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RENT (WAR RESTRICTION AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE NO VI OF 1921

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Mr. Colthart Mottley

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This kind of legislation is admittedly objectionable in principle & only to be justified by the circumstances of an exceptional emergency. An effort should, I think, be made to reduce the scope & operation of the principal Order, if it is impossible to revert to the normal treatment of rents & agreements relating to dwelling houses. The effect of this Order is in the opposite direction. See 5 is, I think, original on the part of Kenya & seems to me unduly to hamper the landlord in dealing with his property.

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Mr. H. P. ...

While I agree with the statement
made, there can be no doubt that there
is a home famine in Kenya and that
unless there is strict restriction
tenants will be unmercifully placed
on the whole I would let the Colony
make the matter for itself.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. ...

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No. 322

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

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7 March, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to Lord Milner's
Despatch No. 1326 dated the 10th of September,
1920, I have the honour to transmit herewith
two copies of the (one handwritten and one printed) copies of the
Rent (Restriction Amendment) Ordinance, 1921
which has been passed by the Legislative
Council in its Session, together with a
Statement of Objects and Reasons and a
Comparative Table prepared by the Attorney
General.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

W. J. ...
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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

THE HIRE OF BUILDINGS ACT (ORDINANCE 1921)
SECTION 4. PENALTY FOR BREACH.

The Ordinance was passed to give effect to a resolution of the Legislative Council and a similar recommendation by the Profiteering Commission to extend the term of the Ordinance for a further three years and also its scope so as to bring in houses of a somewhat higher rental.

Additional provisions are taken against landlords raising rents or ejecting tenants.

Section 4 provides penalties for breach of Section 4 and 4 instead of Sections 4 and 4. Section 4 having been inserted in the Bill as an oversight the reference in the Ordinance is being passed as an oversight in this.

Sd/- W. LYALL-GRIFFITHS,

Nairobi,

24th day of February, 1921.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Section

Number

1.

Short title.

2.

Standard rent raised from existing per year to 10%.

3.

This repeals the provision of the Bill giving the landlord right of possession in the case of his own premises in the case of his own premises.

After an Order of Court under the Ordinance landlord shall not let premises at a rent than obtained before order.

Dwelling-house required for occupation of employed shall not be let for one year unless approved in writing by landlord to the Court.

Penalty for contravention of Sections 3 and 4. This is a mistake for Sections 4 and 5, and an amending Ordinance is being passed to make the necessary correction.

Ordinance to terminate at the end of 1922.

Nairobi.

24th day of February 1921.

Sd. N. W. LYALL-GRANT.
ATTORNEY GENERAL.