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Sir E Municipal Corporations Order Affln to Nairobi

Considers all detail should be worked out locally & suggests cable to be sent to Sir C. Bourne approving recommendations made in CAP desps. 128 of 14 July 1914.

W. B. Sturtevant Sir H. Reed

- 1. Have discussed this with you. The desps. of 14 July 1914 & the local Ctes proposals are returned by Sir E. H. Maitland below - the desps. means, in the subject is in 31154/14.
- 2. The Governor's suggestion as to leaving everything for local decision & arrangement will not quite do: as there are evidently some points of importance to be taken up.

Loan
 His proposal is a loan of £25000 (for the purchase of certain works from Govt. & for a town hall), although Sir E. H. Maitland now contemplates a somewhat larger loan.

(1) We must know how the Govt. proposes to advance this sum to the Municipality.

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(ii) The rate of interest cannot be as low as proposed in 1944: it must be not 6%.

(iii) We must consider question of repayment - the best arrangement appears to be repayment by 25 equal annual payments of interest and sinking fund combined.
(Note: will be 7.25% of the sum advanced)

Land

The minutes on 31152/16 indicate that the value of unalienated land owned by the Municipality must be limited to £50,000, of which £25,000 will be handed over and £25,000 retained in reserve as security for the loan.

Although the release of the reserved £15,000 with interest can most conveniently be made at the rate of £1,000 a year.

Sanitation Staff (Govt. M.O.H.)

We must have some clear statement as to what their position is in relation both to the Govt. and the Municipality.

Sanitation

It is essential that our C.O. should have a controlling voice in regard to this. Mr. S. Cox must be consulted from time to time - & the hidden question is already

mixed up with the present question of sanitation. Govt. control must therefore be secured absolutely.

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through to only in reply to 710.34192
putting these four matters to him -
ask for reply re reply.

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Yes. If we give the Post. a free hand on Sir E. Northy's proposal, this will certainly be difficult to bear up afterwards. But I can see other points which can be taken up.

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Jft: Com
to Miller
to J.R.
16/1/20

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Handwritten notes in margin: "may" and "See York" and "on 2/1/20"

to Govt.

See Mr. Cox's minutes on 31152/16

to Govt.



Carlisle Mansions,
 Victoria, S.W.A.
 10th Jan, 1920.

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Head of E.A. Dept.
 for Sec. of State for Colonies.

I am sorry Sir Charles Bowring should have bothered you with the telegram asking for the Sec. of State's approval now of all the details suggested by a Committee five years ago. My own opinion is that all the detail should be worked out locally. I am sure you don't want to be bothered with it. I suggest a cable to Sir C. Bowring on the following lines:-
 Begins "Approve of recommendations made in your despatch No. 128 of 14 July 1914 as general principles for gradual handing over of financial control to Nairōbi Municipal Council. It is probable that more than £25,000 will now be required as initial loan, which may be arranged on system suggested. Work out all details locally without further reference. Nortney concurs"

Ends. (SD) E. Nortney
 Governor
 E.A.P.

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NEA Dep
State for Victoria

Dear Sir Charles Manning,
I am sorry to have bothered you with the telephone work
of the State's approval now of all
details supported by a Committee since
1910. My own opinion is that
the detail should be worked out
fully, I am sure you don't want to be
troubled with it. I suggest a cash
Sir C Manning on the following lines:-
Approve of recommendations
in your Report No 128 of
July 1914 as to the principles
of financial handing over of
municipal control to a
Municipal Council. It is perhaps
that more than £25,000 would
now be required as initial loan,
which may be arranged on a system
suggested. Work at all details
of call with our further reference.
Very sincerely,
E. W. Manning
E.A.P.

77, Carlisle Mansions,

Victoria, S.W.I.

10th Jan. 1920.

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Yds. (Sd) E. Northey
 Governor
 C.A.P.

inquiries on this subject
addressed to

SECRETARY OF STATE
Colonial Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Downing Street,
2 January
December, 1919.

following
or quoted 71013/1919

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you for perusal and return, the accompanying copy of a telegram received from the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate dated the 5th of December together with a copy of the despatch referred to therein and its enclosures.

2. I am to remind you that the application of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance of 1909 to Nairobi was approved of by Lord Milner in a telegram of 20th March 1919.

3. I am to suggest that you should call at the Colonial Office at your early convenience to discuss the matter with the Head of the East Africa Department.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. J. Read

GENERAL,

SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.

~~per 1919.~~
~~1919.~~

TELEGRAM from the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 5th December.

(Received Colonial Office 6.58 p.m. 12th December, 1919).

December 5th.

Your telegram 20th March trust (you will) you will be able to discuss with Northey early my despatch 14th July 1914 and acquaint me with your decision. Until matter finally settled impossible to consider Municipal Taxation which is matter of urgency.

BOYRING.

July 14th, 1914.

Clerk
13.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the second paragraph of my Confidential despatch No. 144 of the 31st of October last on the subject of the assessment of Nairobi and to transmit herewith for your consideration a copy of the report of the Committee appointed by me to enquire afresh into the question of the application of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1909. I also enclose the terms of reference for your information.

2. The constitution of this Committee was so arranged as to ensure collaboration by the principal financial officer of the Protectorate, an official expert in land valuation and assessment, and two of the most experienced unofficial members of the Municipal Council.

3. The report when received was submitted to the Municipal Council for their observations and was adopted by them after discussion and rejection of an amendment which dealt only with the question of elective representation. A copy of the minute of the proceedings is forwarded for your information.

4. I have now, with the assistance of my executive Council, subjected the report to careful consideration, and we are agreed in the expression of the following views.

5. We consider that the time has arrived when

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON S.W.

when it is desirable to place the Municipal Council in a position to assume a more complete control over the affairs of the town than has been conceded to them in the past, and thus enable them to relieve the central government of administration of a purely local nature.

It is therefore deemed advisable to apply the Ordinance, supplementing it if necessary by such additional legislation as the Attorney General may advise.

6. We are agreed that elective representation should not be conceded at present, but that an intimation should be given to the effect that the question will receive further consideration when a sufficient time has elapsed to establish the authority and jurisdiction of the Municipal Council upon the lines indicated in the report.

7. We endorse the recommendations of the Committee on the following points of principle:-

(a) the amendment of the Municipal boundaries as proposed;

(b) the advance of £25,000 by the Government but with a reduction of the rate of sinking fund to 1½ per cent;

(c) the transfer to the Municipal Council of all Crown land within the municipal boundaries after reservation of an area sufficient for future Government requirements;

(d) the temporary retention by the Government of a portion of the area to be transferred equal in value to the amount of the advance as security in respect thereof;

(e) the periodical release of parts of such retained

retained area in blocks, the value of which shall be proportionate to the amounts of the instalments repaid by the Municipal Council against the advance;

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(f) the surrender to the Municipal Council of all rents and profits now accruing to the Government in respect of the leased lands within the proposed municipal area.

8. The concessions above recommended will not in the first instance have the effect of making the Municipality entirely self supporting, and a certain amount of assistance from the Government will still be necessary at the outset, particularly in the matter of the construction and maintenance of roads, streets, and bridges; but it may be anticipated with some confidence that, as the sources of revenue increase and the amounts derivable therefrom expand, the necessity for such continued assistance will gradually disappear.

9. I have not thought it necessary to prolong this despatch by commenting upon all the details of the Committee's proposals, and it may be understood that such recommendations as have not been touched upon are endorsed by my Executive Council and myself. I am deferring all further action pending the receipt of an expression of your views, and I content myself with commending to your favourable consideration the recommendations of the Committee as a first step towards conferring upon the Municipal Council that autonomy and independent responsibility which the growth in the dimensions and importance of the town appears to make it desirable that it should assume.

I have, &c.,
(SD.) W. J. MONSON
on instructions from the
Governor.

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Sent 350 pm
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Del (Cable)

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Governor
Nairobi

Amount 15705
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20 January

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Ym let of 5 Dec no. 906
renewing

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Amount 15705

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 six percent not four percent
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 payments of interest sinking fund
 combined with ^{unrestricted}
 land handed over should be
 limited to £50000 worth
 of which £25000 in reserve
 security for loan to be released
 at rate of £7000 worth
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 essential that sanitary
 administration should be
 controlled by Government
 especially as ^{policy of}
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 which I must be responsible

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- Mr. Brindle.
- Mr. H. Lambert.
- Mr. H. Road.
- Mr. G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Amory.
- Lord Milner.

Car ^{sanitary}
 work be in hands of
 Council if ^{general}
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 Government and
 what will be position
 of Government medical
 officers of health
 in relation to Government
 and Council
 At receipt of your reply
 will telegraph further

Roughley