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Previous Paper

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Mr. ~~Parkinson~~. Mr. Bottomley. X

Of the cases quoted by Mr. Dain in paragraph 2, the Director of Public Works and the Commissioner of ^{Public} Works were appointed before the question of revising salaries came up on 60155/22 Kenya and 55526/22 Uganda. The Chief Sanitation Officer (and the Bacteriologist also v. paragraph 3) are, I suppose, as Medical Officers, immune from any attack on their salaries.

Mr. Dain also mentions, in paragraph 3, the parity of his salary with that of the Director of Transport. There is no Director at present, and the question of the amalgamation of the post with Director of Public Works has not been abandoned.

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Subsequent Paper Increase of Salaries of Chief Sec. Deputy Sec. Officers, Messengers
#387/24 Uganda
See 127922/22. Nylh. (Revision of salaries)
See 127922/24 Uganda

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+ (34626/22 Uganda) It is doubtful whether a new Director of Transport would get £1,000, if appointed.

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I cannot trace any understanding here that Mr. Blair on becoming Director of Surveys, is to retain the present salary. But please see early tele. on 15025 E.A.

But Mr. Dain appears to be the only Head of Department, in Uganda at any rate, who has suffered from the scheme for the reduction of salaries which was mooted on 60155/22 Kenya, but which has now, as 16329/23 will show, been suffered to fade away. The views of Uganda (of Mr. Jarvis) as to the proposed reductions are set forth on 1786/23 and whatever the merits of the general question it is certainly unfortunate that the Treasurer should be the one to undergo what amounts, by comparison with other Heads, to degrading, if no other reductions are to be made.

I minute with diffidence in view of C.O. 55626/23 Uganda, but it certainly seems that Mr. Dain has been the victim of misfortune. It might be

possible to agree to the salary being made £1100 again as from 1.1.24 i.e. on next year's Estimates? But it will first be necessary to explain to the Treasury, reference remarks on Head VII Item I in the memorandum enclosed with C.O. letter of December 6th 1922 (print attached), that the reduction of the salary of the Treasurer was made in anticipation of the application of a general scheme for the reduction of salaries of Heads of Departments which after fuller consideration S. of S. does not now consider desirable.

G.F.S.

23.7.23.

(1) The despatches in registered papers below ending with H.C. 16320/23 Z'bar deal with the general scheme of reducing salaries of Heads of Departments which Sir R. Coryndon has now gone back on.

I regret that I had not realised when minuting H.C./16320/23 that in effect O.A.G./1786/23 Uganda is the Uganda reply - and we shall get nothing more. If we were to remind as to the despatch on Gov/60155/22 Kenya, we should presumably receive only a reference to O.A.G./1786/23 Uganda. On the whole I should be inclined to let the matter drop - and say nothing more to any of the Governments unless any of them raised it.

(2) If this is agreed to, we can on this particular case tell Gov. that provision for £1100 may be made in draft estimates 1924, but that it must not be assumed that it will be approved. +

(3) Copy of these minutes should be registered separately for record as final papers in the H.C./16320/23 Z'bar series.