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Previous Paper.

ACCOUNTS OF S. ABYSSINIA CONSULATE

The copy of letters of the Treasury with enclosures and requests may be placed at disposal of Major Athill if required to assist in clearing up accounts.

Substance of all sent to Major Athill, of our letter of 18/9 in file, explaining in the batch - to which you early note of rest of batch letters.

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My Lord,

File 524

In continuation of Sir Edward Kerney's despatch No. 743 of the 12th July, I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter received from the Treasury Department with enclosures, relating to the Accounts of the Southern Abyssinia Consulate.

From Treasury
No. 458/3/143 of
26. 8. 20, with
enclosures.

I shall be glad if the enclosures may be placed at the disposal of Major Athill, if they are required to assist in clearing up the accounts for the period in question.

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

W. K. Kerney

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, PC., F.R.S., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWLING STREET,

LONDON, E. W.

Mr. [Name] [Address]
I have the honour to inform you that the mail from
Adis Ababa arrived yesterday and as I have not heard from
you since I do not consider it advisable to wait any
longer before submitting my accounts. I will therefore
submit as shortly and easily as possible the balance I have
over from February 1st 1919.

First of all whilst I was in a period of leave the sum
of £505 was sent to Gardula to be paid to [Name] and
at Gardula it was distributed to [Name] he had
a balance over of £22 which he returned to [Name] who
now takes on charge.

On February 14th [Name] was transferred to [Name] and
I have transferred to [Name] the amount of [Name] in
accordance with the instructions of [Name] and [Name]
of [Name] and [Name].

The [Name] capital has been deposited in [Name] and
[Name] still had been able to go [Name] and
[Name] on the roads and which I have now [Name]
This equaled £844
In addition the sum of £290 was [Name] the
[Name] of the [Name].

Further from [Name] I have [Name] [Name] 1st
[Name] [Name] -
referred to my account at [Name] [Name] [Name]
[Name] [Name] above

and [Name] [Name] as [Name] in para 2.
[Name] on charge at Gardula
[Name] from above the sum shown in para 4

| |
|---------|
| 2200 |
| 5190.00 |
| 950 |
| 4240.00 |

Balance of [Name] Feb. 1. 19
[Name] [Name] = 3525.00
[Name] [Name] = 2794
[Name] [Name] = 6329.00

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble obedient
servant,

sd/- Arnold Tolson, Secy.

H. H. Connell.

THE HON. SECRETARY,
KATHI. SRI.

Voucher No. 1

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Showing details of expenditure of #545 sent down to
Kathi Sri during my absence on leave.

| | 1919. | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Salaries. | March. | April. | May. | June. |
| Secy. | 84 | 84 | 35 | -- |
| Asst. Secy. | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Udhis. | 2 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| Udhis. | 8 | 8 | 8 | -- |
| Udhis. | 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| Alli Ababa. | 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| Udhis. | 10 | 10 | -- | -- |
| <i>Sub.</i> | 82 | 8 | -- | -- |
| | # 115. | # 100. | # 73. | # 15. |

(A) Total = # 15
 " 100
 " 73
 # 15
 30%

The following was repaid into from
this Deposit Account.

| | |
|--------|--------|
| | Udhis. |
| (B) | |
| Udhis. | 110 |
| Udhis. | 10 |
| Udhis. | 40 |

220.

Balance.
 sent from Alli Ababa. # 545.00 expended as per (A) # 30.
 " " " (B) # 220.

Balance taken on
 charge by means per
 letter to Hon.
 Treasurer, Dated
 4/6/19. Para. 1.

22.

The following sums were paid by me on arrival in the North. They were sums on deposit due to the men for back pay which under Art 11 is payable to men owing to the length of the voyage. The sums on deposit were kept at the Bank in the Consular Account.

See para. 4. Letter to the Hon. Treasurer, dated 4/3/19.

Salaries.

| | 1918. | | | | | | | 1919. | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. |
| Mr. ... | -- | -- | 35 | 35 | 75 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| Mr. ... | -- | -- | -- | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Mr. ... | -- | -- | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Mr. ... | -- | -- | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Mr. ... | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Mr. ... | -- | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Mr. ... | -- | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Mr. ... | -- | + | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Total | 15 | 43 | 101 | 110 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 |

Total = \$ 888.00

51/ April 1919. Gen. Capt.

J. M. ...

13.1.1926.

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward the attached correspondence in connection with Major Athill's accounts.

It will be seen from paragraph 2 of his letter dated 10.12.19 (enclose 4) that he states that cheques were presented when I took over the balance from the bank, but as these have not been presented yet, although it is now a year since I took over the balance, there is evidently some mistake, vide letter from bank dated 27.12.19. (enc 7)

Major Athill states in paragraph 2 of the same letter that he has paid dollars 25. cents 20 into my account. This has not been done, vide enclosure 7.

It appears also that an amount for £250-0-4 due to the Pay-master Egypt for equipment etc has not been paid (see enclos 8), although it should have been done when Major Athill first came out in 1916. The articles mentioned therein have been taken on charge. I am, in fact, requesting that my estimates for this year will not be debited with this amount as I shall probably not have enough to meet it.

I forward the account to you with the request that you will kindly make the necessary arrangements. I believe you have corresponded with Major Athill on this subject before.

Will you please communicate about with Major Athill on these matters as I am leaving for the South in a few days. It is hopeless for me to attempt to do so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S/ Arnold Holson.

H.M. Consul.

The Hon.

The Treasurer,

Nairobi.

ADDIS ABABA, 18th February 1916.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the following amounts have been transferred from your official Consular Account and official deposit account to my credit:-

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Official Consular Account | 32798.03 |
| Official Deposit Account | 170000 |

In addition there is at hand in \$1800 and in British pounds £400.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Collier and myself cannot make out from the cash book and your notes what the official balance and deposit accounts are. Will you please fill in on the attached form the particulars asked and forwarded as early as possible.

Please return my cash book. Please make up your returns to the end of January.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. H.

W. H. H. Atwill,

BANK OF ABYSSINIA,

ADDIS-ABABA, 18th February 1919.

No. 3538.

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Arnold Hanson Esq.,
British Legation,

ADDIS ABABA

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that, at the request of U.S.V. Minister, we have transferred to the credit of your Southern Abyssinian Consular account, the balances at credit of:-

Major Athill's Southern Abyssinian Consular a/c 92798.00

Southern Abyssinian Staff a/c 170.00

(Two thousand nine hundred sixty eight dollars and six centimes). 92968.00

These two accounts are thus closed.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

For BANK OF ABYSSINIA,

LOVELL ROSE.

Sir,

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I regret the delay in forwarding you the information & accounts asked for by you. Communication from Alis Ababa was cut off early in March, so that while I received only your letters written before your start to Bahruja, the same in only reached us three weeks ago. In the accounts there were several points which I could not solve without the Fair Pass Book and the notes I sent to you, of which unfortunately I kept no copy.

According to the statement sent me by the bank, you took over a bank balance of 28756.00. According to my account book the balance was 21883.09. It appears that of your balance over the following cheques were deposited:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Pay of men for Jan. | 4751. |
| Overland Postmaster. Egypt. | 4788.97 |
| Forwarding 200 tons. | 20.00 |
| Total | 9560.97 |

Adding this sum to the Account Book balance, it shows a total of 28884.36. There is a discrepancy in our favour of 286.20. This I am still trying to explain. The cheques have forwarded a cheque for the amount of your account at the Bank of Abyssinia.

3. Dasta and Fair Pass had 210 mules ordered from Bahruja to pay for two mules they lost with Captain Fantina. The fresh mules were bought by the bank at the rate of 100/100 mule.

4. The clearing box was being by the bank, labelling it and putting it in your file.

5. A statement of the new account is over leaf. It shows that the amount of payment to date from Alis Ababa from April to January was 2430, together with a bank deposit in to this was 2000 left, amounting to 4430.

| Date. | Date. | Debit | Credit | Count | Total |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|----------------------------|--------|-------|
| | April to Jan. | | | | |
| | | | | (2000) | |
| Debit | 10 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Debit | 15 | 150 | | | 250 |
| Debit | 20 | 200 | (+35 arrears) | | 450 |
| Tura | 15 | 150 | | | 600 |
| Bahra | 15 | 150 | | | 750 |
| Hapta (2) | 15 | 150 | | | 900 |
| Dasta (3) | 15 | 150 | | | 1050 |
| Said | 15 | 150 | | | 1200 |
| (9 Months only) | | | | | |
| Hapta Merri | 15 | 150 | | | 1350 |
| Waris Merzis | 15 | 150 | | | 1500 |
| | | | (+ 15. arrears from Waris) | | 1515 |
| Said | 15 | 150 | | | 1665 |
| | | | (+ 15. arrears) | | 1680 |
| Salis Benbits | 15 | 150 | | | 1830 |
| | | | (+ 25. arrears) | | 1855 |
| Titana | 8 | 80 | | | 1935 |
| | | | | | 1935 |
| Kero | 8 | 80 | | | 2015 |
| | | | (+ 33 arrears) | | 2048 |
| All these | 9 | 90 | | | 2138 |
| | | | (+ 6 arrears) | | 2144 |
| Our Bill | 9 | 90 | | | 2234 |
| | | | (+ 9. arrears) | | 2243 |
| Ali Asleh | 9 | 90 | | | 2333 |
| | | | (+ 9. arrears) | | 2342 |

Has private sup of 170 to credit in deposit account,
stopped 30 for miles.
+ 3 for equipment by Bertinax.

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Monthly cheques were sent by me to Alice/Abba to be
forwarded to the Garbale men in cash, and receipts were sent
by Cap. Bertinax. It was only in November 1912 that I
informed the most of the money was still in Alice/Abba
in danger of sending it by mail. It was then arranged
with Morris and I'll say 300, but at the time of my
writing, no news had been received as to whether he had his
money or not.

Hope that these will help to clear up the matter for
a most heartily sorry and associately to blame.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Sir J. G. M. At 111.

November 14th. 1919.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the seventh ultimo.

(i) I think the accounts you mention are now clear when the few trivial alterations mentioned below are admitted.

(ii) You state that £430 and £180 were sent to Harbola during my absence, making a total of £610.

As a matter of fact £415 was only received there.

The other £105 was sent down by the postmen. They thought there were robbers on the road so returned it to Akis Araba where it was lost less paid into your account, as your cash balances with the exception of a few holders. These two sums equal £500.

(iii) The totals due to the men which I have paid from the balance to your credit to agree as a whole with the totals due to the men with the following few exceptions:-

A. You show £15 paid to the men for January 1918. I have not paid this amount as it is not due until the end of the month. It will therefore be necessary for you to retain it as a

reserve. It was shown as due to the men whereas only £12 was paid as they should have only received 78 per cent for March and April 1918. It will therefore be necessary for you to retain £8.

B. I show as paid to the men £110. I have only paid £100, as the receipt is £100. The balance of £10 is shown as paid from your cash balance.

This will therefore be a debit to you of £11. The three items above summarized are as follows:-

A. £15 C. £11

B. £8 Balance due

to Govt.

86

817

X

817

Will you please pay in this balance of \$8 to my official account, and return the paying in slip with the attached voucher.

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(iv) The whole total due to Yero, plus deposit pay as shown by you equals \$113. Out of this \$86 has been paid leaving a balance of \$26 unpaid which is still included in your balance and which I will pay later.

(v) I regret I am unable to collect the \$8 shown as overpaid to Gutama as he left my service some months ago.

(vi) The \$52 stopped from the men's pay for loss of mules etc. was presumably credited in your cash book and taken on charge and therefore is included in your balance.

(vii) I note that the sum of \$941.17 was due to outstanding cheques when your balance was transferred to me and it will be necessary for me to debit this sum from my cash returns. I have written to the Bank to forward me a voucher to this effect.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

STW Arnold Nelson.

Left.

H.B.M.'s Consul.

Bank of Abyssinia.

Addis Ababa, 27th December 1919.

No. 4777.

Arnold Holson Esqr.

C/O. H. B. M. Legation,

Addis Ababa.

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Dear Sir,

YOUR CONSULATE ACCOUNT.

Your letter of the 9th November.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your above letter, and in reply to inform you that no cheques for the amounts you detail viz:-

- (1) £. 151.
- (2) £. 730.47.
- (3) £. 20.20.

have been presented against your Consulate Account.

Neither have we received the sum of £. 26.20 from Major Athill to the Credit of your Consulate Account.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

For BANK OF ABYSSINIA,

S/ YYY

For Agent.

L.H.

BRITISH CONSULATE,
SOUTHERN ABYSSINIA.

Via ADIS ABABA:

Mesa Mt., 20. 5. 20. 2

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with the deepest respect
your receipt of your despatch No. 454/5/27 dated 16.3.20. with
statement as stated.

1st. I can only repeat that on 21st Feb. 1918 I handed
over to Mr. Herald Campbell, H.M. Consul, Adis Ababa, the sum of 9
3388 lbs to Government, as per my cash statement for Feb 1918, and
in addition the sum of 2245 being amounts on deposit due to the
following men. Fanta 9120. Saia. 210. Galde Hannias. 210. Yero. 225.
2nd. Post on my return to Adis Ababa I took on charge
the sum of 24334.00 equalling Rupees 2734.08 as per my despatch to
you dated 4.3.19.

3rd. It is practically impossible for me to do as you
request:-

(a) I have not my cash-book for the period in question.
It is in Major Athill's possession.

(b) I have not the authority, or sufficient experience in
accounting, to pass Major Athill's accounts which can only be done
by you.

(c) It would take months, leaving the above facts out of
consideration, before I could settle the matter by correspondence.

4th. I would therefore most respectfully request that you
will ask Major Athill to furnish you with the necessary vouchers
for the period he acted for me, and to forward to you any monies
that are out-standing.

5th. Major Athill's address is War Office, London.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble
obedient servant,

Sd/

H.M. Consul.

THE HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY

MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS

| Cash | Dollars | Cents | Total |
|------|---------|-------|---------|
| | | | |
| | 4234 | 06 | 6323 09 |
| | 4234 | 06 | 6323 09 |

Balance brought forward February 1 1917
 after returning from leave see Letter
 of The Hon. The Treasurer dated 2/6/19
 Total Receipts in month (as detailed below.)

PAYMENTS

Total Payments in month (as detailed below.)

Balance remaining on March 31 1919.

(See Certificate attached.)

| Cash | Ruppes | Cents | Total |
|------|--------|-------|---------|
| | 1884 | 00 | 2362 00 |
| | 2650 | 06 | 3930 41 |
| | 4234 | 06 | 6323 09 |

Voucher No.

Voucher No.

Made up as follows :-

| Dollars | Rs. |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 2034-06 D.R. 1-736 | 3529 - 09 |
| 2209-00 D.R. 1)27 | 2794 - 00 |
| 4234-06 | 6323 - 08 |

March 31 19 Province Admt.

General Staff

Expenses & Transport

Of H.B.M.'s Consuls. Admt.

Stet.

17th.

938 8

141 4

112 0

00 0

332 0

51 2

1884 0 Re. 2392-68.

Summary of Expenditure.

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Mules | 648 - 0 |
| Tent | 122 - 8 |
| Miscellaneous | 117 - 6 |
| Clothes for me. | 185 - 0 |
| Rations | 43 - 0 |
| Presents | 14 - 0 |
| Pay | 641 - 0 |
| House Allowance | 112 - 0 |
| | 1884 - 00. |

(B)

Compared as follows :-

| Dollars | Cents | Ruppes | Cents |
|---------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| 2034 | 06 (D.R. 1.736) | 3529 | 09 |
| 376 | 00 (D.R. 1.27) | 2794 | 00 |
| 2350 | 06 | 3930 | 41 |

ANALYSIS OF
DISTRICT OR DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT.

British Somaliland Protectorate

Month of *Feb. & March* 191*7*.

the month of MARCH

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PAYMENTS

Total Payments in month (as detailed below.)

Amount remaining on 1st March 191*7*

(See Certificate attached.)

| Rs. | Cents. | Paise. |
|------|--------|------------|
| 352 | 00 | 447 |
| 3000 | 00 | 00 |
| | | <u>447</u> |
| | | 04. |

352 00 447 04.

3000 00 00 00

447 04.

Provincial Administration

General Staff.

Pay of Men

Grat Allowance

Voucher No.

296 00 370 92

56 00 71 12.

352 00 447 04.

Self. W. H. H.
for B.S. M. Council S. H.

Analysis of

RECEIPTS

Cash

Total

Balance brought forward 1st. Ward 1910

Rupees Cents Rupees Cents

3308 00 4057 04

Total Receipts in month (as detailed below.)

511 00 511 00

Voucher No.

Particulars of receipt.

| | | | |
|----|---|----|----|
| 1 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 2 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 3 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 4 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 5 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 6 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 7 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 8 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 9 | 1 | 00 | 00 |
| 10 | 1 | 00 | 00 |

5527-00-00

502 00 547 04

ENCLOSURE

995/10.9 1920

THE TREASURY,
(P.O. Box No. 66)
Nairobi, 28th August, 1920.

No. 258/8/143.

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The Honourable,
The Chief Secretary.

Major L. E. A. Atwill.

Reference you make, 6483/180 of 15th July 1920.

There is no doubt that Major Atwill will require assistance in clearing up the Southern Abyssinia Consulate account for the period April 1918 to January 1919 and completing the final statement in Para 4 of Treasury No. 438/3/189 of 2nd July 1920.

2. The Consulate Cash Book is already in his possession and Captain Hodson has been requested to forward copies of the Balance of Abyssinia account for the period.

3. A copy of the Consulate account for March 1918 as rendered by Major Atwill showing a closing balance of Rs. 3910 is forwarded herewith together with a copy of the account for February 1918 as rendered by Captain Hodson showing an opening balance of Rs. 228.00.

4. To cover the intervening period I enclose copies of all the relative correspondence and would request you to be good enough to forward to the Secretary of State in continuation of His Excellency the Governor's Despatch No. 746 of 12th July 1920.

sd/- J. S. ROSS.

ASSISTANT TREASURER.