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JUBALAND BOUNDARY COMMISSION.
ESTIMATES, 1925/26 and 1926, 27.

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M. S. ...

Submits, with comments. States as to invaluable services of Captain Erskine and seeks sanction to emoluments for his post as Political Officer, as a charge against Imperial Funds.

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Previous Paper

MINUTES

... two Estimates, ... for ... we estimate ... officer, ... For the full year 1925-26 the gross figure of £2,305 ... the Kenya liability for local personnel.

Included in the Imperial Estimate will be ... of Capt. Erskine, serving as political officer and interpreter in Jubaland. The question of this officer's employment was ... Governor's despatch of ... decision has been reserved ... should remain ...

Captain Erskine is no longer in the employment

31 DEC 1925
49718
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1307 x 6 for 31 Dec '25
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And. (w/ copy above and copies estimates within)
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Subsequent Paper

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of Kenya and therefore it would not appear that his salary and expenses should be borne by the Colony. In 1906 the Acting Governor suggested for consideration that the pay of the wireless operator, as well as all additional allowances should be an Imperial liability. I am not so sure that there is good ground in this case as in that of the Political Officer. It must of course be remembered that Kenya deserves every consideration as the Boundary Commission is the result of the Treaty made by the Imperial Government for settling the limits of its territory without, possibly, the consent of the local authorities. It is a matter of some little like the standard. It is a matter of some little like the standard. It is a matter of some little like the standard.

Colonel King's estimate for 1926-27 was found in his report on the allowances of British personnel in the country, and there is a clear error of £60 for £63 under Local Transport, pay and food for asses. Nothing was included by him for our insurance liability in respect of the non-commissioned officers.

An estimate has been compiled here under the proper classification, partly from Colonel King's data as well as from our own records. The figure for the current year amounts to £12,000 which is £6,000 in excess of the provision on the Estimates. For 1926-27 the figure we reach is £15,500 as against a sum of £13,500 included provisionally in the draft Colonial Services Estimate. That figure, however, as will be seen from Mr. Seal's minute on 45008

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We are not in a position here to offer much criticism on the items classified under Stores and Local Transport, in the latter there may have been considerable rounding and possibly also in the amount included under Miscellaneous for postage and telegrams. Having regard, however, to former boundary commissions in Africa, the amounts of £12,000 and £15,000 do not strike me as excessive. The two amounts do not represent all the expenditure as I see that the Commission is not expected to finish its work before the summer of 1927, after which, I suppose, there will be leave for the personnel.

If you agree that Captain Erskine's pay, etc. should be allowed for in the Boundary Commission Subhead and that Kenya must pay for Mr. Hope, the K.A.R. escort and the wireless operator, the draft Estimates prepared by us can be put to the Treasury with a recommendation for the inclusion of £17,500 for next year and an explanation that so far as concerns the additional £6,000 required for this year, the Secretary of State is not yet in a position to say how much of it, if any, it may be possible to find from savings on other subjects under the Colonial Services Vote.

to Treasury accordingly.

M J Drayson
16/11/25

*A no classing as I had
apprehended that my Lord would have
a collective apology
He thought I was saying that
they would all depend on the work,
but they are not all on money.
I thought and I think...*

has the amount charged for W. H. H. H.

to wireless man, & the cost, only

the wireless man, & the cost, only
the wireless man, & the cost, only

the wireless man, & the cost, only

the wireless man, & the cost, only

W. H. H. H.

16.11.25

W. H. H. H. - Degree. 24.11.25

at home

bear the sound charges for the letter,
the wireless man, & the cost, only
the wireless man, & the cost, only
the wireless man, & the cost, only
bear the full cost of the letter,
& including my cost of replacement.

W. H. H. H.
16. 11. 25

W. H. H. H. - 16. 11. 25
1. 2. 3.

c/o G.P.O., Nairobi,

16th October, 1925. 7 NOV 25

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith my estimates of the cost of the Jubaland Boundary Commission for the years 1925/26 and 1926/27, the former estimate replacing that forwarded with my despatch of Aug. 24th. These estimates are in qualification of my figures in cablegram No. 457 of Oct. 10th addressed to you by the Governor of Kenya Colony, and in apportioning the responsibility as between the Imperial Government and the Colony, I have been guided by your despatch No. 604 of July 2nd, a copy of which was forwarded to me.

2. I have included in the estimate for 1925/26 expenses incidental to the cession of Jubaland and to the subsequent activities of the Political Commission.
3. At my request Capt Erskine was detailed to assist me as interpreter in Italian, and as it appeared to me that his experience of Jubaland made him eminently suitable for the post of Political Officer to the Boundary Commission, I applied for his services in this capacity and my request was granted. I now find that this officer is no longer a servant of the Colony, and that no other Political Officer could be spared to assist me. I have therefore computed what I consider to be a salary commensurate with the value of this officer to me, and have included it in my estimates as a charge against Imperial funds. I propose to offer these terms to Capt. Erskine pending your sanction, and trust that you will recognise such payments as I may make to him in anticipation of your instructions. I should add that Capt. Erskine's services have proved invaluable to me, as he has a complete knowledge of the local political situation and has had considerable experience of the regulation of camel transport and water supply.

4. I regret that the estimates for Local Transport should be so heavy. My base at Wajir is distant 450 miles from Nairobi, and I have been compelled to use hired motor transport for the movement of heavy stores and supplies, as all available ox-transport was already engaged in connection with the change of administration in the Northern Frontier Province. I will make every endeavour to effect a saving on my figure for transport in 1926/27.

5. I anticipate that towards the end of 1926 I shall have completed all the work possible from Wajir base, and I will then change my base to Kiunga, near Dick's Head.

I have made provision in my estimate for this movement.

6. In collaboration with Lt. Col. Dotto, I anticipate that the work of boundary survey and demarcation should be completed in the early summer of 1927.

7. A copy of this despatch and of my estimates have been passed to the Local Administration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. N. King

Lt. Col., F. I.,

Senior British Commissioner

Jubaland Boundary Commission

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office.

ESTIMATES AGAINST IMPERIAL FUNDS. (1925-26).

(Including Steamer Passages and T.C.O.'s Rations but excluding other Payments made in U.K.)

Item.

Amount.

1. IMPERIAL PERSONNEL.

Lt.Col. King.

£. s. d.

Pay 18.4.25 - 31.3.26. 1000. 10. 0 ✓

Lodging & Furniture (same period) 113. 2. 0 ✓

Fuel & Light, 18.4.25, - 31. 5.25 @ 5/11. 6. 16. 4

" 1.6.25, - 30.9.25. @ 1/11. 11. 15. 10

" 1.10.25 - 31.3.26. @ 3/11. 35. 12. 10

*lower rates
is from
dep.*

Consolidated Allowance,

18.4.25 - 15.5.25 @ £1 28. 0. 0 ✓

16.5.25 - 31.3.26 @ £2 640. 0. 0 ✓

is from 18 April

1855. 15. 0. say £1836.0.0

Capt. Clifford.

Pay. 14.8.25 - 31.3.26. 287. 10. 0

Lodging and Furniture (same period) 74. 15. 0

Fuel & Light, 14.8.25 - 30.9.25 @ 1/11 4. 14. 0

" 1.10.25 - 31.3.26 @ 3/11 35. 12. 10

Consolidated Allowance,

14.8.25 - 2.9.25 @ 15/- 15. 0. 0

3.10.25 - 31.3.26 @ 30/- 315. 0. 0

732. 11. 10 say £ 733.0.0

Sergt. Foster.

Pay. 18.4.25 - 31.3.26 @ 22/6 391. 10. 0 say £ 391.0.0

Sgt. Higson.

Pay 7.8.25 - 31.3.26 @ 21/- 240. 17. 0 say £ 240.0.0

Item.

Amount.

61

Cpl. Kellecher.

£. s. d.

Pay, 7.8.25 - 31.3.26 @ 21/-

248. 17. 0. say £ 249.

Benefits.

2 Officers and 3 N.C.Os.

£ 200.

Passages to Africa.

2 Officers @ £85, 3 N.C.Os. @ £55.

£ 385.

Rail Fares In England £80.

Subsistence N.C.Os.

Sergt. Foster, 16.5.25 - 31.3.26 @ 10/-

160. 0. 0

Cpl. Higson, 3. 9.25, 31.3.26 @ 10/-

105. 0. 0 ✓

Cpl. Kellecher 3.9.25 - 31.3.26 @ 10/-

105. 0. 0 ✓

370. 0. 0 £ 370.LOCAL SUBORDINATE STAFF.

Pay of 2 Interpreters for 8 months @ £6.14.

107. 4. 0 ✓

Pay of 8 special Somali Orderlies for 8 months

@ 30/-

96. 0. 0 ✓

Food for above Interpreters and 8 Orderlies

80. 0. 0 ✓

Pay for 30 Labourers for 8 months @ 28/-

500. 0. 0 ✓

Food for above Labourers

120. 0. 0

✓ 703. 4. 0 say £ 703

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LOCAL TRANSPORT.

Transport of Stores, Nairobi to Wajir

2000. 0. 0 ✓

" Personnel, " " "

5000. 0. 0 ✓

Hire of Camels for Military Escort

245. 0. 0 ✓

Purchase of 200 Camels

1000. 0. 0 ✓

Pay & Food for 7 Syces, 8 months @ 39/-

630. 0. 0 X

Purchase of 8 Mules

121. 0. 0 ✓

Saddlery & Mule Furniture

70. 0. 0 ✓

Hire of Temporary Mule Syces

11. 0. 0 ✓

Mule Rations, 8 months

40. 0. 0 ✓

Item.	£.	Amount
Railway charges, Passengers,	4437 30. ✓	
" " Goods	100 ✓	62
Steamer Transport, Mombasa to Kisumu.	82. ✓	
River " " Kisumu to Serenli	75. ✓	
Land " " " " "	87. ✓	114
Accidental at Mombasa, Nairobi and Kisumu	100. ✓	
Storage at Mombasa	5. ✓	
	£ 4826. ✓	£ 4826

ISCELLANEOUS.

Ration Bags.	240 ✓
Tarpaulins,	18. ✓
Chagula,	23. ✓
Tanks,	18. ✓
Locking, Pots	10. ✓
Cement,	21. ✓
Oil for Camp Lamps,	7. ✓
Porters' Tents,	85. ✓
Waterbottles,	15. ✓
Haversacks,	6. ✓
Blankets,	10. ✓
Khaki Shorts,	9. ✓
" Shirts,	20. ✓
Wireless Mast,	3. ✓
Alterations to Uniform.	2. ✓
Stationary Boxes,	11. ✓
Small Stores,	50. ✓
Tools,	100. ✓
Explosives,	25. ✓
Camp Lamps,	7. ✓
Medicines,	50. ✓
Spare Tents,	50. ✓

Items.

Amount.

Postage, Telegrams,
Clerking,

75
200.

63

10. Sales

985 ✓

£ 985.

LOCAL PERSONNEL.

X C 88

477

Mr. Hope.

Travelling Allowance, 27.8.25 -

31.10.25 @ 15/-

say £ 465.

Capt. Erskine.

Consolidated pay 1.7.25 - 31.3.26.

@ £700

525 ✓

Outfit allowance

40

565 ✓

£ 565.

M.A.R. Escort.

Rations for Platoon 27.9.25 -

31.3.26 @ 1/-

say

£ 353.

Mr A Kane (Wireless Operator).

Period 12.10.25 - 31.3.26

X Travelling Allowance @ 8/- ✓

£ 24. 0. 0 ✓

X Special Allowance @ £ 55 ✓

55. 0. 0 ✓

24. 0. 0 say

£ 24

TOTAL £1193 ✓

* K 519/26 £ 57

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JUBA LAND BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

ESTIMATES AGAINST KENYA FUNDS. (1925 - 26).

LOCAL PERSONNEL.

Mr. Hope.

Pay 29.6.25 - 31.10.25

377

Lt. K.A.R. Escort.

Pay 27.9.25. - 31.3.26

say 445

Mr. A.Kane. (Wireless Operator)

Pay 12.10.25 - 31.3.26

225

TOTAL - 6 1577

ESTIMATES AGAINST IMPERIALS FUNDS (1928-27)

(Full Year in Africa, inclusive of all Payments in S.K.)

Item.	Amount.
IMPERIAL PERSONAL.	
<u>Lt. Col. King.</u>	£ s d.
Pay	1049. 7. 6
Lodging & Furniture @ 6/6	118. 12. 36 ✓
Fuel & Light 1.4.26 - 31.5.26 @ 5/11	11. 18. 11
" " 1.6.26 - 30.9.26 @ 1/11	11. 13. 10 <i>revised rates</i>
" " 1.10.26 - 31.3.27 @ 5/11	35. 12. 10
Consolidated Allowance @ £2	<u>730. 0. 0</u> ✓
	1957. 5. 7 say £ 1957.
<u>Capt Clifford.</u>	
Pay	456. 5. 0 ✓
Lodging & Furniture @ 6/6	118. 12. 6 ✓
Fuel & Light (as for Lt. Col. King)	59. 5. 7 <i>revised rates</i>
Consolidated Allowance @ 30/-	<u>547. 10. 0</u> <i>revised rates</i>
	1181. 15. 1 say £ 1182.
<u>Serjt Foster.</u>	
Pay @ 22/6	410. 12. 6 ✓ say £ 411.
<u>Cpl. Higson.</u>	
Pay @ 21/-	383. 5. 0 ✓ say £ 383
<u>Cpl. Kelleher.</u>	
Pay @ 21/-	383. 5. 0 ✓ say £ 383
<u>Outfit Replacements.</u>	say £ 100
<u>Subsistence, N.C.Os.</u>	
£ N.C.Os. @ 10/-	say £ 548
LOCAL SUBORDINATE STAFF.	
2. Interpreters @ £8.14.0	140. 16. 0
8 Special Somalis @ 30/-	144. 0. 0
	284. 16. 0

Items

Amount

Items	£. s. d.	Amount
Food for 2 Interpreters, 8 orderlies @ £1	✓ 304 16. 0	66
	120. 0. 0	
Pay of 30 Labourers @ 25/-	✓ 450. 0. 0	
Food for above @ 10/-	✓ 100. 0. 0	
	✓ 1054. 16. 0 say	£ 1055

LOCAL TRANSPORT.

Transport of Stores, Nairobi to Wairir	£ 5000	✓
Change of Base to Sea	1000	✓
Hire of Camels 7 Escort	570	✓
Purchase of Camels	300	✓
Lyces for Camels	1250	✓
Wale Replacements	50	✓
Bedlery	30	✓
Wale Rations	80	✓
Railway Charges	250	✓
Local Transport (Steamer)	250	✓
Hire of Dhows	100	✓
	<u>6830</u>	
		£ 6830

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ration Bags	150	✓
Parapaulins	15	✓
Chargals	50	✓
Panks	15	✓
Cooking Pots	20	✓
Cement	50	✓
Oil for Camp Lampe	20	✓
Porters Tents	30	✓
Waterbottles	5	✓
Haversacks	5	✓
Blankets	10	✓
Khaki Shorts	10	✓
" Shirts	30	✓
Small Stores	100	✓
Tools	75	✓
Explosives	25	✓

Item.	£.	Amount.
Camp Lamps	15 ✓	67
Medicines	100 ✕	
Replacements, Tents	50 ✓	
Postage	100 ✕	
Wireless Stores	100 ✓	
	£ 965	£ 965

LOCAL PERSONNEL.

<u>Capt E-skine</u>		
Pay		500
<u>Mr A Kane</u>		
Travelling Allowance @ 8/-	✓ 148	
Special Allowance	✓ 55 *	
	/ 201	£ 201

K.A.R. Escort.

Platoon Rations		£ 458
		TOTAL £ 1517

* £120 £ K 5/19/26

SUBALAND BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

ESTIMATES AGAINST KENYA FUNDS. (1926 - 27).

68

Full Year.

LOCAL PERSONNEL.

Lt. K.A.R. Escort.

Pay.

£ 845.

K.A.R. Escort.

Pay of Platoon

£ 30.

Mr. A. Kane.

Pay

£

TOTAL

£ 2385

SUBALAND BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

ESTIMATES AGAINST KENYA FUNDS. (1926 & 27).

68

Full Year.

LOCAL PERSONNEL.

Lt. K.A.R. Escort.

Pay. £ 645.

K.A.R. Escort.

Pay of Platoon £ 1280.

Mr. A. Kane.

Pay £ 480.

TOTAL £ 2385

draft 5/11
Anglo-Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission

Estimate of the probable cost of the British
Section of the Commission in the financial
ending 31st March, 1926.

Estimate of all probable
in de Financial

the British section of the Commission
31 March, 1926.

Pay and allowances.

Appointed by	Commenced by	Daily rates	Special allowances	Special allowances	Special allowances	Special allowances	Special allowances
British Commissioner							
Assistant Colonel							
Major							
Assistant British Commissioner							
Major							
Major							

Actual daily rates	Total	Remarks
P. S. d.	P. S. d.	
21 August 1925		
5 7 11		From 18 April, 1925, 25 days outside Africa
5 5 10		120 days in Africa
4 4 10	1837 0 0	[Many letters, 15, 30 April 1925 S 2563]
5 10		
3 August 1925		
3 10 5	856 0 0	From 18 July, 1925 (Many letters S 25637 of July)
3 8 5		16 September 1925, 48 days outside
3 10 4		209 days in Africa.
3 8 4		

Topographers.

Lieutenant Colonel							
Major							
Major							

1 2 6	392 0 0	From 18 April, 1925. (Many letters 15 April 1925)
1 1 0	249 0 0	From 7 August, 1925. 17 June, 1925
1 1 0	249 0 0	From 7 August, 1925. 20 July 1925. S 25637
	525 0 0	

Political Officer.

Captain							
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26 0 0, From 12 October, 1925. Salary at £400 per annum large liability.

Special allowance to

Special allowance to							
Special allowance to							
Special allowance to							

714 0 0
48 40

Special subordinate staff.

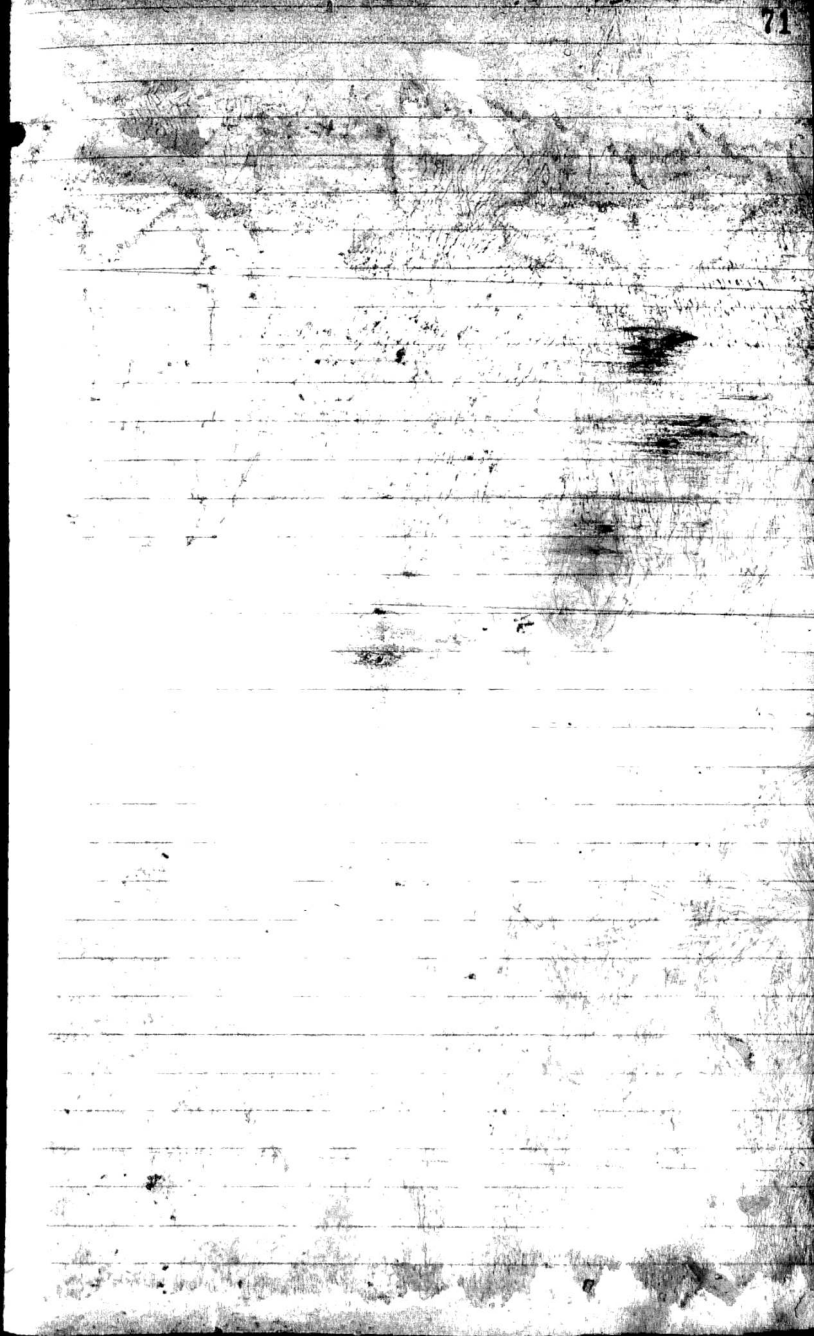
Special subordinate staff							
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Outfit

Two officers, one Political Officer and three non-commissioned officers. Special allowance for one at £50 and £1 and £1.5 for three non-commissioned officers.

5. Date paid by War Office and received from... (Many letters 15 April 25 S 2563)

240 0 0
525 0 0



3. Subsistence

Full maintenance of three non-commissioned officers of Royal Engineers (tobacco and alcoholic beverages excluded).

4. Ocean passage

Two officers and three non-commissioned officers of Royal Engineers first class passages to Africa, ~~1st class~~ and three second class passages and ~~first class~~ rail fares in United Kingdom, £30.

5. Stores

Camp equipment (£830); scientific instruments and technical wireless apparatus (£90), chronometer (£50), technical tools (£100), medical stores (£50) miscellaneous stores (£100)

6. Local transport

Transport of stores (£2,100), transport of personnel (£480) and other transport including cost of purchase of camels and maintenance of porters etc. (£1,570); travelling allowance for members of the commission (£95) and wireless telegraph ~~cost~~ other expenses (£100).

7. Miscellaneous

including postage and telegrams, ~~insurance (Health, Life, Property)~~ ~~flight non-stop~~, ~~...~~

5091

72

370.0.0

163.0.0

Wireless Apparatus - Manning ~~(£2637)~~ ~~(£461.12.5)~~

1334.0.0

Salary of Sir Robert Nixon of Commissioner, ~~...~~ Employment under 31 October 25

4,418.0.0

(pay) 431.0.0

£ 12,064.0.0

Colonial Office }
November 1925

Anglo - Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission

Estimate of the probable cost of the British
section of the Commission in the financial
year ending 31 March 1927

Ceylon - Island) Ceylon) Commissioner

Estimate of the cost of the British Section of the Commission
in the Island ending 31 March, 1927.

1. Pay and allowances.

	General pay	Special pay	Gratuity	Subsistence allowance	Medical allowance	Domestic allowance
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Senior British Commissioner.						
Lieutenant Colonel F. A. J.				Outside office 1 0 0 ✓		
King, C.B.E., R.E.	2 4 10	16 8	6 8	2 5 0 ✓	4 6	
Assistant British Commissioner,				Outside office 14 6 ✓		
Captain C. M. Gifford, R.E.	1 2 2		2 10	1 15 0 ✓	4 6	

Medical Staff	Total
5-7-10	
5-5-10	1,956. ✓
5-10-4	
3-8-4	1,272. ✓

3. Topographers.

Sergeant G. A. P. Foster						
Captain L. J. Higney						
Captain J. K. White						

1 2 6 ✓	4 11 ✓
1 1 0 ✓	3 8 4 ✓
1 1 0 ✓	3 8 4 ✓

Political Office

Captain C. A. B. ...						
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700. ✓

Special allowance

Wires telegraph ...						
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Salary at £ 480 per annum.
55. ✓
Kaya liability.

Local subordinate staff.

pay and subsistence.						
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1,055. ✓

national Indian contributions in respect of their non commissioned officers.

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2. Outfit

the replacement of kit for their non commissioned officers.

100. ✓

3. Subsistence.

The maintenance of their non commissioned officers (Cobalt & tobacco excluded).

550.

6,577. ✓

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4. Stores. Camp equipment, (£365), medical stores (£100), misc cell (£225), 225) 665

5. Local Transport. Transport of stores (£3000), change of base (£ small etc), and other transport including de pay and maintenance (£2230); railway charges (£250); steamer charges (£146); of above (£100); travelling allowance to visited etc 6,946

6. Miscellaneous. including postage and telegrams, provisions, etc etc 666

£15,308
£15,300

Colonial Office
November 1925

- Brayton
- C. Davis
- G. Grist
- Ormsby-Gore
- Amery

Handwritten notes and signatures:
 45/200
 20/11/25
 [Signature]

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 26 NOV
 1925

14 December
 November 1925

DRAFT.

SIR

Secretary,
 Treasury.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of Sir George Barstow's letter, dated 17th June 1925, S.25637, and to connected correspondence in regard to the British section of the Anglo-Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a letter which has been received from Lt. Col. King, the Senior British Commissioner, submitting an estimate of the expenditure for the British section in the year 1925-26 and the year 1926-27. The estimate referred to by Col. King in his opening paragraph was subsequently cancelled by telegram. The estimates now submitted by him reach a total of £11,693 for the present year and £15,171 for next year, while Col. King does not expect that the work of the Commission is likely to be concluded in Africa until the early summer of 1927. The estimates sent home were incomplete in some

particulars

Vertical handwritten notes:
 16 Dec 1925
 31 Dec 25
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 Lt. Col. King
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 Co. 200/1000
 1925, 1926

particulars and I am now to enclose a detailed and classified estimate for each of the two years, which has been compiled in this Department.

The total arrived at for the current financial year is £12,000, while that for next year is £15,300. If ^{two figures} that is added a sum of ^{say} £27,700 in respect of the cost of the Commission in 1927 a total of £55,000 is reached, and having regard to the cost of former commissions in Africa in pre-war days where the duration of the work lasted over two years, this total is not, in all the circumstances, regarded as excessive.

The rates of pay for the two boundary Commissioners and for the Non-Commissioned Officers have already received Their Lordships' sanction, but the provision included for a Political Officer and Interpreter in Italian has not previously been submitted for sanction. Captain Erskine, the officer in question, has now no connection with Kenya, and the salary proposed for him, £700 per annum, is not unreasonable. His salary would be paid to him by Their Lordships' sanctioning authority for the employment of this officer at the rate specified and for the ^{made} payment to him of an outfit allowance of £40.

The pay of the local subordinate staff is no doubt governed by local rates. The Interpreters are being paid at £140/- a month for all services at £60/- a month and laborers £5/- a month, while the cycles engaged in connection with local transport and animals will cost £30/- a month each for pay and food.

The estimated expenditure on local transport is unobtainable, heavy, but T.L. will see that it covers the purchase of camels and mules which it is expected

expected may ultimately be disposed of to 77
 advantage, and having regard to the distance
 between the base and the sphere of the operations
 of the Commission, the expenditure must necessarily
 be high.

Coming now to local personnel, Mr. Abery
 is of opinion that Kenya may be asked to bear the
 normal charges for Mr. Hope, formerly attached to
 the Commission as Political Officer, ~~and~~ K.A.R.
 escort and for the pay of Mr. Kane, Wireless
 Operator, amounting in all for this year ~~to~~ £2,277
 and next year to £2,385 but that the extraordinary
 expenditure involved in their attachment to the
 Commission should be met from Commission funds.

With these explanations I am to ask
 Their Lordships may be moved to agree to the
 inclusion of a sum of £15,300 in the draft of the
 Colonial Services Estimate for 1926 now before the
 in place of the provisional sum of £16,500,
 and to sanction the estimate for £13,000 for the
 current year at £12,000. As regards the excess of £2,000 over
 the voted provision for Boundary Commissions for
 the current year, the S. of C. is not yet in a
 position to say how much of it, if any, it may be
 possible to find from savings on other items of
 the Colonial Services Vote, but on this point a
 further communication will be addressed to the
 Treasury in due course.

any charges
 in their
 positions,

Chief
 of
 Staff

[Reference 4222]

[4505/20]

I have to read with
 reference to the despatch which was addressed to the High Commissioner
 on 20th July 1925, a copy of which accompanied the letter from the
 Office of the Secretary, 27th July, 1925, that, in a despatch of the 20th
 October, 1925, the High Commissioner was again asked to furnish at the earliest
 date, and in any case not before the close of December next, complete
 information as to the expenses of the Commission of Enquiry into the
 subject of the Kenya Commission, and to state whether the
 of the Estimate for the years 1925 and 1926, and whether
 being affected in the course of the financial year, a further
 communication will be at once addressed to you