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12th. July 1923C.O  
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## FOR CIRCULATION:

Mr. Jeffress  
Mr. Parkinson

Mr.

Asst. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

## SUBJECT

MR. ALLI BIN MOHAMMED ZEHA  
FOREMAN, P.W.D.

Encloses papers, and explains circumstances in which, as a special case he recommends payment of pension of Shs. 1,717/20 p.a..

Previous Paper

## MINUTES

He retired in May, and it would be difficult to give him pensionable status, now that he has actually gone.

In Col. Pension's order provision exists for the grant of compensation allowances equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  ths of the allowances which would have been granted if the officer had been pensionable.

This is the only solution which I can suggest.

J.H. Aug. 16, 1923.

If this were a case which had to be submitted to the Treasury then write to us direct, I think, of the matter. I have forwarded by the O.P.S. a copy of the compensation allowances suggested above.

I think the best plan should have been the last paragraph of the last letter, letter # 81.

Subsequent Paper

203/14291/24

Seems impossible to ask the C.C. to do this.  
There is no record of the position of  
General advising the financial  
staff who have been concerned,  
as far as with that result.

My  
14.8.23

I agree that the Treas.  
wouldn't look at it,  
but from a C.C. point  
of view I think the case  
deserves concern. I do  
not like bringing in a  
principle from other  
Col. pension law: if  
a pension is to be  
granted it should  
be (as calculated by  
local Govt) that payable  
in accordance with the  
principles of the  
Supr. Act; & the position  
regularised either by  
making the Law  
payable with  
retrospective effect or  
by getting the degree  
Council to vote a  
special pension as  
was

was done in the case  
of Mr. Woodruff (file  
253/SA). I think the  
latter arrangement is  
less likely to lead easily  
to quotation as a precedent.

Agree  
different  
view?

? Let's say that  
if as a special case the  
Degree Council are prepared  
to vote the proposed a  
pension the S.O.S. will  
not withhold covering  
approval, on the  
understanding that  
the case will not be  
quoted as a precedent.

W.J. 15.8.23

We have to remember  
we can act as  
in Jeffries' interests

but (2) we must emphasize  
the v. exceptional nature  
of the case wh. violates

Jeff's b. agree to exceptional

request. (2) we must  
limit the annual grant

to a max. of  $\frac{3}{4}$  " of  
the sum payable had  
Abi bin M. Zena been

on the pers<sup>ss</sup>. estab.

\* paid pension on the  
basis of the max.

had better avoid the word  
'pension' altogether  
sophomore or an  
annual compensation grant.

~~otherwise~~

OK cousin

A.C.F.

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No. 1079.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

KENYA.

REF. NO. 10 AUG 23

12th July, 1923.

MY Lord Duke,

I have the honour to inform Your Grace that the Director of Public Works has recommended that Mr. Ali bin Mohamed Zena, an Arab Foreman in the Public Works Department may be granted a pension as a special case, although his service throughout has been in a non-pensionable capacity.

2. It is considered that a gratuity is an inadequate recompense for the 27 years faithful and continuous service rendered by him to this Government, a view strongly supported by a memorandum from Mr. J. W. T. McClellan, late Senior Commissioner, a copy of which is enclosed.

3. Mr. Zena has been permitted to retire from the service of this Colony on the grounds of age in support of which a medical certificate as to his apparent age is attached.

4. His services date from the 1st of January, 1896. The Form of Particulars relating to the pension to which he would be entitled computed at Shs. 1,717/20 per annum with effect from the 1st June, 1923, inclusive, is enclosed herewith.

5. In the exceptional circumstances of this case, I trust I may be informed in due course of Your Grace's approval -

IS GRACE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S. W..

approval to the pension recommended.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted and  
most obedient servant,

J. G. S. Arthurs  
GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

Copy to the Director Public Works,  
Makindu.

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No. 1519/3

INCLOSURES

Deemed to be  
Date 29/7/23 Senior Commissioner's Office

Mombasa

PM

September

1922

The Non-Colonial Secretary,  
Makindu.

Before leaving I wish again to draw attention to the position of Mr. Zena, Public Works Foreman of Lamu. This man has served Government very faithfully from the first day the British East Africa Company handed over to the Foreign Office. He has practically been the Executive engineer of Lamaland - building houses at Lamu, Pasa, Olyna, Kiunga, Wangere and Kipini he built the Lamu pier, made the sea road, built and repaired boats, and in fact did all the Public Works of what was the Province.

Mr. Zena is now an elderly man and should be given a reasonable pension, but either from oversight, disinterest or intention he has never been placed on the permanent staff.

J. E. M. G. S.  
Senior Coast Commr.

## COLONY AND PROTECTORATE OF KENYA.

## COLONIAL PENSIONS, &amp;c.

ARTICULARS required to be furnished in reference to persons recommended for Superannuation, Compensation or Compassionate Allowances, or Grants on retirement.

(In filling up this Paper refer to the Instructions in page 2.)

Name of Applicant Ali bin Mohamed Zene

Office or Situation Foreman, Public Works Department

Recommended for a pension of Sh. 1717-20 a year

Age Over fifty (50) years (approximately 70 - see below)

Service in Years and Months 27 years, and 5 months

Salary or Wages (Actual) Sh. 3816-00

Emoluments

Total amount of Salaries, Wages and Emoluments on }  
which Superannuation is claimed. } Sh. 3816-00

retirement age

Amount and Dates of the several Appointments held by Applicant, with  
distinction of Salary from other allowances, and specifying such

Date of Commencement	Date of Termination	Salary per Month	Nature of Allowances, &c.
Sept., 1-1-1896	31-3-06	to 1440	
1-4-06	31-3-11	1680	
1-4-11	31-3-14	2400	
1-4-14	31-3-20	2640	
1-4-20	31-5-23	3816	
<i>per Mth.</i>			

10. Whether each of the Appointments held by the Applicant has been on the Fixed Establishment of the Colony. **Yes**

11. Whether the duties of the several offices or situations held save the Applicant entered into Civil Service have been such as to require that the holder should give his whole time to the public Service. **Yes**

12. Whether holding any other Public Appointment, or receiving or claiming to receive any Public Money by Compensation, Half-Pay or otherwise. **No**

13. If any kind of Pension or other Allowance has been commuted under the Imperial Pension Commutation Acts, 1860 and 1871, the annual amount of Pension or Allowance commuted and the date of Commutation should be inserted.

**None**

14. Absence, beyond ordinary Vacation leave, in each of the last 10 years:

Year.	Period of Absence.		Number of Days.	Cause of Absence.
	From	To		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		
19	...	"		

15. Date of Cessation of Duty **31st December 1922**

(Granted leave with pay from 1-1-23 to 31-5-23)

16. Date of Cessation of Salary **31st May 1923**

17. Date from which, inclusively, Pension will Commence. **1st June 1923**

Statement, if the circumstances warrant, that the Applicant "has discharged his duties with diligence and fidelity, to the satisfaction of the Head Officer or Officers of his Department," to be signed by any two of such Head Officers, if there shall be more than one, or by such Head Officer, if there shall be but one, together with "such a statement as will exhibit the merit and value and labour of the services of the Person recommended, embracing as long a period in his public service as can be authentically stated," and observations as to Special Services, Suspension, Reprimand, &c., with full particulars of any injuries received on duty or other claims or matters for consideration.

**Special Services:- Nil**

**Suspensions:- Nil**

**Reprimands:- Nil**

He has served the Government faithfully for a very long period.

*H. A. Brock*

AG. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Computation, by the Treasurer, of the Pension, &c.—

I certify that the **pension** which may be paid to the Applicant according to the Rules of the Colonial Service, amounts to **One thousand seven hundred and seventeen shillings and twenty cents a year (Sh. 1717-20)** and I base my Certificate on the following calculation:

1st Appointment - 1st January 1896  
Retirement - 1st June 1923

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Actual service	27.	5.	0.
TOTAL	27.	5.	0.
Pensionable service	- 27 years		
salary	- Sh. 3816-00 a year		
or 27/60 ths	- Sh. 1717-20 a year		

TREASURY

NAIROBI, 15th M. S. Y. 1923.

The Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.

Instructions.

## INSTRUCTIONS REFERRED TO ON PAGE 1.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Lamu.

24th June, 1925.

**If this Paper of Particulars and the Certificates connected with it,  
be not sent in original, the copies must be duly attested.**

**HEAD 1 OF PAPER.**—In the case of an Officer serving on the West Coast of Africa, a statement is to be made whether he is a native of that Coast. (Colonial Regulations, § 12).

**HEAD 3.**—State the description of Allowances for which the Applicant is recommended, i.e., Superannuation Compensation, Commissariat Allowance, or Gratuity, and its amount. In the case of Persons claiming an addition to their Pensions in respect of Professional or other special qualifications, the same should be stated, and a reference should be given to the authority under which the claim is made.

**HEAD 5.**—If the service has been interrupted by one or more breaks, the word "broken" should be added before or after the number of years and months, and the causes, dates, and circumstances of the break or breaks should be stated under heading 9.

**HEAD 6.**—If the Person retiring has been in receipt of the same Salary, or in the class from which he retires, for the 36 months immediately before the date of his retirement, the actual annual rate of Salary or Wages at that date should be inserted, preceded by the word "actual." In other cases the average annual amount of Salary or Wages for the 36 months next preceding the date of retirement should be inserted, preceded by the word "average," but if the whole period of service is less than three years, then the average for the whole period of service should be inserted.

**HEAD 7.**—A separate statement should be inserted of the average Annual Value, for the 36 months immediately preceding retirement, of each Emolument (exclusive of salary or wages) which is claimed to be included in the calculation of the Pension or Gratuity.

Whenever the value of a House or House Allowance, so ascertained, exceeds one-sixth of the salary and other emoluments which count for Pension purposes, it is to be reduced to one-sixth of that amount, so that it shall not exceed one-seventh of the whole.

Fees which an officer is allowed to retain for his own use will be taken into account for Pension purposes, with regular salary, at the annual average of the net receipts of the 36 months next preceding the Officer's retirement. These net receipts are to be ascertained by deduction from the gross amount of Fees such Office Expenses, &c., as an officer may have had to defray from his own resources, in performing the services for which he was remunerated by Fees. No deduction, however, from the Fees should be made in respect of Office Expenses provided in Public Funds for the discharge of those duties to which a Fixed Salary is annexed. Papers of "Particulars" when forwarded to the Colonial Department should be accompanied by formal declarations from the retiring Officers, showing the amount received by them for fees, and the amount defrayed as above for Office Expenses, &c., in each of the three years immediately preceding the retirement. It will be the duty of the Colonial Government to concur in the statements of the accuracy of such statements before forwarding them to the Colonial Office. In the case of Officers receiving Fixed Salaries and Fees, the Fees will not in ordinary circumstances be allowed to count for Pension purposes to the extent of more than one quarter of the Salaries, and Fees will not in any case be allowed to count for Pension purposes during the period in which the whole time of the Officer receiving them was not given to the Public Service.

**HEAD 8.**—In cases of infirmity, if the applicant is below the ordinary age for retirement, a Medical Certificate is to be furnished showing that he is disqualified by infirmity of mind or body for discharging his duties of his situation, and that such infirmity is likely to be permanent.

In case of ten years' service or more, this certificate should be signed by two Officers, whom at least one should, if possible, be a Senior Officer of the Government.

**HEAD 9.**—As to "broken" service see HEAD 5.

If the applicant has had any "acting" service, the details must be fully given, with statement whether or not, during the "acting" service, he was connected with the permanent Civil Service of the Colony.

**HEAD 11.**—If, in special circumstances, a professional Civil Officer has been allowed to have "private practice" without forfeiting his claim to Pension, the facts are to be fully stated.

**HEAD 14.**—If the Applicant is liable to any deduction from his service under Clause 102 of the Civil Regulation, the facts should be fully stated.

**HEAD 19.**—The length of service and other particulars of the computation are to be given. When a sum of Salary, &c., is taken, the mode of calculating it (whether by months, &c.) is to be explained.

The District Commissioner,

L A M U .

SIR

I think, the apparent age of Mr. Ali bin  
Mohamed Zena, is about 70 years.

Sd. C. J. Patel.

SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEON.

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MINUTE.

Received 17.8.23

Mr. Jeffreys 17/8

Mr. Parkinson 17/8

Mr. Davis

Sir G. Grindall

Sir B. Head

S.D.S. Malaria Control

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Drake of Denshaw

2nd copy  
1. It is hereby ordered  
that the said

To whom

deposited  
am not prepared  
to rule that  
Mr. Zena should  
be paid only  
the gratuity  
for which he  
is strictly eligible;

22 Aug 1923

I have the honour to act the recd. of

your despatch No 1079 of the 12th of

July, in which you recommend the

award of a pension at the rate of

Rs 1717.20 a year, with effect

from the 1st of June 1923, inclusive,

to Mr. Ali bin Mohamed Zena,

late Foreman - the P.O.D.

your representations as to

2. In view of the very

exceptional nature of the case!

Should be referred to the

Committee to submit, as if

the Legislative Council are

prepared to vote [against] I will  
not withhold my voting approval,

an annual  
compensative grant  
for him

on the understanding that the case

will not be quoted as a precedent.  
I consider, however, that any such  
~~The annual grant must however~~

should be limited to a maximum of three  
quarters of the ~~sum~~ payable had Mr.

~~the bill been~~ been

Serving on the permanent establishment.

~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~

~~and~~

~~Signed~~ DEVONSHIRE