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September, 1920.

Currency Officer
ad 14 September

In accordance with Colonial Office
Regulation 311, I have the Honour to transmit
herewith, for Your Lordship's consideration,
a copy of a letter from the Currency Officer,
Mombasa, regarding a shortage of Rs. 825/-
which was brought to light when the Currency
Stocks were taken over by him recently.

2. In view of the fact that probably at
no time previously has the work and respons-
ibility of the Currency Commissioners been
so great as it was during the early part of
this year, I trust Your Lordship will accord
sanction to write off the sum unaccounted for.

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

Edmund A. Walker

GOVERNOR.

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

OFFICERS OF THE CURRENCY OFFICER,

No. 24/3

Bombay, 7th September 1920.

The Hon. A. Chidambaram

The Hon. Acting Treasurer,

Madras.

I regret to have to report that on taking over the Currency Stocks a shortage of Rs. 523 was discovered. From enquiries which I have made I find that a shortage of Rs. 21 forming part of the Rs. 523 was discovered by the Currency Commissioners in February 1920 under the following circumstances:-

At the time of packing a lot of Indian one rupee notes for despatch to India six sealed bundles containing 1000 notes each were found burst, these were handed to the Treasury Cashier in exchange for six sealed bundles and on the latter counting the notes handed to him eleven were found short:-

2. There was a further shortage of Rs. 12 in silver found, also forming a part of the total shortage, the following are the facts:-

Some time previous to the survey several bags of silver were discovered burst in the Strong Room owing to the dampness, presumably caused by a leak in the roof, and when they were counted Rs. 18 in silver in excess were found lying on the floor and were put on one side. In February a shortage of Rs. 8 was found in two sealed boxes of silver handed to the Treasury Officer through the National Bank of India Ltd., this shortage was made good out of the Rs. 18, leaving a balance of Rs. 10, this procedure was incorrect as it was clearly

3. The remaining shortage of Rs. 500 is very difficult to account for, it was brought to the notice of the Commissioners in February 1920 that the chart, which shows

the contents of each drawer in detail, did not agree with the contents of one particular drawer, i.e., the drawer was said to contain 50 ten rupee notes which on being checked could not be found. The Commission appears to have thought that the notes had been placed in one of the other drawers by mistake and that it would subsequently be found when the details of stocks being checked in toto. The Commissioners appear to have been overwhelmed with work at the time, there were constant meetings, large transactions and it is probable that the missing used notes were re-issued in error to one of the Banks together with other bundles of used notes which were being issued at the same time.

4. The amount of Rs. 512 therefore remains to be made good to the Currency Board and Rs. 11 to the Treasury Officer, Mumbai.

5. I may mention that one note of Rs. 5 in excess was discovered some years ago and still remains on hand.

6. I submit that the very arduous duties which the Currency Commissioners had to carry out in addition to their heavy departmental responsibilities should be taken into consideration in coming to a settlement with regard to this matter.

W. S. HAYLE
CURRENCY OFFICER

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10 Nov 1920

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter

No 1062 of the 30th of Sept,

and to inform you that,

in the view which you have
expressed, I approve of

the sum of £6,523, ^{reluctantly} ~~£6,523~~

the meeting found in the

Books of the Currency

Commissioners when taken

over by the new African

Currency Board, being

written off the ~~Account~~

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Office of the
Attorney General

- Mr. Grindie
- Mr. Lambert
- Mr. H. Road
- Mr. G. Piddoe
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- Mr. W. Milner