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FROM
GOV'S DEP DENHAM.

1244

DATE

3rd October 1925.

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FOR CIRCULATION:—

Mr. Allen
Mr. Lane
Mr. Gatten
Asst. U.S. [Signature]

ABLE SEAMAN W.J. BALSON. ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

Relates circumstances in which Balson is remanded in prison, his Naval Squadron declining to reclaim him. Requests representations be made to Admiralty.

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Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

? Copy to Admiralty for Obtains.
C. Cliffe
3.XI.25

Do you know of any similar case?

NO

3/11/25

nothing noted in SD

HB 4/11

Wares you say that the Navy has any liability in such a case?
He might at any rate send to Admiralty as proposed to see what happens.

NO

3/11/25

Subsequent Paper

Lps. 51571

Del. to Gov. Kenya com. 9 Nov. 1925.

HA.

I have discussed this with Dr
Riskey. Neither of us can follow
this dispatch. The ref^{ce} to Gu is
widely wrong, & the whole matter
requires a careful & explicit
Explanation.

When was the hit when the man
deserted? To what possession is his
return contemplated & under what
sections & procedure has the case proceeded
etc?

As we can hardly send to
along in the present form. *H.P.*
S/ u

By tel: I think. Apparently the man is
still in prison on remand.

W.L.S. 6.11.25
at once

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Nairobi, 25
KENYA.

3rd October, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that No. J. 101465 Walter James Balson, an Able Seaman, was arrested for absence without leave in pursuance of a Warrant issued by the Captain of H.M.S. "Cairo" and was remanded to prison in Mombasa under Section 4 of the Fugitive Offenders Act 1881 by the Senior Resident Magistrate at Mombasa.

2. A telegram was sent to the Commander in Chief of the East India Squadron at Diyatalawa requesting an escort which elicited the reply that he did not desire to reclaim Balson for service in His Majesty's Navy.

3. It is probable that Balson when released may become a vagrant and I have to ask that either arrangements be made with the Admiralty for him to be placed on board one of His Majesty's ships, or else that the Admiralty be asked to indemnify this Government for any expenses it may incur in connection with Balson by expatriation or otherwise.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

S. M. Graham

G O V E R N O R .

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LIEUTENANT COLONEL L. C. M. S. AMERY, P. C., M. P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

Amery. Tel. Nov. 1925

O.A.G. 49242/25

- Mr. Cliffe
- Mr. Alan G. Atwood
- Mr.
- Mr. Strachey
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
- Sir C. Davis
- Sir G. Grindle
- Sir J. Masterton Smith
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Mr. Amery

And 5/27 and 2nd 5/15/24
 Coded beam
 4.55 pm
 9/11/25
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DRAFT. Telegram Code.

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please report further with special reference to following points

(in brackets)

9th hr: Balsam position not clear to us from facts given in
 your despatch of 3rd of October, ~~Balsam~~
 No: 1244, ~~arrest of Walker~~
~~Joseph Balsam~~ (a) where was
~~the~~ ship when Balsam deserted & where is it expected (b)
 he will return to To what possession is his return contemplated? (c) Under what part provisions & sections of Fugitive Offenders Act has the case proceeded? Telegraph
 reply

Seen