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KENYA

G.O.
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W.G.O.

Regd.

28 DEC 20

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POLICE

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DEATH

Previous Paper.

COURSE OF TRAINING IN DETECTIVE WORK

Regrets cannot be arranged. Doubts utility in any case.

Rec'd. rec't of 59.34 b and 48.00 and
 Scotland Yard can't undertake the
 course owing to cost of accommodation
 & that they can only afford the
 services of 6, - other expenses (including)

Other expenses before G.D.
 will be very large & can't afford to pay
 £100. - cost of 5 night stay London.

Total
 30.12

Previous Paper.

~~MS.~~
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DRAFT.

for Northern

Area

No. 27

7 January 1921

MINUTE.

Brisbane, 4 Jan.

See

Braddon 5/1

I have the honor to

inform

you of the receipt of your despatch

Sir H. Ward.

No. 7223 of the 2nd instant

Sir G. Forbes.

regarding a copy of the

Colonial

Government's

Lord Milner

in the recent work of

members of the Legislative

+ to inform you that

the term of investigation has been

extended for one

has he is
unable to undertake more
training owing to lack of
accommodation.

In referring his inability to
assist in the matter, the Commis.
Police of the Metropolis observes
that in any case ^{it appears} doubtful
whether such a course of training
could be of much value in
view of the vast difference that
must exist between detective work
in London & in ~~such a place as~~
B-Africa with its special conditions,
native inhabitants, local laws, &c.

Phone Victoria 8188.
 Public Address:
 "Buccleuch, Vic. London"
 Should be addressed to
 Director-General of Awards,
 and the following number quoted:

4.193608, Overseas.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,
 OFFICERS' BRANCH.

CROMWELL HOUSE ANNEXE,
 MILLBANK,
 WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

December, 1920.

Sir,



I am directed to advert to the letter from this Department of the 8th of March numbered as above, and to acquaint you that the under-mentioned Officer has been awarded further temporary retired pay as indicated and that the amount of the payments made will be recovered by this Ministry from the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Name of Officer:- Lieutenant F. Litton...
 (late Burmister)

Regiment:- East African Unattached List.

Rate of retired pay:- £84 a year from the 18th September 1920, to the 10th November, 1921.

I am, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,

P. J. Tomkinson

for Director General of Awards.

Secretary of State,
 Office,

Mr. Majoring
Mr. Bremner
Mr. Betzler

Aren't aft. means of discussion
between Col. Amery and the C. A. currency
Board this afternoon, & aft. tel.

to Governor of Kenya for refection to Uganda
and Tanganyika.

As regards Tanganyika (^{opp.} 63147/10) it
may be observed that there should be no
difficulty with the German notes which
can continue to circulate as a float token
until paper florins are available, but
it is little use saying that Indian rupees
there will not be redeemed if they will
simply cross the border to Kenya and be
presented there, and possibly we shall
have to do the same as regards them
in T.T. as in Kenya.

S.J. 30.12.42.

Oppn 30/12/20

These letters have got you

Col

Mr. Balfour

In W. Meier & I agree - we have
slightly amended draft note of meeting - 31st Dec.

DR 31

Mr. Balfour

As a result of my letter dated 20th Dec., Langford sent a T.O. 6547 on
the 29th Dec., Langford said it was difficult
as he does not know what definition
of the rupee, as I am afraid must stand
until his paper back.

The main question of today shall
naturally be whether to give effect to the
recommendation you have made
not to "cancel" and to a practice
of the notes in E.A.

W.C. 31/12/20

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(31/12/20)

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MEMORANDUM OF an interview between Colonel Amery,
the East African Currency Board on the 31st December, 1920.
December, 1920.

Present: Colonel Amery

Sir Mercer

Mr. Bottom

Mr. Macphie

Mrs. Price

Sir William Langford had asked for this interview because
owing to the fall in the Indian rupee and the
smuggling of rupees (and more especially rupees from India
to East Africa, the liabilities of the Board had been
increased indefinitely.

The discussion fell into two parts (1) the
policy to be pursued with regard to notes; (2) that
to be pursued with regard to coin.

As regards (1), it was urged from the point
of view of the Board that notes should be proclaimed
as longer legal tender at once, without notice, that
banks should be informed privately that their
existing stocks would be redeemed at par; and that hard
cases of private holders should be dealt with as they
arose. Colonel Amery thought that much difficulty would
encountered in dealing with hard cases, and that on
general grounds of policy it was preferable to give some
time (say a fortnight); but he recognised that this
meant the Board's being asked to redeem practically all
the smuggled notes in East Africa (of which it was im-
possible to estimate the number). As a possible
compromise

Compromise it was suggested that holders should export their existing holdings to a magistrate, who would assess that these had been acquired in the course of trade, and not by illicit importation, and claim redemption at par.

It was agreed that coins presented greater difficulties, and was inappropriate to demonetise the florin, which was the only currency, and therefore the only coin in a longer period of time, the notes. It had been decided to demonetise the florin, and regulate the exchange rate.

Consideration was given to the policy of a definite rate of exchange of a florin was to be fixed, at which it would be legal tender after a period, but the remaining the standard sterling, the subsidiary coins remaining tokens of the florin, and the old local rupee being treated as equivalent to florin currency. It was agreed that such a course could not be adopted without very careful consideration of the effect upon local prices, wages, tax, revenue etc. The possibility was discussed of devaluing the exchange rate of the florin, but it was agreed that this measure should only be taken in case of absolute necessity.

It was finally agreed to send a telegram to the Governors of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika asking for their views on all points, as a first step.

memorandum of an interview between Colonel Anney and the East African Currency Board on Thursday 20th December

Present: Col. Binney

Ex Lib. Percy
Mrs. Boltwood,
an. Speciee
Mr. Jeffries

Sir William Murray explained that the Board had asked for this interview because of the danger that, owing to the fall in the Indian rupee, and the consequent smuggling of imports (and more especially imported cotton) into S. Africa, the liabilities of the Board would ^{indefinitely} be increased / ~~except what its present contribution~~

The discussion fell into two parts, (1) the policy to be pursued with regard to notes; (2) that to be pursued with regard to coin.

As regards 11), it was urged from the point of view of the Board that notes should be proclaimed by proclamation as soon as possible at once, without notice of the banks should be informed privately that their existing notes would be redeemed at par, and that hard cases of private bankers should be dealt with as they arose. Collier Murray thought that much difficulty would be experienced in dealing with such cases, and that on general grounds of policy it was preferable to give some notice (say a fortnight) but he recognised that this meant the Board's being asked to redeem practically ~~any~~ all the unregistered

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COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM EAST AFRICAN CURRENCY BOARD

TO CURRENCY OFFICERS MOMBASA AND DAR ES SALAAM

DATED 21st DECEMBER, 1900.

Have you any reason to believe that there is any importation
East Indian rupees and notes in large quantities? If so
in large quantities if so what measures are proposed
to take steps to protect themselves immediately
with least possible delay giving all available information

1900 27th Dec 1950.

See your telegram of 26th regarding importation of Indian 1 rupee notes and rupees prohibited. Following recently seized by Customs officials has been confiscated 27,000 975 notes of 1 rupee 937 rupees in case of latter fine of 10 has been imposed. 28,000 1500 notes of India other than 1 rupee were retained but subsequently released on ruling Attorney-General that they were not legal tender consequently there cannot be any local currency exchange value. strict careful search made by Customs officers parcel post sent to passengers and crew personal baggage in all probability some cases not discovered yet. As long as rupee note below 2/- illicit importation from India and Malabar likely to continue. Considering present position of Indian 1 rupee notes they should be immediately demonetized having sufficient notes of one florin in hand to do so proposed action will relieve situation, as 1 rupee notes too bulky for illicit importation in 1 rupee note. Moreover to expedite delivery of new 1 rupee florin in sample as to denominating last Indian rupee. 1 rupee note. Second currency notes brought me by Mr. S. C. Chatterjee, Comptroller of Currency, and also florin notes filterin through use of specimen drafts issued by him as here becoming the Malabar Bank no facilities for sending in orders by telephone transfer thru currency officer up to date. The record is maintained in 1000 rupee would suffice instead of 1000 rupees. 1000 in possession of such notes, to prevent counterfeiting.

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for
the Colonies to the Governor of the Tanganyika Territory.
(sent 6 p.m. 31st December, 1920)

December 31st Your telegram 21st December 450 currency
is text of telegram sent to Governor of Kenya
referred to and have represented to me grave
beginning of difficulties being increased inordinately
by the smuggling in East Africa of Indian rupee coins
and notes. As you will note I understand that practically
all countries must have been smuggled
in view of difficulty of preventing smuggling I am
of opinion that Kenya must forthwith be declared no
longer legal tender. Question however arises whether
short notice should be given or none. From Board's
point of view latter preferable and they would propose
to arrange with Banks for redemption of their existing
holdings and to deal with hard cases of bona fide
holders as they arose perhaps preferable but on general
grounds of policy to give week or fortnight's notice
unless number of notes which would be presented for
redemption so large as to make this impracticable.
If no notice given possibly holders might be told they
could report existing holdings to magistrate and notes
would be redeemed at 2/- on producing proof that they
had been acquired in ordinary course of business and
not by illicit importation.

There is greater difficulty as regards coin as
impossible

impossible as yet to replace rupee by new currency. It has been suggested that either rupee should after say 3 months notice be demonetised and then allowed to circulate at exchange value or that ^{at} expiration of notice it should be made legal tender for say 75 cents, florins subsidiary coins and old local rupee notes continuing at present value. Effect of either alternative upon local ~~prices~~ wages but tax revenue etc. requires very careful consideration especially from point of view of natives. And s.

Should be glad of your views on points raised particularly as to one rupee notes which are still presumably legal tender under Proclamation 5 of 1918. As regards Indian rupas these are not legal tender in Tanganyika but if it were proclaimed that they could not be redeemed locally they would presumably be smuggled to Kenya and presented there. Should be glad to learn whether this modifies views expressed in your telegram and if you consider Tanganyika should come into line with whatever is decided in Kenya and Uganda as to the Indian rupee.

I.N.E.E.