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27TH JUNE 1923

CIRCULATION:-

B. Stanley

SUBJECT

MOBASA MUNICIPALITY

Explains as to provision in 1923 Estate for Town Planning. States no plans at present for setting up a municipality and that system at present in force has worked satisfactorily.

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Secretary of State

Previous Paper

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As the sum of £6000 was provided under the ~~XXX~~ for the Town Planning, it is regarded as a preliminary to the institution of rates. The £6000 was used to be repaid for compensation for land acquired in houses. The same had to be used including lobby Rd.

The Dis. from C.O. on this subject asked for further details - added that it looked as if this exp. should be regarded as a loan to the Municipality to be repaid later from rates & other income. (See marked passages in

Subsequent Paper

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points of both concepts
(beneath).

This Dep. clears things up
a good deal.

(1) There is no intention
of having yet another
a parallel Municipality
in Mombasa.

So much the better
at any rate from the
political point of view.

(2) The capⁿ this year
under head ~~XXX~~ will
be limited to £2000.

Of this, £2000 is for constⁿ of
the Hobley Road - i.e.
last year but one,
the constⁿ of wh. seems
necessary to fall
on the Govt.

The remaining £1600 is
for survey with view to
town planning scheme
next year (I wonder).

(3) It is proposed that
rates in Mso. come
into Govt. Revenue:
so the capⁿ come in
town planning comes
out

out of Govt. capⁿ. 6/5

As there is no Municipality
we will be one in Mso.,
this is reasonable.

(4) The first step is
getting out of the scheme
wh. we appeared with
hesitation in 5234/22 -
i.e. setting a unimproved
site value - has been
taken - as for the present
rating will be on
rental values.

2nd step - with
depreciation & reduction
in capⁿ from £6000 to
£2000 - this head in
1923 - a proposal to
budget for town planning
scheme in 1924 E.M.
& with further arrange-
ment as to capⁿ on
town planning &
revenue from rates
in para 6 - wh. typ.
covers.

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9.8.23
I agree, all proposals for
expenditure must be very

Carefully watched, but if
we are going to take notes
we must do something for
them, & then proposals
have the merit of doing
something that is likely to be
undone later. Clearly we
are pledged to something
Road

Yes
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W.C.S.
10.8.23

Sir J. Matheson Smith.

You sh^d. see how matters
stand with regard to the
setting up of a municipality
at Bombay.

As proposed?

H. J. R.
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H. J. R.
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

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27th June, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to refer to the comments made in the memorandum accompanying Your Grace's Confidential despatch of the 15th February, 1923, regarding expenditure provided in the 1923 Estimates for Town Planning at Mombasa (Head XXX - Item 3).

2. The telegram referred to under this item in Sir Robert Coryndon's despatch covering the Estimates was inadvertently quoted as the 25th November instead of No.371 of the 20th October last.

3. There are at present no plans for setting up a Municipality at Mombasa. The Interim Committee, whose appointment formed the subject of the 2nd paragraph of my despatch No.331 of March 31st, 1920, and was noted by Viscount Milner in His Lordship's despatch No.694 of May 18th, 1920, has since 1920 been designated "District Committee" and has advised Government on all matters affecting the Island of Mombasa. No municipal works are inaugurated until that Committee has been consulted and all information required by it is supplied by the executive officers concerned.

This system has worked satisfactorily. There is no evidence of a demand for the early institution of proper Municipal control and the District Committee has given its opinion that consideration of such institution is premature

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YOURS 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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in view of the present racial and financial position of the country. I agree with that view and see no prospect in the near future of Mombasa becoming a Municipality.

4. I regret that the liability of Government for the construction of Hobley Road was not expressly indicated in Sir Robert Coryndon's despatch No. 529 of December 12th 1922. Landowners affected surrendered land free of charge for this road on condition that Government would construct the road out of public funds. This commitment was accepted and hitherto funds from stand premia have been allotted. These funds are no longer available and as Government was advised that completion of this road would so favourably affect the attitude to be adopted by landowners towards the Town Planning Scheme as in fact to be a condition of its success, the inclusion of £2,600 within the item of £6,000 for the construction of the penultimate portion of Hobley Road was considered essential.

5. Your Grace will observe that Supplementary Estimates show a saving of £1800 on this head. There thus remains a sum of £1600 to be spent on Town Planning. This amount will be spent entirely on Survey which will probably not be completed before the end of the year. The further expenses of the Town Planning Scheme which it is expected will shortly be submitted to Government for approval will be budgeted for in 1924 Estimates.

6. In view of the indefinite postponement of plans for setting up a Municipality it is considered that expenditure on Town Planning should properly appear as a feature in the Colony's Estimates provided that the rates which it is proposed to impose at the Port will accrue to the Colony's revenue as a set-off against this expenditure. Rating Rules are in course of preparation and should be completed in ample time to permit of application in 1924. On the advice

(3)

of the District Committee it is the intention to effect assessment on the basis of rental values until the Town-planning Scheme has advanced sufficiently to enable assessment on site values to be carried out satisfactorily. This procedure thus annuls for the time being the proposal submitted in Sir R. Coryndon's telegram No. 371 of 20th October, 1922 and approved by the Secretary of State in his telegram dated 25th October, 1922. In order that the cost of town planning should be clearly shewn, I have given directions that separate accounts are to be opened.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted and
most obedient servant,

J. A. S. ...

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

(Draft approved by Ag. Governor.)

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of pure explanatory
the position in regard
to municipal

matters in Monrovia.

(2) I note that a

reduction of £1800
in the provision made
under head xxx

Item 3 of the Statement

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Mr. Acad 1578

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle,

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

for 1925 has been effected
& that you propose in
budget for further expⁿ in
town-planning in Mombasa
in the Est. for next year.

(3) I note also the arrangements
described in para 6 of your
Dispatch & concur in the
action wh. you have taken.

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE