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AUG 28 1923

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28<sup>th</sup> July, 1923

CIRCULATION -

Mr. Eggeft

Mr.

U.S. of S.

SUBJECT

Survey of Kenya -  
Italian-Somaliland  
boundary

Submits proposal.

Previous Paper 4

SDO  
29x5 8/3

MINUTES

The negotiations, so far as I know,  
are still dragging on, so  
that we are not really much  
nearer to finality as to the  
transfer of this territory.

The principle of carrying  
out 'deponmentally'  
by the Kenya Gov. of this  
survey w. be acceptable  
to E.A. Dept. - & the saving  
in cost and distress  
convinced it also to  
the Treasury.

In any case I shall prefer this  
to await Mr. Stanton's  
return on 17 Sept. - ~~not~~  
You may like to see now;  
but I see no point in going  
to the Treasury with this  
until matters are further  
advanced as to the

Subsequent Paper

Copy to memo of 12/23 (no 5956 copy Kenya)

wait

transcript of the  
minutes

all

31.1.23

The Treasury will doubtless take the view that a strong case is not demonstrably made to be made on Colonial funds. I see no reason however why reference to the Treasury should not be prepared for the present as suggested.

1/11.19.23

There is that case we shall not do the Treasury. The Treasury, I know, is as a whole without conscience, but it will be even too much to say that thought for the majority Treasury officials to demand that Treasury should be responsible for carrying out the policy of London, if that is the correct description.

Mr. B. ...

In your opinion please  
all

3.9.23

Sent on 28.1.23

Mr. B. ...  
in also ...

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all

9.11.23

Mr. Eggott.

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think you will find it  
convenient to put ...  
with the C. S. Estimate for 1924-5,  
which may well precede any  
progress in the negotiations for  
cession. You may care to act accordingly.  
As Mr. Parkinson indicates,  
we have only a few days left unless  
any economy in the ...

all

Mr. B. ...

A note has been taken of the ...  
proceeds known from putting the Treasury proposals to  
the Treasury with the C. S. Estimate for 1924-5. If the  
proposal cannot be submitted in advance of the Estimate,  
it must be dealt with in a separate explanatory  
letter of provision in 1924-5 to help the recovery.  
The Treasury ... 1924-5, which the  
... made, is now ... to ...  
... for ... 1924-5 ...  
... C. S. Estimate

So far as we ...  
knows, this ...  
business with Italy is  
still dragging on ...  
in the ...  
might affect ...  
a copy of ...  
is not ...  
putting 2000 ...  
...  
details for the present

all  
20.10.23  
Johland has recently ...  
... in a diplomatic

Conversation There may be  
a result. On the other  
hand there may not.

Then within the  
week of 5000 in a minute  
to the Dept. as best  
i. S. vote. Bring up in  
a month.

Noted

Wed.  
22.10.23  
at

no further action wanted  
at present.

Review in a minute  
all  
2.11.23

action

This has been with me, but  
we can do something  
proper.

Bring up end of the  
week

Wed. 14.4.24  
at

Nothing being left to be done is  
passed. But bring up

25 Sept

Wed. 12.8.24  
at

W.R.A.

Constitution, there may be  
a result. On the other  
hand there may not.

I have withdrawn the  
stock of 5000 in a minute  
& after Sept. is back again  
in 5 vote. Bring up in  
a month.

Noted.

Wms.  
22.10.23  
at

no further action wanted  
at present.

Revia in a month  
all  
2.11.23

above

This has been cut in, but  
became a point to any  
propos.

Bring up end of May  
at  
22.11.23

Nothing being left to be  
done. The bring up  
is left.

at  
22.11.23

Wms.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

KENYA. 376

SECRET.

28th July 1923.

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My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatch of December 21st, 1922, on the subject of the insertion in the Colonial Services Estimate 1923 - 4 of the sum of 25,000 in respect of the cost of delineating the new boundary between Kenya and Italian Somaliland and to express great regret that a reply thereto has inadvertently been delayed.

2. In submitting the following proposals on this matter I have assumed that only such preliminary survey as is essential is to be made at present and that the expenditure incurred is to be reduced to a minimum.
3. With a view to economy, I recommend that this survey should be carried out departmentally. The establishment of this Colony includes two relief District Surveyors who could be spared for the work in 1923 - 24 without undue curtailment or postponement of leave. One of them will certainly be available in 1925 and, if the other cannot be spared, a Licensed Surveyor could be temporarily engaged.
4. The cost of importing a special survey party from England would obviously be very great as continuous work throughout the year is impossible owing to lack of water. During the dry season a party from England would be without employment, and would presumably return to England....

HIS GRACE  
THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., &C., &C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON S.W. 1.

England, while departmental officers would be profitably engaged during this dry season on their normal duties.

5. The essential surveys are as follows:-

- (1) From Dicks Head along the Tana boundary to the 41st meridian or thereabouts.

This necessitates

- (a) The extension of the triangulation from Lamu to Dicks Head, a distance of 70 miles.

The most suitable season for this work is between the Monsoons, as points will be required on small islands, which are probably inaccessible during the Monsoons.

- (b) The running of the Tanaland boundary line from Dicks Head to its intersection with the meridian, a distance of 70 miles.

This line must be run during the rains. It is probable that it will pass through dense tropical jungle for the first 10 to 20 miles, and that triangulation will be impossible.

- (2) From Elwak to Dumasa, 40 miles.

I understand that there are many waterholes near this line, and that the determination of their ownership is important.

There are two methods by which this line can be surveyed.

- (a) By carrying the triangulation on from Abyssinian Boundary triangulation, of which the nearest points are about 70 miles away, and then by running the line between points fixed at these two places.

- (b) By running this portion of the boundary without determining its exact geographical position.

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I understand that the boundary between the Tanaland border and El Wak, 240 miles, and between Dumasa and the Dava River, 70 miles, runs through uninhabited and waterless country, and that its determination is not a matter of urgency.

6. Estimates for this work are necessarily very approximate, as the country has never been explored by a technical officer, and they are governed by an uncertain quantity, namely, the duration of the rains in the next two years. The following Estimates are based on the assumption that the British proposals will be accepted

My proposals are as follows:-

(1) Staff.

- 2 District Surveyors.
- 1 Transport Officer to be engaged locally.

(2) Programme.

- (a) October 1923 to March 1924 inclusive.
  - Coast Triangulation.
- (b) April to July, 1924, inclusive.
  - Tanaland Boundary Traverse.
- (c) April to July, 1925, inclusive.
  - El Wak to Dumasa Traverse.
- or (d) March to October, 1925.
  - El Wak to Dumasa Traverse and connection with the Abyssinian Boundary triangulation.

(3) Cost.

1923 - 24. Salaries & Allowances.	£2,000.
Labour.	£1,200.
Transport.	£1,200.
Materials.	£ 300.
Contingencies.	£ 300.
	£5,000.

1925. Salaries & Allowances.	£1,100.	or	£1,800.
Labour.	£ 800	"	£1,400.
Transport.	£ 800.	"	£1,400.
Material.	£ 100.	"	£ 200.
Contingencies.	£ 200.	"	£ 200.
	<u>£3,000.</u>	"	<u>£5,000.</u>

according as to whether the programme adopted follows (c) or (d) above.

If the remaining portions of the boundary have to be surveyed at some later date, it is estimated that the cost would be £3,000. These figures do not include the cost of escorts.

The total, therefore, for the complete formal survey would be £4,000 which shows a reduction of £9,000 as compared with the estimate transmitted in Mr Edward Northey's telegram No. 69 of February 3rd 1921.

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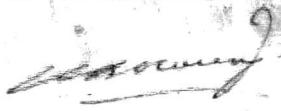
8. Your Grace will observe from the programme suggested in para 6 of this despatch that survey work in the vicinity of the proposed boundary can, in general, only be undertaken from April to July.

The Coast triangulation, on the other hand, can be most conveniently made between the seasons. I am advised that it is not material whether the Bill of Session is passed by Parliament in March or in June or July. Either of these dates would enable the Coast triangulation to be taken in hand in time to permit of the Tanaland boundary Traverse to be commenced in, but not before, the following April.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord, Sir,

Your Grace's most obedient  
and most devoted servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.