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FOR CIRCULATION:-

SUBJECT

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Asst. U.S. of S.

IMPORT ETC. OF MOTOR CARS

Minutes of meeting held on 31st July at  
the C.O. to discuss.

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

Previous Paper

MINUTES

Sec 39209

Within

17 Aug 23  
15 Oct 23  
29/4802/23  
31 Oct 23  
507/4945/23  
To S. Pickwood  
to B. Danden  
R. W. Taylor  
Miss Mary Logan  
Miss ...  
Miss ...

Subsequent Paper

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MR. BARTON  
MR. BARTON

You sent Mr. Davis to me this morning and I have let him have 3 copies of the minutes of meeting of 21st July.

Send one copy each to Mr. Pickwood & Mr. Taylor (Mr. Denham has gone back) for information and retention.

I do not know if you contemplated sending copies officially to the 3 Govts.

Intd G.L.S.  
9.8.23

We can leave it I

P.T.O.

think, & the Queen  
 ordered to take up  
 the matter into their  
 hands & sufficient  
 thereof to proceed as  
 at A making it clear  
 to them that we are  
 having it to them  
 to take up the matter  
 accordingly

He shall send a  
 copy also to Mr Hoff  
 as a matter of courtesy

H.W.S.  
 Mr Strickley 10. III. 23

Payson, I should  
 send a copy to the  
 W.C.S.  
 Graham S.O.

11.8.23.

C.D. 13/S  
 11.8.23

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 1966 to discuss certain questions in connection with the importation of Motor Vehicles into Kenya, Uganda, and the Tanganyika Territory.

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Meeting 3. 30. 23

Meeting 4. 8. 23.

Meeting 6. 8.

at 11.15

Lead

Present

Mr Strachey

Mr Attorney

Mr Batterbee

Mr Secy.

Mr Hogg. (Crown Agents)

Mr C.B. Denham. Ad Secy <sup>Kenya</sup> <sup>Kenya</sup>

Mr H. Pickwood. Def<sup>T</sup> Treasurer. Kenya

Mr C.K. Jain. Treasurer. Uganda

Mr R.W. Taylor. Treasurer. T.T.

1. Mr Batterbee explained that there were three points to be put before the committee for discussion as follows:

ation of his  
ability of advising  
man

(a). The high rate of duty (30% ad valorem) which was charged on motor vehicles & spare parts entering East Africa, as to which representations had been received from the governments of Uganda & the T.T.

and has been taken  
to the part of Uganda  
and other territories

(b). The question ~~whether~~ ~~the~~ ~~importation~~ ~~of~~ ~~motor~~ ~~vehicles~~ ~~and~~ ~~spare~~ ~~parts~~

to charge duties on cars & motor  
cycles purchased by Government  
and were required by Govt to ~~import~~  
motor transport for the purpose of their  
official duties.

- (c) Representatives which had been  
in the House of Commons by the  
President of the <sup>Finance Assn</sup>  
in fact that duties  
should be charged on motor cars  
etc. according to weight or value,  
like a new to give some  
preference to the British cars as against  
American cars, especially in colonial ports  
where direct preference was not practicable.

2. In question (c), Mr. Pickwood stressed that  
the reason for the increase by being a more  
expensive duty was the necessity of finding  
revenue as that with the inevitability  
of a revenue was admitted the  
Colonies did not feel they in a position to  
pay any possible source of revenue. Mr. Jain  
said that <sup>it was generally</sup> the motor tax was seriously  
hampering the development of the  
country was a disadvantage in the  
absence of taxation most a reduction in  
the tariff would be essential, and  
and to increase the revenue which was needed  
a revenue loss of revenue. The tax was not supported  
his view.

Mr. Batterbee had a list  
of duty rates of  
duty on cars in other Colonies from which

It appeared that the duty in G. Africa was largely  
in excess of that ~~in~~ in the main of the  
Empire. In many Colonies the British cars were  
allowed preference but this was of course not possible  
in East Africa in view of conventional obligations.

It was decided to ask Mr. Pickwood to  
Mr. Pickwood to take up

- (1) of the fact that to charge duty on motor cars  
had a disadvantage representative of the  
interest in the high duty
- (2) to ask that the British cars should be given preference  
over American cars where possible  
and to ask that the duty on motor cars

Mr. Taylor mentioned that any reduction in  
duties would be a disadvantage to the States in the region  
of the rate of interest, and that the States in the region  
of the region of the region of the region of the region  
duties.

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in the case of East Africa

3. It was generally agreed that it would be  
undesirable to introduce any differential treatment  
for Government servants, and that any relief  
to be given to such of these as were required to own  
cars for the purpose of their official duties would  
most properly take the form of a reduction of  
import duty applicable to all imported cars.

Mr. Batterbee explained that the object of the  
proposal to charge custom duty on motor cars etc.



*London*

*2607/23 Kenya*



17 Aug. 1923

*Sr* Sir

**DRAFT.**

Pickwood Esq.

MINUTE.

Mr. Seal 14.8.23

Mr. Battenbee (over)

Mr. B.N. [unclear]

Mr. Davis

Sir G. Grindle

Sir H. Read

Sir J. Masterton Smith

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Duke of Devonshire

With reference to the meeting which was held at the C.O. on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July on the subject of Customs duties on motor vehicles and parts imported into E. Africa. I am etc to transmit to you the acc<sup>y</sup> copy of the minutes of the meeting, in order that you may be in a position to bring the points discussed to the notice of your Gov<sup>t</sup> when a suitable opportunity offers on your return to E. A.

*minutes of meeting 31.7.23*

OAG 2607/23 Kenya

*DAE*

17 August 1923

Dear Mr. Taylor

DRAFT.

W. Taylor, Esq.,

Minister,  
Nairobi, Kenya

MINISTE.

Mr. *Sturges*

Mr. *Deane*

Mr. *Sturges*

Mr. Davis

Sir G. Grindle

Sir H. Read

Sir J. Macartney

Mr. O'Connell

Chief of the Machine

You will remember that shortly before you left for Africa a meeting was held at the C.O. to discuss the question of import duties on motor vehicles and parts imported into the British Dependencies in E.A.

I am now sending you a copy of the minutes of the meeting in order that you may be able, when a suitable opportunity offers to bring to the notice of your Govt the points discussed

Letter of Receipt 31.7.23

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On Sturges's signature, Taylor has now signed the T.T. ?

*Yes CP*



O. D.  
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OMG 26071/23 Kenya

For Mr. Bolton's signature

*[Handwritten signature]*

17 August 1923

DRAFT.

Sir  
Dear Denham

Denham Esq, C.A.G.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Seel <sup>14/8/23</sup>
- Mr. Butterlee (away)
- Mr. Bolton <sup>14/8/23</sup>
- Mr. Davis
- Sir G. Grindell
- Sir H. Reid
- Sir J. Masterton Smith
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Duke of Devonshire

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a copy of the minutes of the meeting in order that you may be able, when a

suitable opportunity occurs, to point to the advice of the Committee as to the matter up with

Water & Poles  
31.7.23

cc - to me.

Mr. Bolton has gone  
and...  
3/23

Your favor. A copy is also  
being sent <sup>to</sup> Officially by Parkwood,  
who is still in this country.

Mr. Wain of Usanda, Mr. Taylor of  
Kangaroo etc will also have copies.

Yours sincerely  
(sd) A.C.C. Parkwood

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P.S. / Hope you are having  
a good voyage & that you  
will enjoy your work  
as before. A.C.C.P

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Your favor. Acorn is also  
being sent specially <sup>to</sup> by Parkwood  
who is still in this country.

Mr. Wain of Usanda & Mr. Taylor of  
Langany also will also have copies.

Yours sincerely  
(sd) A.C.C. Parkin

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P.S. I hope you are having  
a good voyage & that you  
will enjoy your work  
as Col. Sec. A.C.C.P.

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Your first <sup>McDonnell</sup> <sup>has</sup>  
been sent <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>United</sup> <sup>States</sup>  
who is still in this country  
McDonnell & his family with Taylor &  
the young ones will also have copies.

Yours sincerely  
(sa) a.c.c. Parkerson

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Languny Ma will also have copies.

Yours sincerely  
(sd) A.C.C. Parkinson

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