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FOR CIRCULATION  
Mr.  
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and U.S. of S.  
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Secretary of State.

SUBJECT  
CUSTOMS DUTY ON  
LUGGAGE ETC: OF I.O. OF K.A.R. & STAFF OFFICERS  
It will be noted from Customs Tariff Order that above has been deleted from list of articles to be imported free. Requests K.A.R. Regulations be amended.

Previous Paper

MINUTES  
No meeting.  
In my last tour I was charged import duty on stores etc. As I considered this unreasonable, I instructed the Paymaster to pay the duty & pass the voucher to me. I think it should be settled definitely before my successor goes out that he is not liable to import duty, which at present by the latest customs ordinances of Kenya & Tanganyika he is liable to. The amount involved is insignificant as regards revenue & it is obviously absurd that a touring official should pay duty quarterly in every port of call which he visits. The question was drawn

*Answer copy  
copy sent to Mr. H. C. 19/6/23*

Subsequent Paper

attention to by the  
Chief of Customs, but  
the Legislature cannot  
amend the law  
excepting the 15%  
stamp intentionally,  
presumably because  
they wish the  
amendment to be  
abolished.

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Mr. B. K. Singh,  
Mr. M. K. Singh,  
Mr. H. K. Singh

I have only been able

to get hold of Jan 5/23/23  
10/23.

We reached page 6 on  
page 7 reached with a  
present I do not think  
I have seen that paper  
before, but I fully agree  
with the Commission  
I agree with the local  
and the local  
thing that the 25% stamp  
except all the dependencies  
rise a year that it is  
absolutely correct that he  
pay customs duty in the  
same way that he is

bound with him whenever he enters  
a new dependency.

It is a little and beyond that  
the point was not taken in  
Jan 5/23/23. I think  
we will now try to see what  
provisions that the Executive provided  
for in the KAR Reg. 18.  
Looking on the introduction of  
the new Customs Ordinance &  
that until the new Customs  
Ordinance can be amended this  
can be amended by Executive action.

Jan 12/19/23  
I agree, except that we can't expect  
any conventional Customs Office to  
give an exception by Executive action. The  
duty on goods of the Custom Law can  
conveniently be levied, that it must be  
levied & refunded?

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I writing as proposed. We shall  
explain the grounds on which we  
consider that assumption is reasonable  
at once & R 15/10/23

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.

19th June, 1923.

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My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to refer to Sir R. Gorynden's Confidential despatch No. 274 of 14th October last, transmitting copies of the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1922, from which Your Grace will observe (vide page 7 of the despatch) that the luggage and equipment of the Inspector General, King's African Rifles and his Staff Officers were deleted from the list of articles to be imported free of customs duty.

2. It is noted that paragraphs 47 and 182 of Regulations for the King's African Rifles stipulate that the luggage equipment and stores of the Inspector General should be exempt from duty and in view of the fact that this exemption is no longer considered necessary, I have the honour to ask that steps may be taken to alter the King's African Rifles Regulations, withdrawing the exemption in so far as Tanganyika Territory, Uganda and Kenya are concerned.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted and  
most obedient servant,

*Herbert*  
GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

HIS GRACE

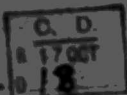
THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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Merry*

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to Kenna.



19 October 1943

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Sir

Major G. W. B. G. A.

In your information, the  
acc. entry of course with  
reference of Kenna on  
the subject of the exemption  
for certain duties of  
passage and equipment  
relating to the transport  
of A. B. and his staff etc.

I shall be glad if

the necessary  
you will in the instructions, as far as the Gov  
~~is concerned~~ with a view to upward in  
action being taken on the the T.T.  
lines indicated in para.

3 of <sup>Conf</sup> ~~unf~~ ~~dis~~ - to the Gov  
A memo dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of October  
of October. Spheroidal

3. a similar disp.  
is being sent to  
the Gov of the T.T.  
upward

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19 October 1923

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- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Duke of Devonshire.

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to Mr. Parkinson

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I have to ack. the receipt  
of Mr. Northcote's Conf<sup>d</sup> desps.  
No 363. of the 18<sup>th</sup> of June,  
on the subject of the exemption  
from Customs duty of baggage  
and equipment belonging  
to the Inspector General, King's  
African Rifles, and his  
Staff Officer.

2. Upon giving further  
consideration to the withdrawal  
of this exemption, which was  
affected by the Customs (Amendment)  
Ordinance, 1922, I have  
formed the opinion that  
the special treatment

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accorded to the Inspector General under previous arrangements was ~~not~~ justifiable, and that it is unreasonable to expect this Office, who tours through all the E & Dependencies in the course of the year, to pay Customs duty on the stores which he takes with him <sup>for his tour, or only into each dependence visited.</sup> ~~whenever he~~ ~~visits~~ ~~any of the~~ ~~dependencies~~ ~~on a~~ ~~large part of the~~ ~~stores~~ ~~which he~~ ~~takes~~ ~~with~~ ~~him~~ ~~on~~ ~~his~~ ~~tour~~ ~~into~~ ~~each~~ ~~dependence~~ ~~visited.~~ ~~changed~~ ~~several~~ ~~things.~~

3. I have therefore decided that the exemption granted for the regulations of the RAR should continue, and that ~~however~~ ~~fact~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~my~~ ~~and~~ ~~agreement~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Inspector~~ ~~General~~ ~~and~~ ~~his~~ ~~Staff~~ ~~Officer~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~restored~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~list~~ ~~of~~ ~~articles~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~imported~~ ~~free~~ ~~of~~ ~~Customs~~

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duty, by the amendment of the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1922, so soon as a convenient opportunity occurs. ~~In the meantime~~ ~~while it is necessary for the Customs Office~~ ~~to change duty under the present Ordinance, the amount of such duty so changed should be refunded to the Inspector General & Revenue~~ ~~the enactment of such legislation it will be necessary for the Customs Office to charge duty upon the stores of the Inspector General and of his Staff Officer, but the amount of any duty so changed should be refunded to the~~

Officers concerned.

4 A copy of this  
comes to be sent to the  
Governor of Louisiana and  
of the T.T. with a view to  
similar action being taken  
in these Territories

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