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Municipal Corporations Order Appln to Nairobi

Considers all detail should be worked out locally + suggests cable to be sent to Sir C. Baring approving recommendations made in CAP despatch of 14 July 1914.

W. B. Sturtevant Sir H. Reed

1. Have discussed this with you. The dip. of 14 July 1914 & the local. This proposal are returned by Sir D. Mathew below - The despatch memo. on the subject is in 31152/14. See Gwynn's suggestion as to leaving everything for local decision & arrangements will not quite do: as there are a number of points of importance to be taken up.

2. Loan  
The proposal is a loan of £25000 (for the purchase of coal-mines from Govt. & for a truck), although Sir D. Mathew now contemplates a somewhat larger loan.

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

To be put down to Jan. 1914

next subsequent Paper.  
See  
15705

(ii) The rate of interest cannot be as low as proposed in 1914: it must be not less than 6%.

(iii) We must consider question of repayment - & the best arrangement appears to be repayment by 25 equal annual payments of interest and principal paid combined.  
(Rate is 7.023% of the sum advanced)

### Land

The minutes in 3112/14 indicate that the value of unincorporated land owned by the Municipality must be limited to £5000, of which £2500 will be bonded over now & £2500 retained in reserve as security for the loan.

With regard to the release of the reserved £1500. with interest ~~the~~ most conveniently be made at the rate of £1000. worth a year.

### Sanitation Staff (Govt No. 2.11)

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

### Sanitation

It is essential that the C.O. should have a controlling voice in regard to this. The Council must be consulted from time to time - & the burden of decision is clearly

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

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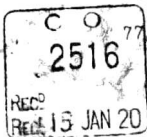
Telegraph to ... in reply to 7103/19 - putting these four matters to him - will for reply re reply.

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Yes. If we give the Govt. a free hand as Sir E. Northey proposes, this will certainly be sufficient to clear up the accounts. But I can see other points which will be taken up.

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to Mr. ...  
to J.R.  
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77, 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 Secy 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 regards principles for gradual handing over of financial control to Nairobi 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. Nor concurs"

Yds. (Sd) F. Northey  
 Governor  
 S.A.P.

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EA Rep  
State for Victoria

Dear Sir Charles Baring  
I have just been bothered by the telephone asking for details of States approval now of all details suggested by a Committee. My own opinion is that the detail should be worked out fully, I am sure you don't want to be mixed with it. I suggest a cash note to Baring on the following lines:-

Approve of recommendations  
in your Report No 128 of  
July 1914 as to general principles  
of financial control of Municipal  
Council. It is perhaps  
that more than £25000 would  
be required as initial loan,  
which may be arranged on system  
suggested. With all details  
I call with out further reference.  
Yours sincerely  
E.A.P.

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Revising "Approve of recommendations made in your despatch No. 123 of 14 July 1914 as general principles for gradual handing over of financial control to Nairobi Municipal Council. It is probable that more than £50,000 will now be required as initial loan, which may be arranged on system suggested. Work out all details locally without further reference. Northey concurs"

Yours,  
G. Northey  
Governor  
E.A.P.

communications on this subject  
addressed to—

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

following  
or quoted 71013/1919

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Downing Street,  
*2 January*  
December, 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. Read*

GENERAL

SIR EDWARD NORTHY, K.C.B.G., C.B.

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).

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December 5th.

Your telegram 29th 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.

BOYDING.

July 14th, 1914.

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.

Clerk  
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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 resolution of an amendment which dealt only with the question of elective representation. A copy of the minutes of the proceedings is forwarded for your information.

4. I have, with the assistance of the Executive Council, subjected the report to detailed consideration and we are agreed on the substance of the following views.

5. We consider that the same has arrived when

YOUR HONOURABLE  
 LEWIS HARRISON, P.C.,  
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES  
 7, WHITEHALL PLACE,  
 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 1 1/2 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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DRAFT.

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Governor  
Nairobi

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and for repayment I prefer

twenty five equal <sup>annual</sup> <sup>franchise</sup>  
payments of <sup>interest</sup> <sup>in King's park</sup>  
combined <sup>about seven point eight</sup> <sup>unallocated</sup>

land handed over <sup>should be</sup>  
limited to £50000 worth  
of which £25000 in reserve

security loan to be released  
at rate of £7000 worth

yearly <sup>Consider</sup>  
essential that <sup>sanitary</sup>

administration should be  
controlled by <sup>Government</sup>  
especially as <sup>policy</sup>

which <sup>must be</sup> <sup>responsible</sup>

RAFT.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Grindley.
- Mr. H. Lambert.
- Mr. H. Road.
- Mr. G. Fildes.
- Mr. Amery.
- Lord Malvern.

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