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MINUTES OF ELEVENTH MEETING, October 25th 1920.

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Mr. Batterbee
Mr. Bottanley
(Delayed for P.M.)
Off's for Carson herewith
on points marked A & B.

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Mr. Batterbee
Mr. Bottanley

... regards A & B we held some
... consideration with the...
... who was also here to see we have
... discuss with Mr. Egebert.

The position is that the... have
... 55644 referred our proposal & the fact of...
... but wanted a simple...
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EAST AFRICAN CURRENCY BOARD

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Minutes of the ^{C 80} ⁶³⁴³¹ seventh meeting, Monday, October 25th, 1920.

Present

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Sir W.H. Mercer
Mr. Ezechiel (Secretary)
Mr. Jeffries (Asst. Secretary)

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The minutes of the tenth meeting were read and passed, subject to certain amendments.

Arising out of these minutes it was reported that a further quantity of sovereigns had been sold to the Treasury at a better price than ^{for} that obtained for those which were sol. to them in the first instance; that authority had now been received for the Board to take over the assets of the late Currency Commissioners; and that 200,000 five florin notes were ready for shipment by the next steamer.

Mr. Ezechiel reported that the cash balance in hand was about £100, and that the liabilities of the Board amounted to £875,500, against which had to be set the value of the assets of the late Currency Commissioners.

It was agreed that at future meetings the pass-book should be produced for inspection by the Board.

With regard to Treasury notes at present in East Africa, Mr. Ezechiel reported that the negotiations with the Treasury as to the proposal to cancel these notes in East Africa and send them home measured had not been successful, and that it had therefore been arranged to send the notes home by registered post.

As regards East African Protectorate notes in India the Board thought, on reconsideration, that it was doubtful if it would be worth while to arrange with the Government of India, as had been proposed for their cancellation and re-issuance in India; and they suggested:

suggested that the Colonial Office should inform the India Office that it was now proposed that these notes should be sent back to East Africa, and the Indian notes in East Africa to ~~India~~, and should ask whether there was any obstacle to notes being sent to India by registered parcel post.

A telegram was read from the Currency Officer, Mombasa, stating that the National Bank of India had shipped notes received for German rupees in Tanganyika to Mombasa and had applied for sterling payments in exchange. The Board regarded this as a breach of the understanding arrived at with the Bank, and decided to protest to the Bank. At the same time they decided to agree to accept the liability in anticipation of the notes becoming legal tender in Kenya, in order not to prejudice the sterling value of the Board's currency.

With regard to the manufacture of coin, it was stated that 3,043,000 florins had been shipped, and that 500,000 were ready for shipment by the next steamer. It was expected that 4,000,000 coins would have been sent out by the end of the year.

The Board agreed that this was not altogether satisfactory, and it was decided to recommend that the Colonial Office should telegraph to the Governor of India informing him of the position and asking for his views.

The possibilities of obtaining further assistance were discussed.

It was agreed to accept a suggestion made by the Royal Mint that any coins made by them should be manufactured of the same alloy as was being used for the new Imperial coins.

With regard to the Colonial Office telegram

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authorising the Governor of Kenya to proclaim Treasury and Bank of England notes to be no longer legal tender, it was agreed that the Currency Officer should be instructed to insert a notice in the Gazette to the effect that he would accept notes from the Banks for three months after the issue of the Proclamation; and that the Banks should be requested to acquaint their clients of the arrangements made.

The Board discussed the question of allowing themselves grace for finding money for the redemption of currency rendered locally; and it was agreed that they should establish a right to take up to three days if required.

The suggestion of the Governor of Kenya that the Treasurer should be appointed the Senior Currency Officer, and that an Advisory Board should be set up to advise and assist the local Government in currency matters was discussed.

The Board agreed in principle to the formation of such an Advisory Board in Kenya, and in Uganda also, if desired, but they did not see any necessity for the Treasurer to be the senior or any officer of the Advisory Board. It should be left to the Governor to decide whether the Advisory Board should give their advice through him or direct to the Currency Board; if the latter, the Currency Officer should have copies of all correspondence.

A letter was read from the Currency Officer at Dar-es-Salaam confirming and amplifying his telegram as to the appointment of branches of the Standard

of South Africa as agents. It was decided to adhere to the decision already taken in the matter.

A letter was read from the National Bank of India asking if they could ship 3 lakhs of German rupees to the Board in London on the same terms as before. It was agreed that this request should be refused.

The question of insuring the Board's stocks at Mombasa was discussed and after consideration of the provision made for safeguarding the stocks, and the cost of insurance, it was decided not to insure them.

With regard to outstanding requirements of n, it was recalled that 20,000,000 florins had been asked for by Kenya and Uganda, and 8,500,000 by Tanganyika. An order for 10,000,000 had been placed with the Birmingham Mint, and for 1,000,000 with Messrs Ackroyd and Best.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Keape, the Treasurer, for further particulars of Kenya requirements, and the Governor of Uganda as to Uganda requirements, and to take no steps as regards Tanganyika until a demand was proved.

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With ref. to the letter from this Dept. of the 12th

of Oct. regarding the negotiation of the notes

E.A.P. notes held by the Govt. of India & the

Indian note issue note.

held by the currency

Board

in view of the fact that no

request for the issue of

any new note issue should

be taken into consideration

the matter in consultation

with the currency Board.

Yours faithfully

1. S. G. India
2. Financial Dept.

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felt doubtful whether it will
 be worth while to arrange
 for the notes cancellation and
 destruction of the 5. Uganda
 note in India, as had been
 proposed and he suggests
 that instead, the notes must
 be returned to the bank.
 After some days, 3 pages into it
 of them being made in dealing
 with the committee, he is
 of the view that the Indian notes
 are a more serious
 obstacle to the currency of Uganda
 than the Indian notes.
 He suggests that the
 Government of India will be glad to
 return whether this can be arranged,
 and if not, whether there is any
 possibility of the notes returned to
 India being met by registered paper
 of equal value and that
 the Government of India

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 shipped 500,000
 shipment currency officer
 has been instructed to
 the Uganda cotton crop
 5,000,000
 in time
 exchange

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- Battersea
- W. ...

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10 Dec 1950

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With ref to the letter
from the Dept of the Army
and to merchant navy affairs
communications, I am to

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request you to inform me
that he is unable to
attend as it is to be
held on [unclear] [unclear]

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will be available

presently insufficient
antorbital

to assist in meeting

requirements

at your
meeting

According to the latest return

2. ~~total of 24,000 notes was~~
(dated the 31st of Oct) ~~and~~

~~has been taken over by the~~

~~It is understood that~~

~~the~~ ~~Executive~~ ~~Committee~~

in England ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~Board~~;

~~the~~ ~~Board~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~

the ~~total~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~notes~~

~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~revised~~

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