

1923

KENYA

C O  
39986  
RE  
R. 10 JUN 23

From  
Dep Sec  
Northcott

Conf  
408

DATE

14th July 1923

FOR CIRCULATION:-

Mr. ~~Robinson~~  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Asst. U.S. of S.

SUBJECT

Patents of A. J. S. Mello

Perm. U.S. of S.  
Part U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State

regarding house of  
promotion, acting  
allowance and  
submits

Previous Paper

982  
123 21  
22



Am. Conf  
W. Holt

pro  
some arguments  
was not reasonable.  
§ 192 of the old Kenya  
Code of Regs. under which he  
was promoted, having been promoted  
after [unclear] I agree that it is impossible  
to take the matter up after  
this lapse of time.

Subsequent Paper

x 2423/1/11

(2) Permission. This is not  
right & we cannot interfere  
with

MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN  
ON THIS SIDE.

with the local Govt's  
decision, especially  
20 days after the  
event.

3) Acting allow. no comment  
is made as to the promise  
to which he refers.

4) Revision. He is not  
so badly off, as he is  
getting Rs 240.0.0

a year. Had he Rs 400  
had at 1/4 would  
be Rs 26.17.4

pre-revision

men resident in  
India, but there has  
never been any question

of such a bonus for  
men resident in Kenya,  
because of the currency  
change over which they  
have scored an insurance  
above.

? Observe on (1) that  
the

the can not appear to  
be governed by § 192 of  
the old code, under  
which he was apparently  
ineligible having been  
promoted after April 1909.

say as regards (3) that  
it is presumed that he  
is incorrect in referring  
to any promise having  
been made, on this  
assumption ask that

he may be informed  
that the S.O. has  
considered  
received his petition  
that he cannot see his  
way to work the Govt. of  
Kenya to take any  
action on it.

C. J. J. 21. 1923

All  
22. 1. 21  
above

KENYA.  
No. 408.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

39986

14th July, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

Re: 10 30023

petition.

I have the honour to transmit a petition addressed to Your Grace by Mr. A.J.D'Mello, late 3rd Grade Clerk in the Survey Department, requesting redress of certain alleged grievances on which it is desired to offer the following observations:-

2. House Allowance. Mr. D'Mello was locally engaged in Nairobi on the 1st December, 1906, as a Junior Clerk, from which date he drew House Allowance at the rate of Rs:20/- per mensem up to the 31st March, 1912. He was promoted to the 4th Grade from 1st April, 1908, and to the 3rd Grade on 1st April, 1912.

C.L.S.  
14321  
15/208

In recommending Mr. D'Mello for the 3rd Grade appointment in his Department Major G. S. Knox, R.E., expressly stipulated that on promotion no house allowance would be paid to him. Sanction for this appointment on the terms specified above was accordingly sought in paragraph 2 of Sir C. Bowring's despatch No.288 of the 20th April, 1912, and received assent in Mr. Harcourt's telegraphic reply of the 31st May, 1912.

It is impossible at this date and from the information available to say what exactly were the reasons for attaching this special condition to Mr. D'Mello's promotion.

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.,





INCLOSURE  
Kenya Council  
Despatch No. 408 of 14-7-1923  
30  
Nairobi, 11th April, 1923.

To His Grace  
The Duke of Devonshire, K.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
Downing Street,  
LONDON, S. W.

Through  
His Excellency  
Sir Charles Calvert Bowring, K.B.E., C.M.G.,  
Acting Governor of the Colony & Protectorate  
of Kenya,  
N A I R O B I.

May it please Your Grace,

I most respectfully beg to lay before you my petition with the fervent hope that this appeal will receive Your Grace's sympathetic consideration.

2. House Allowance.

I joined the Government service on 1st December 1922 and drew house allowance at Rs. 20/- per mensem up to the 31st March 1923. On 1st April 1923, I was promoted to the 2nd Grade and to my keen disappointment my house allowance was stopped. On my raising the question with the Director of Surveys, I was informed that it was contemplated that the house allowances like incidental expenses, were to cease on promotion. While I was sure that the Director of Surveys (Major Knox) was under some misapprehension on the point, I decided to wait and see how the future promotions in the service would be made. As soon as I saw that the Director of Surveys had misunderstood the position, I applied to him to redress my grievance on the score of the loss of my house allowance.

3. The Head of my Department raised the question with the

the Hon. Chief Secretary to the local Government but as the then Hon. Treasurer objected on the ground that as my promotion to 3rd Grade was made in accordance with Major Knox's letter No. 55 dated 20th March 1912, no house allowance could be recommended.

Appendix I.

4. As I have already stated that Major Knox was labouring under some misapprehension when he put up his recommendation and as I had no access to the Estimates File, I was unaware of the mistake made by the Director of Surveys when submitting his letter regarding my promotion.

5. The Hon. Treasurer further contended that as I was promoted after 6 years and 4 months service, presumably the loss of my house allowance was taken into consideration. To this objection I respectfully beg leave to state that my promotion was due to the merits of my case and the nature of the arduous duties I had to perform and had no bearing on the length of my service.

6. For Your Grace's information I may state that I was allowed to draw House Allowance from 1st January 1917 to date of my retirement, in accordance with the scheme of Sir Alfred Lascelles with regard to War Bonus which will further strengthen my claim for the house allowance from 1st April 1912 to 31st December 1916.

7. It will therefore be apparent to Your Grace that I have been deprived of my house allowance to the extent of Rs. 1,140/- for no fault of my own.

8. Promotion.

In consideration of my work in the Survey Department, I was specially recommended for promotion but the Director of Surveys was overruled on the plea that I was not senior

Appendix II.

Appendix III.

enough

Kenya & Co. Ltd. 30  
Despatch No. 14-7  
Nairobi, 11th April, 1923.

To His Grace  
The Duke of Devonshire, K.C., P.D., G.C.H.G., G.C.V.O.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
Downing Street,  
LONDON, S. W.

Through  
His Excellency  
Sir Charles Calvert Bowring, K.B.M., C.M.G.,  
Acting Governor of the Colony & Protectorate  
of Kenya,  
N A I R O B I.

May it please Your Grace,

I most respectfully beg to lay before you my  
petition with the fervent hope that this appeal will  
receive Your Grace's sympathetic consideration.

2. House Allowance.

I joined the Government service on 1st December  
1902 and drew house allowance at Rs. 70/- per mensem up  
to the 31st March 1912. On 1st April 1912, I was  
promoted to the 3rd Grade and to my keen disappointment  
my house allowance was stopped. On my raising the  
question with the Director of Surveys, I was informed  
that it was contemplated that the house allowances like  
incidental expenses, were to cease on promotion. While  
I was sure that the Director of Surveys (Major Knox) was  
under some misapprehension on the point, I decided to  
wait and see how the future promotions in the service  
would be made. As soon as I saw that the Director of  
Surveys had misunderstood the position, I applied to him  
to redress my grievance on the score of the loss of my  
house allowance.

3. The Head of the Department raised the question with  
the

the Hon. Chief Secretary to the local Government but as the then Hon. Treasurer objected on the ground that as my promotion to 3rd Grade was made in accordance with Major Knox's letter No. 85 dated 20th March 1912, no house allowance could be recommended.

Appendix I.

4. As I have already stated that Major Knox was labouring under some misapprehension when he put up his recommendation and as I had no access to the Estimates File, I was unaware of the mistake made by the Director of Surveys when submitting his letter regarding my promotion.

5. The Hon. Treasurer further contended that as I was promoted after 6 years and 4 months service, presumably the loss of my house allowance was taken into consideration. To this objection I respectfully beg leave to state that my promotion was due to the merits of my case and the nature of the arduous duties I had to perform and had no bearing on the length of my service.

6. For Your Grace's information I may state that I was allowed to draw House Allowance from 1st January 1917 to date of my retirement, in accordance with the scheme of Sir Alfred Lascelles with regard to War Bonus which will further strengthen my claim for the house allowance from 1st April 1912 to 31st December 1916.

7. It will therefore be apparent to Your Grace that I have been deprived of my house allowance to the extent of Rs. 1,140/- for no fault of my own.

8. Promotion.

In consideration of my work in the Survey Department, I was specially recommended for promotion but the Director of Surveys was overruled on the plea that I was not senior enough.

Appendix II.

Appendix III.



222

12. With this hope and promise, I was encouraged to work very hard and began to put in late hours for a long period and thus effected considerable savings to the Government but the acting allowance was also denied to me for no specific or valid reasons.

13. Clerks in the Medical and Audit Departments were granted either rations or monthly allowance in lieu thereof for work they had to perform in connection with the exigencies of the military service. In any case no consideration was given to me for the extra duties that devolved on me by the mobilization of the Survey Staff.

This is another instance in which I have been unjustly treated.

14. Pension.

After having served the Government of Kenya Colony faithfully and diligently for over 15 years I was invalided out of the service on 3rd January 1920 and now draw a pension of Shs.67.16.

15. In view of the fact that my health was impaired principally due to my having over exerted myself both before and after office hours for a period of about 20 years when most of the European Staff was away serving under various local Military Units, I would most humbly and respectfully appeal to Your Grace to treat my case with every consideration.

16. I am a married man with children and the present small pension is not sufficient for my own maintenance and I was therefore forced to come back to East Africa to make a living. My pension has been calculated on Re.155/- the maximum salary of the pre-war 3rd Grade, I was drawing at the time I was invalided. I was also drawing



drawing a War Bonus of Rs.48/- and as this amount was later on i.e. on 31st March 1920 was consolidated into the substantive salaries of Clerks when adjusting salaries on new scales, I would consider it a great boon, in my present circumstances, if a consideration could be made for my loyal and faithful services I have rendered to the Government if my pension could be calculated on Rs.155/- plus Rs.48/- War Bonus, or a total of Rs.203/- and not on Rs.155/- only as has been done in my case. I presume there are precedents for adopting the course suggested.

110  
9/11

17. I would have much hesitation in placing before Your Grace my appeal were I not actuated by the fact that the local Government has not dealt fairly with my case.

18. In conclusion I trust Your Grace will view my case with the proverbial British Justice and fairplay and issue such instructions as Your Grace may deem fit in doing justice to your humble petitioner.

I beg to remain,  
My Lord Duke,  
Your Grace's Obedient servant,

*Borndumello*

Copy 234

of your ... and I ...  
in my ... it will be ...  
promoted at the time I would now have drawn ...

10. Active Allowance.

Before the outbreak of the hostilities the Survey  
Department ... large number of officers on its  
establishment ... amount of clerical work  
in ... Clerks and 1 ...

... the European

... I was requ

... work with

... to grant

... by the Direc

... (en. Ch)

... Council

... signed r

No. 25.

Director of Surveys Office,  
Nairchi,  
March 20th 1912

The Hon. Chief Secretary,  
Thro. The Hon. Treasurer,  
Nairchi.

Sir,

1. The great and constant increase of work in this Department and the still greater increase that be may be expected with the increased staff for 1912-1913 renders an increase to the clerical staff of the Cadastral Branch absolutely essential.

I have already expressed my regret that this inevitable increase was not foreseen in framing the estimates for 1912-1913, and in any case His excellency then refused to consider an increase in total for the normal as distinct from the Coast Land Settlement work.

2. The Chief Clerk goes on six months leave next April which will leave me with only 2 clerks.

The present 3 clerks have only too frequently to work over-time, and the minimum increase I require is 1 white and 1 Sinhalese clerk.

3. I beg to urge that sanction may be obtained to get a white clerk at once from England at £.130 by £.10 or £.200 and £.40 House Allowance.

I also ask leave to transfer Mr. De Melles (at one time a Sergeant in my Office and now paid as a tracer though much of his time is occupied in clerical work) to the clerical staff.

He has 5 years good work to his credit in my Department and I recommend that he be appointed 3rd Grade clerk at Rs. 125, Rs. 100 per month each year to Rs. 150, per month and no House allowance. In other words £.100 per annum by S. I. at 2.120 p.m.

4. Thus in 1912-13, a total of £.230 Personal Emoluments and £.40 House Allowance has to be provided to meet these two new appointments.

5. If my estimates for 1912-13 are sanctioned I shall have savings of Personal Emoluments from the normal and Coast Land Settlement votes combined (owing to the necessary delay in filling new appointments) sufficient to provide the necessary sum.

I am etc.

(Sgd.) G. S. Knox

Major R.E.

Director of Surveys.

Sir,

Ref. No. 1707 of 31st May 1913, Mr. De Mello  
promoted 3rd Grade Clerk

I have the honour to forward an application from Mr. De Mello for house allowance or suitable house. Mr. De Mello is a married man.

When Mr. De Mello was promoted to 3rd grade clerk it was under the understanding that he would forfeit his house allowance. At that time Mr. De Mello had not reached the maximum of the 4th grade and was specially promoted for good work.

Under these circumstances he now draws less pay than if he had remained in the 4th grade i.e. he would in 4th grade draw Rs. 120, plus Rs. 20 house allowance = Rs. 140, whereas being 3rd grade he draws only Rs. 130. I feel sure that it was not intended when he was specially promoted, that he should eventually become worse off (as is now the case) than if he had only received promotion in his ordinary turn.

I therefore strongly recommend that Mr. De Mello may be granted either house allowance or that suitable quarters be allotted to him.

I am etc.  
(Sgd) G. C. Williams  
Captain R.E.

Survey Dept. C. Br.  
Nairobi.  
15th November 1913.

The Deputy Director of Surveys.  
Thro. The Chief Accountant.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my application of the 14th November 1912 re house allowance.

I regret having to trouble you but my present financial difficulties has occasioned this appeal for your kindly consideration.

I have served in this department for a number of years, and I trust, given satisfaction, also when being promoted to my present grade in April 1912, I was not permitted house allowance.

I respectfully and humbly ask that you see your way to recommend the granting of the house allowance.

May I point out that all clerks who have been promoted in the 3rd grade, have always been granted house allowance and would respectfully point out that it is only ~~fairness~~ just to place me on the same footing as my colleagues.

I am etc.  
(Sgd) A. John De Mello.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary,  
Thro. The Hon. The Treasurer,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

Mr. A. J. De Mello's application for house  
Allowance,  
Your No. 2389 of the 13 December 1915, and  
My No. 187 of the 24th November, 1915.

I have the honour to request that Mr. A. J. De Mello,  
a 3rd grade clerk in this department may be permitted to draw  
house allowance at the rate of Rs. 20. per mensem as from 1st  
October next.

The amount of this allowance for the current year could  
be found from savings on the Vote "2 Senior Staff Surveyors. C.L.S  
House Allowance.

Mr. Townsend describe this man as a very valuable clerk  
and reports extremely well on his work since he was first  
employed in the Department in 1906.

He also informs me that when Major Knox recommended  
this officer for promotion to 4th to 3rd grade, he was under  
the impression that the promotion would be cancelled automatically.

Without the  
permission of Mr. De Mello  
as per Section 10C  
of the Act, if it  
be read, if it  
of this office.

reservation connected with his  
entitled to house allowance  
as Regulations, and  
road work and  
the case.

10th February 1917

227  
1917

The Hon. Chief Secretary,  
Thru. The Hon. Treasurer,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

Re Application for House allowance.

Mr. A. J. De Mello

Ref. Your No. 2386 of the 13/12/13 and this office  
letter No. 187 of 24/11/13.

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. De Mello has submitted through me a petition to His Excellency the Governor in regard to the above subject, but which I have advised should be held in abeyance pending a further ruling from you.

2. I am given to understand that His Excellency has sanctioned the building of additional quarters for the Cook Staff, situated in the Ngara Road, and if such is the case I shall be obliged if accommodation can be arranged for the above mentioned clerk on provided that such is unobtainable, he may be allowed to reside with a friend who is now occupying Government Quarters in the same locality.

3. Taking into consideration the length of service Mr. De Mello has completed, and the excellent work which he has performed both in the past, and also during the period of the war when the clerical staff has been so very much depleted, I should be very pleased to see this clerk enjoying the same privileges as those who are his juniors in every respect.

4. In conclusion I may add that this matter has been brought up on two previous occasions by Captain Williams late Director of Surveys, and Major King, R.E., and in fairness to this clerk I strongly recommend that this request may be sanctioned.

I am, etc.

(Sgd.) A. B. Townsend,  
Acting Director of Surveys.





16th September 1916

240

The Hon. Chief Secretary,  
Thro. The Hon. Treasurer,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

Mr. A. J. De Mello, 3rd Grade Clerk.

I have the honour to bring before you for special attention the case of Mr. De Mello, 3rd grade clerk in this Department.

1. I propose, and strongly recommend that Mr. De Mello may be placed on the 2nd Grade Clerks carrying the salary entitled to that grade viz; Rs.160 by Rs.10 to Rs 220 per month plus Rs.20 per month house allowance.

2. Mr Demello has now been in the Department over 9 years, and during that time has proved himself to be an extremely useful clerk.

3. Since the outbreak of hostilities, and the consequent cutting down of the staff in order to allow of certain of the members to join the local forces much of the work that was formerly carried out by the Bureau Staff has been given to Mr. De

intendent speaks most highly of this assistance he has rendered, and is of depleted staff.

Non-Bureau  
ND

action regarding the promotions of the house allowance.

is particular...  
le would be...  
and 192 of the...  
consideration of...  
you will kindly... promotion requests

(Sgd) L. N. King  
Capt. R.E.  
Director of Surveys



Director of Surveys Office,  
Nairobi,  
15th September 1917.

The Hon. Ag. Chief Secretary,  
Thro. The Hon. Treasurer,  
Nairobi.

Estimates 1918-19

I have the honour to forward the Estimates for the Survey Department for the financial year 1918-19.

I have kept the Estimates substantially the same as in previous years; the only increase being the normal annual increments in salaries, with certain exceptions to which I will specially refer later in this letter.

2. Much of the money estimated, I do not anticipate spending, but this, however, greatly depends on the cessation of hostilities—local and general.

3. Should it be necessary for any reason to reduce the amounts to be voted under any of the sub-heads, I would request that the following only be reduced (1) Local Transport and Labour, (2) Passage, (3) Local Purchases, (4) Tools, Materials etc. for Boundary Marks.

4. I have requested 4 new appointments, viz. Demarcators for Land Titles Surveys at the Coast.

The appointments to be for three years only at the salaries shown. I would refer to Treasury letter Bombay No. 286/294 of 17.7.17 these appointments have already been sanctioned, but I doubt if they could be paid from savings for three years.

5. I have also recommended the promotion to 2nd and 3rd grades respectively of Messrs. A. J. De Mello and F. T. De Souza and forward herewith special Estimates showing the increases under Personal Expenditure which may be expected should the promotions be sanctioned.

6. I would point out that Mr. De Mello has reached the maximum of his present grade. He is a very capable clerk and during the present crisis has proved invaluable owing to his general and knowledge of the routine work of the department.

I have had to depend on him during Mr. Balmer's illness and secondment temporarily for military service, to carry on the Clerical work of the Department.

Mr. De Mello has worked uncomplainingly long hours, and has given every satisfaction in all of the many duties he has been called upon to perform.

He is ~~undoubtedly~~ considerably above the average clerks of his grade and so far as this Department is concerned is well worth the salary of the 2nd Grade.

I strongly recommend that he is promoted from April 1st 1918.

In the case of Mr. F. T. De Souza I recommend that he be promoted from 4th grade to that of 3rd grade.

Although he has not reached the maximum of his present grade I consider that he is deserving of higher rating.

He has proved his worth during the past three years, carrying out his duties with efficiency and despatch.

He has been able to carry out his work without supervision and I am pleased to say that he has made no mistakes.

Mr. De Souza has won the good opinion of the Ag. Officer Superintendent, and it is on account of his recommendations that I have been pleased to put forward his case for promotion.

I had previously formed the opinion that he is fit for the promotion, and as in the case of Mr. De Mello strongly recommend it.

In conclusion I would state that both Mr. De Mello and Mr. De Souza are clerks that I would strongly object to being transferred to another Department owing their thorough grasp of the details necessary to successfully carrying out the work of the Survey Dept. Land etc.

A. E. Townsend,  
Ag. Director of Surveys.

Yellow

The Ag. ... be Super  
and the valuable ass.  
ing during this time  
aware of the regulat.  
... Staff, but most  
... applied in this way

444 50  
RECORDED  
INDEXED  
APR 19 1950  
FBI

No. S. 733/31

The Secretary,

213

Nairobi, 8th August 1916

The Ag. Director of Surveys,  
Nairobi.

Mr. A. J. De Lello - Application for Acting allowance  
Your No. 42/P/AGT of July 12th

His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that Mr. De Lello's application for acting allowance cannot be entertained.

2. His Excellency has already ruled that application for bonuses for extra work done by Government officials who may appear to merit special recognition pecuniary or otherwise should be considered on the conclusion of hostilities.

(Sd) T. A. Thomas  
for Chief Secretary.



4B.P.

Director of Surveys Office,

241

22nd April 1918

The Hon. The Chief Secretary,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward an appeal from Mr. A.J. De Mello for His Excellency the Governor's consideration.

In regard to the reasons "A" & "B" I may say that in the past I have always recommended these owing to the excellent work which Mr. De Mello has done whilst in this Department. It is work which an ordinary clerk cannot deal with being so peculiar bound with technical matters and Land Settlement Administration.

I am still in sympathy with his requests, although I regret that he has decided to forward the matter for His Excellency's consideration during a time of stress.

I am etc.,

(Sd) L. N. Townsends.

Ag. Director of Surveys.



Director of Survey Office,

Nairobi.

July 1914

245

The Hon. the Chief Secretary,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward an application by Mr. A. J. De Mello for acting allowance during the temporary absence of the several members of the European Clerical staff.

In this connection I would point out that much of the work effected by those members are now serving in various military capacities is done by Mr. De Mello and he most certainly has a far greater amount of responsibility thrust on him than in normal times. I understand from Mr. Palmer, the Ag. Office Superintendent that the duties have been carried out in a satisfactory manner and reflect great credit on Mr. De Mello.

I would also point out that since the various members of the staff have been allowed to join some one of the local forces that I have lost three European clerks in consequence whilst the amount of clerical work has not been reduced in the same proportion; this has necessitated working at high pressure and a considerable amount of overtime daily.

It would also appear from the code of Regulations Nos. 66, 67 and 68 that the application is in order, this being the case, I would strongly represent the justice of Mr. De Mello's case and respectfully request that some allowance be granted.

I am etc.

(Sgd) A. E. Townsend  
Ag. Director of Surveys

45.P.

Director of Surveys Office,

241

22nd April 1918

The Hon. The Chief Secretary,

Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward an appeal from Mr. A.J. De Mello for His Excellency the Governor's consideration.

In regard to the reasons "A" & "B" I may say that in the past I have always recommended these owing to the excellent work which Mr. De Mello has done whilst in this Department. It is work which an ordinary clerk cannot deal with being so peculiar bound with technical matters and Land Settlement Administration.

I am still in sympathy with his requests, although I regret that he has decided to forward the matter for His Excellency's consideration during a time of stress.

I am etc.,

(Sgd) L. E. Townsend.

Ag. Director of Surveys.

CC

OT  
10

To: Hon. the Chief Secretary,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward an application by Mr. A. J. De Mello for acting allowance during the temporary absence of the several members of the European Clerical staff.

In this connection I would point out that much of the work effected by those members are now serving in various military capacities is done by Mr. De Mello and he most certainly has a far greater amount of responsibility thrust on him than in normal times. I understand from Mr. Balmer, the Ag. Office Superintendent that the duties have been carried out in a satisfactory manner and reflect great credit on Mr. De Mello.

I would also point out that since the various members of the staff have been allowed to join some one of the local forces that I have lost three European clerks in consequence whilst the amount of clerical work has not been reduced in the same proportion; this has necessitated working at high pressure and a considerable amount of overtime daily.

It would also appear from the code of Regulations Nos. 66, 67 and 68 that the application is in order, this being the case, I would strongly represent the justice of Mr. De Mello's case and respectfully request that some allowance be granted.

I am etc.

(Sd/-) A. E. Townsend  
Ag. Director of Surveys



Inv  
39986/23 Kenya

247

O. D.  
R 23 AUG.  
D 24

27 August 1923

DRAFT.

9-11

Sir

I have the honor to ack. the recd. of

your conf. despatch No. 408 of the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, forwarding a petition from Mr. A. J. D'Amello, late 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grade Clerk, in the Survey Dept. & with regard to Mr. D'Amello's claim

for the part of house all over the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1912 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1916, the case would appear

to be governed by Section 192 of the Code of Regs, under

oof  
MINUTE.

Mr. Brock August 23

Mr. Jeffries 23/8/23

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Gindoff.

Sir H. Bond.

Sir J. Masterion Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

which he would <sup>also</sup> apparently  
incredible for the fact, having  
been promoted after <sup>the 1st of</sup> April 1909.

3. With regard to his claim for

the fact of doing all, I presume

incorrect in <sup>his statement</sup> report of

*[The following text is mirrored bleed-through from the reverse side of the page and is largely illegible due to the quality of the scan.]*