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CURRENCY NOTES HELD BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Explains notes retained in India up to present but now proposed to remit to E.A. Enquiries if payment made in London on basis of 2/- the rupee.

Sir William Trevelyan  
(Crown Agents for the Colonies)  
London

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asked me to inquire whether my Bd must redeem based on the par price viz. 2s per Rupee. The question is whether a charge (the which charge is 1/2 percent) shall be made for redeeming them in sterling.

It will not be necessary for the Bd to ship the notes to S. Africa.

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... a more convenient for the ...  
... have been destroyed by fire  
and claim payment ... of ...  
... accompanied by a certificate of  
destruction

I understand that this case is followed in  
the case of Indian Govt 1- Rupee notes in S. Africa.  
If there is information at the C.O. to confirm this,  
and if the Indian Govt. make no charge for  
redemption, then it will be better for us also to  
make no charge. Especially if (as I suppose is the case)  
the value involved is less than in the case of the  
Indian notes.

10/11

Mr. Jeffries

11/12/20

See now Co/46834/20

S. Africa

C.D. 5.10.20

INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

1st September 1920.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to Sir H. Read's letter, 46258 dated the 1st October 1918, on the subject of the negotiation of notes of the East African Protectorate held by the Government of India. I am to explain that the notes in question have been retained in India up to the present time and the Government of that country now proposes to remit the notes to East Africa, but makes further enquiries as to the rate of payment. In Sir H. Read's letter it was stated that payment in London would be made on the basis of 1s.4d. to the Rupee. It is understood, however, that the Rupee notes in East Africa are now being called in, Florin notes being given in exchange at the rate of 1 Florin per Rupee. I am to enquire, therefore, whether the Colonial Office would be prepared to agree to payment for such notes being made in London on the basis of 2/- the Rupee.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

D. A. Barber

The Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE.

Further communication  
closed to  
The Under Secretary  
Financial  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W. 1.  
Writing reference quoted  
F.10726.

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12 Oct. 1920

Sir,

I am in. to act. the

**DRAFT.**

to H. S. J. for India  
Financial Dept.

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- Mr. Jeffries 11.10.20
- Mr. Bostanley 11.10.20
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Col. Amory
- Lord Milner.

see further  
minute re alterations  
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receipt of your letter to.  
F. 10726 of the 1st of Sept.,  
regarding ~~notes of the~~  
E. A. P. currency notes  
held by the Govt. of India,  
in which it is stated that  
that Govt. proposes to  
resist the notes to E.A.,  
but makes further enquiries  
as to the rate of payment.

2. I do to request

Currency Board

a quantity of Indian one.

and it appears possible

that a reciprocal arrangement

might be reached whereby

the Currency Board would

arrange for

undertake the cancellation

at Bombay of the

~~and destruction~~ of Indian

notes at present in

and would ship them to

and would claim repayment

for the cost of transport in

London at the current

rate of exchange. The Govt.

of India would similarly

arrange for

undertake the cancellation

~~and destruction~~ of the E.A.P.

notes in India, and payment

would be made by the Currency Board

Board at the rate of 1/2 of the

value on the receipt of a

statement showing the serial

and denomination of

notes cancelled

by a set of statements

3. I am the general

in the event of such a

being made, the Govt. of India

would require a similar

list showing the serial numbers

of the one rupee notes cancelled,

or whether a certificate statement

of the quantity would be

sufficient; also whether they

would make any change

on the redemption of the

notes. If not, the Currency

Board

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it would not make, in

the E.A.P. notes

~~circulation~~ in India, the

and charge of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent

of currency notes redeemed

by sterling payments.

4. Last but not least will be

glad to learn whether this

suggestion commends itself

to the Govt of India.

(Signed) H. J. HEAD.