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LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS. ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Arrangements for election of eleven elected members of the Council in progress for some time. Gives names of Heads of States or officials members Legislative Council. Gives names of Heads of States or officials members Executive Council. Considers best course to be taken with only ex-officio members executive council. Lists names of 11 European unofficial members who have been elected to Legislative Council.

W. Scott

Please take the names of the 11 European members of the Legislative Council from the Gazette notice...

...the appointments of officials and unofficial members are approved before the receipt of the 3rd copy... to unofficial members of C. C.

L. G. 28/4/20

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA

10th MARCH 1920.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Legislative Council of the Colony of East Africa, which were published in the Gazette of the 4th September 1919, and in relation to the amendments thereto, which were published in the Gazette of the 10th October 1919.

2. On April 1919 the Legislative Council of the Colony of East Africa was constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act of 1919, which was prescribed in the Order in Council of the 4th September 1919, and in the Preamble thereto, which were published in the Gazette of the 4th September 1919, and in the Order in Council of the 10th October 1919.

3. Arrangements have been made for the election of the eleven members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of East Africa, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act of 1919, which were prescribed in the Order in Council of the 4th September 1919, and in the Preamble thereto, which were published in the Gazette of the 4th September 1919, and in the Order in Council of the 10th October 1919.

VISCONT MANSFIELD, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
 DOWNING STREET,
 LONDON, S.W.

... of electoral areas 1
 candidates were elected and these 6 were
 elected. ... daily elected under ...
 III Rule 10. ... case, however, an objection
 was lodged on the ... and the improper rejection
 of a nomination paper. The objection was upheld
 with the result that the election was declared void
 and a date notified for a fresh election in the area
 in question. In each of the remaining 6 electoral
 areas more candidates than one have been nominated
 and March 25th has been fixed as the date at which
 a poll will be taken in each of these areas.

... As the invalidation of the election in one
 of the areas referred to above necessitates consider-
 able delay before the requisite preliminaries to a
 fresh election can be arranged, only 10 instead of
 11 elected members will be in a position to take
 their seats when the new constitution of the
 Legislative Council comes into operation. I am
 advised that the case of one electoral area being
 for a short time unrepresented is covered by
 Article 102 of the Royal Instructions and as there
 are several important measures which require to be
 dealt with by the newly constituted Council, I have
 considered it desirable to delay further the
 ... the Order-in-Council which brings it
 into effect.

5. Immediately the new Order-in-Council and
 Royal Instructions are applied the Governor and Ten
 Heads or Acting Heads of Departments become ex
 Office Members.

These

These ten consist of:-

Chief Justice Sir P. G. ...
 (W. J. ... acting)
 Attorney General L. Grant.
 (J. L. G. ... acting)
 Treasurer A. Kenny
 Chief Commissioner of W. ...
 General Manager
 Uganda Railway G. Couper.
 Land Officer H. T. Martin.
 Director of Agriculture ... A. Holm.
 Principal Medical Officer A. D. ...
 Director of Public Works .. W. M. Ross.
 (W. Blain, acting).
 Customs P. W. Major.
 (G. Walsh, acting).

The provisions provide that, in addition to
 the ex Officio and 11 elected members,
 there not more than 7 nominated official
 members nominated Indian Members. After
 consulting my Executive Council, I recommend that the
 following nominations be made:-

Official Members.

1. Mr. Charles William Hobley
(Provincial Commissioner).
2. Mr. Iven Llewellyn Owen Scott
(Solicitor General).
3. Mr. Sheikh Ali bin Salim
(Assistant Linnai Member).
4. Mr. Kenneth James Muir Mackenzie
(Crown Counsel).
5. Mr. William Kilmister Notley
(Commissioner of Police).

- 6. Mr. Jean Thomas Gosling
(Postmaster General).
- 7. Mr. James Russell
(Director of Education).

Indian Members

Mr. ...

Three mentioned in Council. The two recommended for ... and Mr. Gosling ...

... to these ...

... Mr. ...
 ... of ...
 ... into ...
 to appoint a ...
 I recommend that ...
 so appointed. It ...
 as many ...

...
 ...
 ... I recommend ...
 as the ... official member as it is very important that

should be adequately satisfied

to the... the new... also ceases... of September... that until any... members are appointed... the provisions of Section IV of the Royal Instructions the Executive Council will from April 1st consist of:-

- 1. The Chief Secretary ... Sir C. C. ...
- 2. The ... General ...
- 3. The Treasurer ...
- 4. The Chief Native Commissioner ...
- 5. The Principal Medical Officer ...

Of these the first three are at present... Mr. Ajnoworth is an... Mr. Minge's wish to a new appointment... official members... will cease... the Royal Instructions... the intention of... the European... among the elected members of the Legislative Council. I believe it could also be Sir Edward Northey's wish

to ...
Executive Council. Further both Mr. ...
and Mr. ... are candidates for election
to the Legislative Council and both are being
opposed in their electoral areas. I am therefore
of opinion that the best course would be to carry
on with only the ex officio members of Executive
Council until the full number of 11 European
unofficial members have been elected to the
Legislative Council. This will entail some delay
because of the necessity to which I have referred
above for arranging a fresh election in one of the
areas and I shall much regret the absence of
unofficial representation even for a limited

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's

humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.