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Last previous Mr. Bennett. — To ask the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he has received from the President of the Indian Congress Committee at Nairobi a protest on behalf of Indian trade against the recent orders regarding the currency in East Africa, the immediate effect of which is said to have been to raise the exchange rate from the 9th February from 2 to 18 per cent., and later to 25, the protest alleging that the change in currency conditions spelt ruin for Indian trade with East Africa; if he has received a telegram from the Indian trading communities of Ujoro, Cambwa, and Nakuru, urging the withdrawal of the recent currency order; and what steps he proposes to take in the matter. [Wednesday 3rd March.]

For oral reply.

L. F. Fiddes

• Sir H. Patten

We find no protest from Ujoro, but we have others not mentioned in the question. * Now amended - 11068.

? Reply

The facts are as stated by the Hon. Treasurer. The inflation of the £1 note from 1/4 to 2/9 sterling, has had the effect, on account of the gold shortage, more it necessary to place the value in East Africa on a stable basis with regard to sterling, in order to protect the large number of engaged workers, including the service sector.

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the recent decision, pending a full
examination of the position.]

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Official Report of the Commission of Enquiry
on the subject of the pay and allowances of
officers of the Indian Army, 1919-20
Part I. Chapter I. Section 1. The Commission
was set up to enquire into the pay and
allowances of officers of the Indian Army.
The Commission found that the pay and
allowances of officers of the Indian Army
were not commensurate with the value of
their services and that the conditions of
service were not such as to attract the
best talent to the Indian Army.
The Commission recommended that the
pay and allowances of officers of the Indian
Army should be increased and that the
conditions of service should be improved.
The Government have accepted the
recommendations of the Commission and
have accordingly increased the pay and
allowances of officers of the Indian Army
and have improved the conditions of
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Lieut. Colonel AMERY found the
gradual and restriction of the Indian rupee
the practice of issuing sterling salaries
locally at 15 rupees to the pound has
been continued as a temporary arrange-
ment, in view of the fact that the cost
of living, as reckoned in England, has
remained unchanged since the last
survey. The Commission found that the
cost of living in India has increased
and that the value of the Indian rupee
has fallen. The Commission recommended
that the pay and allowances of officers
of the Indian Army should be increased
and that the conditions of service
should be improved.

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