/11/26

3 DRAFTS.

The Treasurer,
Entebbe,
UGANDA.

The Chief Secretary,
Dar-es-Salaam,
TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.

The General Manager,
Kenya & Uganda Railway,
Nairobi,
KENYA.

The Treasurer,
ZANZIBAR.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

With reference to the Confidential Rebate arrangements with the Union Castle and the British India Steamship Companies, I have the honour to inform you that our attention has been called to the fact that, in certain circumstances, it would appear that rebate should be allowed on the cost of the passages of an official's family.

It is pointed out that the saving effected by an official travelling at a lower rate than that to which he is entitled, plus the usual allowance, may exceed the cost of his family's passages and that, in such cases, the Government is actually paying the whole cost.

We agree with this contention, and in future propose, whenever these circumstances arise, to book the passages ourselves instead of leaving the official concerned to do so and to claim rebate on the total cost.

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15/11/26