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INCREASE OF CUSTOMS REVENUE

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The further growth of the Chief of Customs giving reasons for which increase has been asked. Several complaints from the public are becoming more and more frequent. Supports Mr. Macdonald's proposals.

Mr. Macdonald

The increase of work since 1908 of
shown by the figures has been estimated to
to very large the figures showing the
growth of work during the last 12 months
the work is steadily being performed but
best thing about them is the
increase of custom revenue by 25%
The Treasury have almost since 1908
why the increase of staff was not provided
for in the Bill for 1922. It is thought
we can not do better but to see what we can do

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But if the head of an inman of staff
had been to report, I cannot see why
he should not have had instructions to the effect
why he should not have sent a minute
and his reports to the former
proceeding in this

But in the Act I think that he
of the Chief of Division have made out
a sufficiently good case to go to his Secretary
and I would send to his Secretary a
copy of two reports with such and
ask V.I. to sanction the appointment of
new assistants & I have been in touch
with the Department. Heaps, drawing
special attention to his business of another
month & his importance of providing
a staff adequate to ensure the proper
collection of revenue

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

May 28th 1912.

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3. From personal observation I can support Mr. Major in this. The traffic at Kilindini has undoubtedly become very heavy recently and I trust therefore that it will be found possible to give effect to his recommendations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,


ACTING GOVERNOR.

His Excellency,
The Governor.

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The rapid increase of trade at the Port of Bombay and the consequent rush of work at the port requires necessary for me to have more assistance.

I was not here when the Estimates were framed, being absent on leave, or I would have put in for more Officers.

I require the following increase to the Staff:-

- 1 Assistant at £.500 to £.400 by £.15 per annum.
- 5 European Clerks at £.180 to £.300 by £.10 per annum without pension rights
or
at £.150 to £.180 by £.10 per annum with pension rights.

Plus £.40 House Allowance per annum in both cases when Government quarters are not found.

One of these has already been applied for to fill the place of Mr. Redford who is resigning.

I trust Your Excellency will recognize the necessity of increasing the Customs Staff.

I suggest that H.M.'s Commissioners of Customs be asked to select an Officer of the class of Mr. Cox recently selected by them and three men from their staff of Customs Preventive men, their ages to be between 30 & 35. Full particulars have been given in a minute to the Chief Secretary asking for the selection of a man to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Redford's resignation.

(Sd.) F.W. Major.

Chief of Customs.

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The Honourable
The Ag. Chief Secretary
Nairobi,

Increase of Customs Staff

Reference: Your Minute No. 2890 of
the 10th instant.

An increase of Staff is necessary for the
following reasons:-

The Value of Imports has increased since 1908-1909			
by £. 692,229 - an increase of 59 %			
The value of Exports by £. 600,910	do.	do.	187 %
The Revenue (Customs) by £. 32,780	do.	do.	47 %
The number of packages cleared by	414,549	do.	do.
			65 %
The number of Entries by 11,000	do.	do.	60 %
The number of Ships Reports inwards by	170	do.	do.
			74 %
The number of Ships Reports outwards by	214	do.	do.
			118 %

All this has entailed a great increase of checking and supervision work.

The European Staff has only been increased by the appointment of an European Inspector of the Preventive Service instead of the Indian Subedar.

It was impossible to say with any certainty until last year whether the increase of trade was likely to be permanent. I am now satisfied on this point and we should consider that the time has arrived to increase the strength of the European Staff.

I have endeavoured so far to fall in with His Excellency's policy of strict economy and of cutting down expenditure as much as possible, and I have therefore refrained from asking for increases but in the interests of the revenue an increase of expenditure must now be faced.

More supervision of outstations by Europeans is required. At present the title of the European Staff is fully occupied at Head Quarters, and even

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although they are all retained here if one of them is put on the sick list the work falls into arrear. No margin is provided for officers on leave.

More Europeans are required for the examination of passengers' baggage, as with the class of passenger now coming to the Protectorate a good deal of dissatisfaction is expressed at baggage being examined by Asiatics. It is also desirable to direct European intelligence to this work.

It is proposed to utilise the services of the three Preventive men from the Imperial Customs for baggage examination and for assisting in routine and checking work.

The Ships' Reports, Inwards and Outwards (Ship's Files) are increasing enormously in size and it is a difficult matter to keep the checking of them up to date, a most important item of Customs check.

I would not have asked for an increase of staff had I not been fully satisfied as to the necessity for it. I trust that no obstacles will be placed in the way of giving me what I ask for on the score of

economy. I consider that it would be false economy to delay providing additions to the staff necessary to ensure the proper collection of revenue.

Chief of Customs

Custom House

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DOWNING STREET,
6 July, 1912.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr.

Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Officer

Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate relative to the urgent necessity for an increase of staff of the Customs Department.

It will be seen from the memoranda enclosed in Mr. Bowring's despatch that there has been a very large increase of customs work during the last two or three years and that this increase has been accompanied by a correspondingly large increase of Customs revenue (20% during the last

Customs receipts to twelve 1911.12 amounting to £120,575, as compared with

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~~not be~~ ~~hardly impress upon the Lords Com-~~
~~missioners the importance of provid-~~
~~ing a staff adequate to secure the~~
~~proper collection of revenue, and he~~
trusts that in the circumstances re-
suggested, Their Lordships will
sanction the immediate appointment of
one new Assistant, on the scale of
salary £250-15-£400, and two new
European clerks on the ordinary
scale of salary, viz. £120-10-180
(pensionable) or £130-10-200 (un-
pensionable).

I am, &c.