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A. G. CONT.
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1920

27th MAY

1. MR A. W. HODSON

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2. APPT CONSUL FOR S. ARYSSINIA
FRONTIER AGENT AT MAGI

Reports resolution carried in Legislative Council protesting against H. A. P. being charged with a portion of the expenses of upkeep. Asks if any likelihood of P. O. accepting liability.

Half previous paper.

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3. 11. 2016/20

looking to F. O. cons 12 July 20 ✓
City above to Gov Conf 6 Aug 20 ✓
7/24/27/104 ✓
7/24/27/104 ✓

Not to be used

1. This is really all part & parcel of the desire of the Govt to be rid of the burden of the H. A. P.

But a ~~summary~~ is not particularly to take action on these lines

2. There is no chance whatever of the F. O. taking over the share of expenses of Mr. Hodson & the Frontier agent at Magi - or getting the Sudan to do this.

that it is?

Half previous paper.

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be in better being to see
convenient!

Copy of this dispatch [a 1089]

July 23rd

[I do not read in the
copy]

Recd
7/7/20

Sir

S. E. Northey was in the
Magi's domain - they had certainly
planned that there was a ~~large~~ meeting
at 70. Will be my ~~CO~~ ~~good~~
"Cryphon", and a ~~book~~

Co. 7.7.20.

at once.

A. J. R.

8/11/20

10/11/20

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No 100.

CONFIDENTIAL

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

27th May 1900

REC'D
COLONY

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My Lord,

File 4306

With reference to my despatch No. 565 of today's date and previous correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. A. W. Hodson as His Britannic Majesty's Consul for Southern Abyssinia I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that on the 7th instant the following resolution proposed by the Honourable W. J. Moynagh was carried by 25 votes to 4 in General Committee of Legislative Council:-

"That in the opinion of this Honourable Council the practice of charging this Country with the expenses of the upkeep of a portion of His Majesty's Consular Service in Abyssinia as represented by items 8-10 and 27-29 in Schedule VI of the Estimates is too heavy a burden for such a young country, and requests the Government to approach the Home Government with a view to transferring the burden to the Foreign Office".

2. The official vote was in no way controlled, the four Members voting against the Resolution being the Acting Chief Secretary, the Treasurer, the Director of Education and the Honourable Y. V. Phadke.

3.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.S.M.G., &c., &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

3. The Resolution, which relates to the expenses of the Resident Agent at Maji, as well as those of the Southern Abyssinian Consulate, is indicative of a feeling amongst the unofficial Members of Council which has found expression on frequent occasions in the past. They are dissatisfied with the tangible results of these appointments and disappointed that they have as yet had but little visible effect on the trade between Abyssinia and this Protectorate, nor can they understand why the Foreign Office vote should not bear the cost of Consular posts.

4. The history of the creation of the appointments, the delicacy and difficulty of dealing with the central Abyssinian Government and the value of the services rendered by Mr. Hodson were explained to Council in as much detail as was considered desirable having regard to the Confidential nature of the subject, but the majority adhered to the opinion expressed in the Resolution.

5. I should be glad to know if there is any likelihood of the Foreign Office accepting liability.

I have the Honour to be,
 Your Lordship's
 humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

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Hand off.
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Amad
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See

12 July 1920

MINUTE.

- Mr. Baines
- Mr. Parkes
- Mr. [redacted]
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Road
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Col. Anson
- Lord Milner

Conf 100. 27 May

Copy for Conf 6 Aug 20 37154

I am in better luck for
 the above of local Council
 of Redditch. The all
 copy of [redacted] from
 the [redacted] in
 matter [redacted] of
~~the [redacted]~~
 a resolution in
 general committee of
 the [redacted] Council

P.T.O.

The problem

The Col. Regs. appear to do not of course contemplate any necessity for representations from Civil Officers in Colonies to be cabled to the S. of S. but they do not rule out such action & the discretion of the Director of Telegraphing in an exceptional case should be in the Governor's discretion. It appears to me that the Govt. in the present case is not responsible for the Governor would naturally be in a position to make a representation in their favour. But perhaps the Director would have to do so if the Govt. in this case had not been considered.

As to whether the Govt. Tel. Code should be used & at what rate the Tel. should be charged, I think a distinction should be made between cases which may be regarded as in the public interest, and others such as purely personal cases. The present case seems to fall in the former class. It would appear to be proper in such cases to allow the petitioners the benefit of both the Code and the Govt. rates. In other cases the telegrams should be sent on the same conditions as telegrams for private individuals - that is, charged at the full ordinary rates, though the Code may be used if this would involve no great expenditure of time and labour.

Jan. 29, 1920

Sir H. [unclear]:

The Colonial Regulations were created, I imagine, before the practice of telegraphing anything had become usual. If public officers want their representations cabled, it seems to me that the only discretion left to the Governor is whether he considers them of sufficient importance in the public interest to send them in Govt. code and at Govt. rates. I imagine that, as a rule, he will do this if the question at issue is one which the Govt. in its own interests would desire to have settled by the S. of S.'s ruling; but where it is merely a case of a protest against the Governor's action, or something of that

kind

king, I think there will be instances in which he will
make the position of the Government at public expense,
though I see no reason why the economy of the Government
should be sacrificed in such cases. (The
reason why one should refuse to allow this.)

There may conceivably be cases in which the Governor
thinks it desirable to refuse to trouble the Dept. with
a telegram. I do not know what kind of cases those
could be, and I think we had better leave that to settle
when it arises; only I notice a reference in the last
paragraph of this despatch to the possibility of the
Governors forwarding messages by despatch without delay in
cases where he is unwilling to cable in Govt. code or
at Govt. rates and where no urgency appears to exist.
I think it would be better ^{for Govt.} not to sit in judgment on the
urgency of the matter. We are quite used to telegrams
here, and if we do not think the matter urgent we probably
shall not worry ourselves to send a reply in a hurry,
that's all.

Left 11:30
back to
first dinner

31/1/10

Left. Dinner on the lines
of Mr. Williams' minute

at once
by J.R.

31/1/10

My Lord,

405/32902

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 564 of the 27th May, under which a Memorial from the Non-European Civil Service Association and the Railway Asiatic Union was forwarded to Your Lordship. Your Lordship will observe that in the cable appendix "K" the Associations complain inter alia that the refusal of my Government to cable petition as requested in appendix "E" was a breach of constitutional procedure.

2. - I must admit that the offer of the Associations to pay the cost of the cable was overlooked and must express my deep regret at the oversight. I note that the Associations were led by this refusal to believe that sympathy towards their difficulties was restricted but I trust that the history of the consideration given to this matter, as detailed in my above quoted despatch will prove to Your Lordship's satisfaction that this belief is unfounded, as is indeed the case.

3. I would in this connection be glad of a ruling from Your Lordship as to the interpretation of Sections 211-215 of the Regulations for His Majesty's

Colonial

RIGHT HONOURABLE
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

Colonial Service where a request to make the petitions and memorials should be sent to the Secretary of State by cable. I agree that there will be instances where transmission by such means will be desirable but at the same time I would suggest that discretion be left to the Governor, he being empowered to refuse to cable in Government Code or at Government rates where no urgency appears to exist though at the same time such messages should be forwarded by despatch without delay. The coding and decoding of such telegrams is necessarily a lengthy matter and the time of the Staff both at the Colonial Office and in this Protectorate should not in my opinion be taken up unnecessarily: nor do I consider that it is the intention to make use of the cheaper Government rate over the cable lines save in the case of emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's

humble, obedient servant



ACTING GOVERNOR.

Govt 32405/20

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10 August, 1920

DRAFT.

no 1132

Sir E. Northey

MINUTE.

- C. J. 2/8/20
- Mr. Parkinson 3 d 20
- Mr. Fiddler 3 8
- Mr. ~~...~~ Bellamy 3 5 20
- Mr. ...
- Mr. H. ...
- Mr. H. ... 3/VII
- Mr. G. ...
- Mr. ... from W
- Mr. ...

for ...

pt. to note.

I have to ... the request of Sir Charles ...

No 568 of the 20th of May

requesting a ...

the interpretation of Section

21-215 of the Col. Regns.

in affording cases in which

the Government is requested to

forward petitions or memorials

to the S. of I. by cable.

2. The regulation referred

to do not contemplate any

necessity for representations from

public officers in Colonies to

telegraphed

do not consider
with the
the offer
the offer

It will, however, be
for the Governor to decide

whether the
matter in sufficient importance
in the public interest for

to be sent in the Govt. code
and at Govt. rates. The Governor

will reasonably decide in favour of
this procedure when the question

at issue is one which the Govt.
is in interests would have to

have settled by the S. of I.'s ruling:
question at issue is not of this nature
at least the case of a packet
the Governor's action otherwise
these minutes

DRAFT.

(2)

MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindley.
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Bond.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Col. Amery.
- Lord Milner.

in which he will have
the position of pay the full cost
of the telegraph at public rates.

do not, however, consider that
the economy of using the Govt.
code should be refused

even in such cases, provided that
no great expenditure of time and labour
is involved.
3. I do not consider it

desirable that the Govt. should
refuse to transmit such telegrams

in cases where he is unwilling
to cable in Govt. code or at

Govt. rates, and where no
urgency appears to exist, on the
ground that it is unnecessary

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
JULY
BRITISH EAST AFRICA
28 May 1906

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Colonel Avery's despatch No. 443 of the 25th March regarding the grant of passages to England or India to wives of European or Asiatic Government Officials living in the Protectorate.

Govt. No. 214

I discussed this question with the members of my Executive Council, who recommended that the arrangement indicated by Colonel Avery should be adopted.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,

W. Rowley

ACTING GOVERNOR.

RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON. W.

DRAFT.

for Mr. ...
Somersetland
No. 114

Sr

21 July 1841

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bridges, 12 July
- Mr. Macklin
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Ross
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

Minute handed to the
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 ... which is ...
 that the ... families
 European & ... affairs
 defining in the ...
 be wanted ...
 to England ...
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 of their financial position
 after consulting the

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TELEGRAM from the Office administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 29th May 1920.

(Received Colonial Office 11.10 a.m. 30th May, 1920.)

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28c 29th May. Your telegram 7th May addressed to Governor of Uganda regret that I cannot agree with him in recommending payment of difference between cost of passage granted to officers and cost of passage to which entitled Despatch follows.

BOWRING.

C.O. 511
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ALLY WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE
PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

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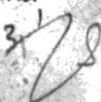
DRAFT.

W. B. Bullock Esq
H. Smith Esq

5 June 1920

MINUTE.

Sir,

- Mr. Mansley, 3 June
- Mr. Parkinson
- Mr. 
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Read
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

with a view to your claim
for the refund of the difference
between ^{the cost of} first & a second
class passage from Calcutta,
I am so to inform you
that the question is
forming the subject of
conferences with the local
authorities ^{in Calcutta} & that a few

PROF.

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