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Date
2nd MAY 1924.

Jeffries
Secretary

- (a) BUILDING INSPECTOR AND TOWN CLERK, MOMBASA.
- (b) OVERSEER, MOMBASA.

(a) Recommends Mr H.O. Jones be advanced to existing maximum (£200) as from 1st January in view of combined duties.

(b) Recommends retention of former Market Master, M.F.A. MacNab, on existing scale of £200-215-230 with designation of Overseer.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

see [unclear] (Base)

This is to report [unclear] proposed
 £ 1897, [unclear] with the [unclear].
 I regret the delay which is chiefly due
 to the slowness of the paper mill.

These new proposals are [unclear]
 explained. They involve a [unclear]
 of £19 less than [unclear] in 1923
 of £148 less than [unclear] provided
 for in the draft estimate for 1924.

Approved by
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The history of this is as follows:
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(1) On 1869/72 the Mayor recommended the creation of three posts in 1865 & approval was given for their being inserted for constant in the Est..

(2) When the Est. were received it was decided to disallow the post for financial reasons, it was pointed out that the cost would practically eat up the estimated increase in number - municipal elections, & that in any case no explanation would be required of the provision of £525 for the Town Clerk (minimum salary £200).

(3) - 1877/78 the Gov. proposed a further look in reply to these criticisms.

What is now proposed is that

(a) the Building Inspector (whose post was retained in the Est.) should perform the duties of Town Clerk & have a fixed salary of £500 (he is at present drawing £400 or £460 in the scale £400 by £100)

(b) the Market Master (his post being deleted from the Est.) shall be retained at his existing scale (£110 - 150) but called "overseer"

(c) and make a general provision for the Town

where

the following clause is inserted in the Est. -

The Gov. is approved & proposed to be inserted in the Est. -



2nd May, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you regarding the posts contemplated under Inland Revenue and Conservancy, Mombasa, in the light of the comments submitted under cover of Colonial Office despatch No. 122 of the 23rd January last in connexion with the 1924 Estimate (Items A and B page 50).

I have to state that prior to your decision to disallow the two new appointments of Town Clerk and Municipal Revenue Collector, the letter of the commencement of the Town Planning scheme enacted a re-allocation of posts to be agreed upon locally. The revised proposals contemplated a continuation of the duties of Building Inspector and Town Clerk by the present holder of the first named appointment, Mr. J. O. Jones, B.A., on the extended grade of £400-£50-£600 per annum, and the retention of the services of the former Market Master, Mr. A. MacLachlan, at his existing scale of emoluments (£250-£15-£350 per annum) with the designation of Overseer.

The duties allotted to the two posts are as under:-

A. JONES, CLERK.

HONOURABLE W.
 THOMAS, F.C.
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
 DOWNING STREET,
 LONDON, S. W.



2nd May, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you regarding the posts contemplated under Inland Revenue and Conservancy, Mombasa, in the light of the comments submitted under cover of Colonial Office despatch No. 21 of the 23rd January last in connexion with the 1924 Estimates (Items 4a and b page 50).

2. I have to state that prior to your decision to disallow the two new appointments of Town Clerk and Municipal Revenue Collector, the delay in the commencement of the Town Planning Scheme enabled a re-allocation of posts to be agreed upon locally. The revised proposals contemplated a continuation of the duties of Building Inspector and Town Clerk by the present holder of the first named appointment, Mr. H. Jones, M.C., on the extended grade of £400-£20-£600 per annum, and the retention of the services of the former Market Master, Mr. A. MacNab, at his existing scale of emoluments (£250-£15-£350 per annum) with the designation of Overseer.

3. The duties allotted to the two posts are as under:-

A. Town Clerk.

RIGHT HONOURABLE
J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

A. Town Clerk.

- (1) Supervision of Municipal Revenue collection.
issue of all Municipal Licences (about 40 are in use.)
Inspection of Vehicles and licensing of same.
Supervision of markets, places of entertainment, cemeteries, etc.
- (2) The preparation of annual assessment for rating.
- (3) The registration and examination of plans and applications for buildings.
- (4) When the Town Planning scheme is initiated a large amount of the preliminary negotiations with landowners, etc., will be carried out by the Town Clerk although the Authority for decision is the Resident Commissioner.
- (5) The supervision of the erection of permanent buildings.

The supervision of the Government Quarry, checking of output and collection of royalties. These duties are personal to Mr. Jones.

B. Overseer.

- (1) Inspection of Native Hut Building.
- (2) Inspection of Street Lighting.
- (3) Supervision of European Funerals.
- (4) General assistance of Town Clerk.

4. In view of the retention of the maximum of £500 per annum for the post of Superintendent of Suburban Areas in the Nairobi District Head VII Item 92 I am not prepared at present to press for the extension of the grade for the Building Inspector and Town Clerk at Mombasa to £600. Some additional remuneration is however necessary in view of the further duties and responsibilities assumed by Mr. Jones in his dual capacity and I

strongly

strongly recommend that as a special case he should be advanced to his existing maximum of £500 as from the 1st January last.

5. I have agreed to the reallocation noted in paragraph 3 as from the 1st January, 1924, pending your further consideration of these items, and I trust that I shall receive in due course your approval of these recommendations.

6. The effect of these recommendations will be an expenditure of £890 under this Head for 1924 as against provision of £1636 as provided for in the Estimates as furnished to you and of £909 in 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

R. Thompson

G O V E R N O R .

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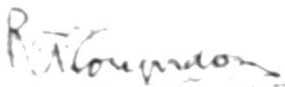
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6. The effect of these recommendations will be an expenditure of £890 under this Head for 1924 as against provision of £1638 as provided for in the Estimates as furnished to you and of £909 in 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Yours,

Your most obedient, humble servant,



G O V E R N O R.

Post Office Box 1000

Downing Street, 530

1 July 1924

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Sir,

I have etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 554 of the 2nd of May and to inform you that I approve ^{the same} your recommendations ~~made therein~~ with regard to the appointment of Building Inspector and Town Clerk, Nombass, and Overseer, Kumbaw.

I have etc..

(Signed) J. H. THOMAS

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NOTE

Mr. Jewell 6.24.

Mr. Jeffries 29/6

Mr.

Mr C. Davis

Mr G. (Smith)

Mr H. (Smith)

Mr J. (Mantel Smith)

Mr Smith

Mr Thomas

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see the files
(for 1924)