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E. AFRICA

KENYA

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45952  
REC  
RE. 12 OCT 25

FOR GRIGG.

TEL

DATE  
10th October 1925.

SECRETARY OF GOVERNORS' CONFERENCES.

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Agrees as to appointment of person mentioned, at salary stated, Kenya bearing its share of cost on understanding that Secretariat located at Nairobi and Conferences held there.

*Grigg*  
U.S. of S.  
*W. Stalley*

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U.S. of State.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

*Spn 65451 20  
hys*

*This has been delayed by the  
failure of the New Hebron and  
refuse they have*

*then I think it would  
be best to ask what means he  
has had with SO (as  
D. S. Calverly has been  
assured)*

*I think Kenya are willing  
a mistake in referring to  
regard that the Conference*

Subsequent Paper

*Spn 47521  
45449 51  
D. J. Jaffer  
H. Wood  
13.10  
J.H.*

*See memo 47521 & 484  
sent on 10.2.25 (etc.)*

Waikiki. It may be the best place,  
but a little variety would be  
conducive to pleasure. and as a  
matter of fact it would have been  
better to get the Conference to accept  
either Waikiki.

Memorandum 45951.

L. C. G. Stomberg

17.10.25

See also 45951  
to go to the Secretary.

It should be made clear to Kenya  
that the committee started out with  
Waikiki as a first choice. Waikiki  
was chosen over the Kenya coast. Waikiki  
was chosen because of the principle was involved,  
but it was not subject to the practice.

Mr. H. G. Stomberg  
17.10.25

Waikiki was a recommendation on the  
part of the committee. It would not go further than to agree  
that Waikiki should be the normal place of meeting -

See also 45951. This was a concession, the recommendation  
of the E.A. Commission having been that the off dependencies  
should in turn be the scene of the Conference. I  
now of a record for reconsidering this decision  
and the Governor is not in a position to make

other important arrangements contained a  
and reproduction - 347  
C.A.  
22.10.25

I agree. I made it quite clear to  
Sir E. Jeff that, although G.O.P.  
would convene first conference  
at Waikiki, he would not do  
more than suggest that Waikiki  
should be the "normal" meeting  
place. I have always taken the  
view that it should meet  
alternately in the different  
territories concerned, and I  
think if Kenya insists on  
Waikiki the future of the  
Conference will be very  
doubtful.

J.H.B.  
23.10.25 at once.

Sir S. Wilson.

Colonel Walker rang me up this morning. India has agreed to his being seconded in order to take up the East African post, and his substitute at the Committee of Imperial Defence has been telegraphed for. He is therefore free now to be offered and to accept the post. He expects £1200 a year (vide Sir S. Wilson's minute of October on 45952/25).

We are not in a position to offer Colonel Walker employment for any definite period, and in the circumstances I fancy that he expects the terms of his employment to provide for a reasonable period of notice on either side. So far as he is concerned the enquiry sent to India did not suggest any time limit to the period of secondment and India has not herself named one; but he suggested that it would be well to get something official from the India Office.

*Col Walker said he thought he could leave by a boat which would bring him to Nairobi on 7th January 1926*

*27th October 1925*

*W.H.B.*

*East Africa Dept.*

*Will you please take any action that may be necessary to expedite Col Walker's departure for E. Africa. Govt is prepared to give him £1200 per annum. Would 6 months notice on either side be a reasonable term and a year certain?*

*28.10.25*

*W.H.B.  
above*

Mr. Stanley  
The Exchequer

We have discussed & suggest it  
could be fairer to Col. Walker &  
give him two years certain. We  
might offer one year & see what he  
says, but I should prefer to offer  
two either way. Six months  
notice is suitable.

The first step is to make a formal  
offer, & then  
go to the Treasury. In that we  
need <sup>the</sup> proportion of Col. Walker's  
expenses & arrangements. I have  
figures, arriving at a possible  
arrangement, & showing the means  
for Col. Walker's salary.

W.S. 28.10.25.

Attd. is wanted to Kenya as to  
reducing staff (which we suggest  
should be laid) & accommodation. Kenya  
to inform others of date of arrival of  
Col. Walker.

W.S.

Mr. Stanley has agreed to the slightly  
different allowance made in the note.

C.S. 30.10.25

C.S.

Mr. Seal  
to the  
(Chairman  
18.10.25)

of the

\*Part of 1/30-  
to meet  
to give  
made from

W.S.

Minister  
14.11.25  
W.S. 10.11.25  
The right  
decision

Revenue, 1925

(From C.P. list except for the  
Railway, as to which I will say  
that it is <sup>to be</sup> ~~to be~~ higher than 20%)

	Kenya (1000's)	Uganda (1000's)	of 20% Railway (1000's)
(1)	1839	1000	1386
	888	488	
	<u>2727</u>	<u>1488</u>	

	Kenya	Uganda	Tanganyika	Z. Bar	Nyasaland	Northern	Percentage (20%)
(2)	2727	1488	1315	587	287	2174	42
							23
							20
							9
							4
							2
							28

Suggested figures:

	(1) 20%	(2) 1/2 200 railway
Kenya	30%	360 400
Uganda	25%	300 300
Tanganyika	25%	300 250
Z. Bar	12%	144 150
Nyasaland	4%	48 50
Northern	4%	48 50
		<u>100</u>
		<u>£1200</u> 1120

(Kenya is not really more prosperous  
than Uganda and Tanganyika)

*To Mr. B. B. B. 10/10*  
*10-10*  
*Mr. Strachey*

On the 7th October, 1925, Colonel Walker came to see me in connection with the proposal that he should go to East Africa as Secretary to the Governors' Conference. He pointed out that if he remained on in the Indian Army he would probably be promoted a Major-General in six years' time and in the meantime would possibly get a salary of about £1800 a year which would be very nearly equal to the total amount he would get if he now retired and drew an Indian pension of £900 a year and got £1000 a year for the suggested appointment.

I made it quite clear to Colonel Walker that we could not guarantee him permanent employment in the Colonial Service and that we could not go even so far as appointing him as Secretary to the Governors' Conference for any particular length of time and that it would depend to a great extent on himself whether the Conference was a success or not. I told him that I thought it was a matter which he should consider very carefully as it was really a gamble.

Colonel Walker said he quite understood that this appointment could not be made pensionable, but it was quite clear from our conversation that he was gambling on being later on offered some job like a Governorship in the Colonial Service. He actually asked me if I thought that, in the event of the Governors' Conference being a success and his doing well in the capacity of Secretary, he would be considered for a Colonial appointment.

I was quite frank with him and said that it was absolutely impossible to make any promise whatsoever in this connection and that although, if he were all reported on by the various Governors in East Africa with whom he came in contact, it was possible he might be so considered, it was at the same time impossible to say what views whatever Secretary of State happened to be here in a few years' time might take and further I impressed on Colonel Walker how difficult it was to bring outsiders into the Colonial Service unless in very exceptional cases: and that we were everyday faced with the problem of people who, like himself, thought they had a claim on the Colonial Office and who could not be found permanent employment.

I told Colonel Walker that I had discussed the matter with the Secretary of State who was prepared to increase his salary from £1000 to £1200 but that this was as far as he would go and that no promise of permanent employment could be given.

Colonel Walker said that he would get the India Office to ascertain whether the Indian Government would second him to go to East Africa for one year in the first instance so that he might see what it was like.

B.H.G.  
6.10.75

C/O  
45952

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Rm 12 OCT 2

TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 10th October 1925.

Received, Colonial Office, 4.23 p.m., 10th October, 1925.

10th October. Your despatch of 25th August  
Confidential I concur after consultation with  
the Executive Council that person named be appointed  
at salary suggested Kenya bearing its share of  
the cost on the understanding that the Secretariat  
is located at Nairobi and conferences held there.

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