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5 MAY 24

WAR OFFICE.  
(MR T. J. CASH)

Date  
2nd May 1924.

MILITARY EXPENDITURE, 1919-1920.

States as to one or two points which remain obscure. Kenya still due to contribute estimated cost of extra units detained to protect Abyssinian frontier; asks for statement showing units employed. Asks that meeting be arranged for this week.

MINUTES

*See my reply written*  
*The matter was discussed at*  
*the morning's meeting of the*  
*cell, & the Capt. noted that*  
*Col. Wood would be able to give*  
*final approval to our African*  
*Army up. It is for the sake of*  
*reply to my minutes for the 25th 557/10/24*  
*Wood 12.5.24*  
*at home*

*Answers to Cash (40) 10 May/24*  
*Copy of minutes for (Cash) - 19 May/24*

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Supplement Paper

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,  
London, S.W.

2. d May, 1924.

Dear Bottomley,

Your letter of 14th April, regarding the estimate provision of the East African Dependencies for 1919-20 clears up a number of points, but it still leaves us in doubt as to one or two matters.

(1) It was agreed that the cost of the extra battalions retained in view of the situation on the Abyssinian frontier was an East African liability. This expenditure up to March 1920 was however in fact charged to the Joint K.A.R. and the Common Charges Account, and therefore to Army Funds.

Kenya's estimate provision for 1919-20 was for normal garrison expenditure ~~and~~ and presumably took no account of the extra units.

If therefore seems that Kenya should contribute, besides her estimate provision for 1919-20, the extra provision for the extra units.

If you agree with this would you please have a statement showing the units (and their establishments) earmarked for Abyssinia between 1st February, 1919 and the date of commencement of the last of the extra units, and the amount of expenditure incurred on the extra liability Army Funds?

Yours faithfully,  
The Secretary

Battalion	Number	Composition
1.		Companies: Nyasaland plus Depot for East Africa Battalions.
2.		4 Companies plus Depot for East Africa
3.	4	German East Africa.
5.	4	Plus Combined Depot, British East Africa.
4.	3	Plus Depot, Uganda.
6.	4	Plus Depot, German East Africa
Total Number of Companies	28	

Bottomley Esq., O.B.E.,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

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Perhaps we could best clear up these and any other outstanding points at our meeting, which I hope you will be able to manage during the coming week, as I shall be going on leave for some three weeks on 16th May and am very anxious to get things moving again before then.

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Downing Street,

19 May, 1924.

Dear Skevington,

I have the following

comments on the Minutes of Monday's

Meeting:-

1 (a) Page 2 - line 4.

For this paragraph substi-

tute:-

"Mr. Bottomley explained also that whilst the Nyasaland provision for military expenditure was a lump sum without details, it was clear that Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda together included adequate provision in the Military Estimates for the salaries of Headquarters Staff and the Pay Department, in fact, a little more than was necessary."

I enclose the correspondence

referred to at the end of the

Section.

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KEVINGTON, ESQ.

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MINUTE.

Mr. Bottomley. 197

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. O. Davis

Mr. G. Grindley

Mr. H. Read

Mr. J. Masterton Smith

Mr. Arnold

Mr. Thomas

Handwritten signature/initials

1 (b) No comments.

2. A telegram has been sent.

3. Line 10. Substitute for this sentence:- "Mr. Bottomley said that it had never been alleged that there was any pledge to pay over unclaimed balances to the Tribe, apart from the Military Labour Corps."

(I cannot say that this question will not be raised, but the point is that the Ordinance passed in the case of the carriers did not apply to the K.A.R., ~~The~~ amount involved would be small.)

Line 16. After "expenditure" insert "should, subject to the decision as to unclaimed balances".

Page 4. Line 11. I had a discussion on this point yesterday with a representative of the Ministry of Pensions. As a result my recollection of the question as

one affecting Widows only seems to be wrong, but I understood that the ~~whole thing~~ point about which the Ministry of Pensions have already written to the Treasury, will certainly not affect more than three cases, and probably not so many. In the circumstances, perhaps you will agree, as our settlement is an approximation, in any case ~~the~~ <sup>that</sup> last sentence of this paragraph might be omitted. In fact, I think nothing would be lost if we omit the paragraph altogether.

As regards the correspondence which I enclose, & the 19.9.27 charges, there has been no official correspondence with the War Office since November. What I enclose is complete, except for my last letter to Cash of the 10th Dec. a copy of which I handed to you at the Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

*H. G. Wells*



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the share.

~~10/5~~

10 July 1924

Dear Cash,

Your letter (P. 1. B. 4. 101)  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May about the  
1919-20 contributions.

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J. Cook Esq

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- Mr. Accounting 10/5 f.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. C. Davis
- Mr. G. Orindin
- Mr. H. Bond
- Mr. J. Masterton Smith
- Mr. Ormsby Gore
- Mr. of Devonshire

(11) Kenya's estimate  
You have Kenya's estimate,  
but I am not sure that  
your copy contains the  
final manuscript  
attachments. They show

Head XVIII Military	£118,717
Head XVIII <sup>2</sup> Military (Head)	77,361
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Total	£196,080

I have not so far investigated  
the difference between this and the  
£190,172 taken as the basis of  
our present trouble, and the  
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The point is whether the  
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Total £190,080

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the difference between this and the  
£190,172 latter on the basis of  
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head includes £50,000 for the

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J. Cash Esq

MINUTE.Mr. Nicholson  
10/5/24

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Mr. J. Masterton Smith

Mr. Oswald Gore

Mr. G. of Devonshire

forces reduced in view of  
 aboriginal troubles. This  
 is clearly shown in the  
 passages I have marked on,  
 pp. 5-6 of the Programme  
 sheet for 1919. so that I  
 enclose. The discrepancy  
 between ~~the~~ # 3 and 2 1/2  
 battalions gives no trouble  
 it was 2 battalions plus  
 a mounted infantry section.  
 This information was included  
 in the letter to you. As you are  
 I had only refer to the enclosure  
 from letter 2449 of 7<sup>th</sup> May  
 1919, showing that the  
 disbandment of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
 was addressed by 24 April. I  
 think that you are probably  
 making a good thing out of  
 counting the 2 battalions, provision  
 as ~~provisioning~~ a change.

(2) The 1<sup>st</sup> of the land battalions  
 to be ~~reduced~~ as a long time

provision, but the  
 Tanganyika Estimates  
 provided  $\frac{9}{16}$  for  
 Headquarters Staff and Pay  
 etc. This gives  
 Pay  $\frac{8}{16}$  lbs = .32  
 Allowance  $\frac{1}{16}$  lbs = .12  
 Tanganyika  $\frac{9}{16}$  lbs = .5625  
Total .0025.

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MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. G. Daulton
- Mr. G. Grindle
- Mr. H. Road
- Mr. J. Manserton Smith
- Mr. Ormsby Gore
- Miss of Decatur

The different basis is of course  
 due to the frequent changing  
 plan for re-organization  
 following the Amendment  
 was here as well as it is clear  
 that, on the whole, you are  
 getting too much, and I  
 have some hope that you  
 will not object.