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EDUCATION ESTIMATES 1912-13

Gives further information asked for. Director of Education desires sanction to deviate in certain particulars from the details submitted. Submits recommendations where no official knowledge would be taken of primary education other than in the Govt. School while technical education would be both undertaken in the Govt. School and encouraged by the capitation grants to Vis. Society. He wants sanction by telegraph.

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Para 2 You see to the fact that
there is objection to the deletion of
the provision of 1/200 to a Department
Instruction

Para 4 In the case of private & day
schools I think to the proposal that
of having a school should be started
with 3 masters 12 hours, instead
of 2 masters & 3 masters

Para 5 In case of some schools the

proposal to restrict the scale of salary
for Assistant Masters of the District
Schools to £250 as a usual standard
level. He has a proposal to call for
out of his own pocket, at home, and
to see a note on the subject
from the Secretary of the Education
Department of the Government. It should
have been discussed with the Secretary and
it has been decided to refer to the Secretary
the ordinary scale of salary for primary administrative
officers of £250-350-400 into a special
list of £100-150-200. The Treasury have agreed
to this proposal.

Jan 19 he has agreed to this
to this proposal
Jan 20 He is to introduce the bill
of £600 provided for Contributions to the
National Schools' Committee.

promise to submit recommendations
later. You will see that after all
it is probable that the school in the plateau
will be closed.
The case of Miss [unclear] +
of the Coast Road Settlement School
I had had the case before me
previously but was consulting the Secretary
to see how to best handle the case
which is the death of

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Mr. J. J. [unclear]
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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

31st May 1912.

No. 53 (CONFIDENTIAL).

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Education Estimates for the current year, on which you have asked for some further information, and to inform you that the Director of Education, after consulting the Education Board, has asked for sanction to deviate in certain particulars from the details as submitted with the draft Estimates for 1912-13.

2. The total amount proposed for Education expenditure with the draft Estimates was £7,900. The disallowance of the provision of £125 for an engineering instructor, which was specifically included in the table of adjustments and additions to the draft Estimates appended to the "Memorandum on the East Africa Protectorate Draft Estimates for 1912-13," which was enclosed in your letter to the Treasury of January 19th, has reduced this total to £7,775, at which figure the Vote has just been passed by the Legislative Council.

3. The matters on which you have called for further information

~~THE RIGHT HONOURABLE~~

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

information are :-

- (a) The proposal to appoint one additional Assistant Master for Nairobi Division A School.
- (b) The proposal to raise the salaries of the Assistant Masters in the Nairobi A School from £200 by £10 to £250 to £250 by £10 to £300.
- (c) The necessity of providing four Assistant Teachers for the Mombasa B (Indian) School.
- (d) The salary for the Headmaster of the Mombasa C (Arab) School.

4. With regard to (a), the Director of Education reports that, after considering the question, he is unable to agree with Professor Frazer's recommendation that the European School should be staffed with two Masters and three Mistresses. The children at the school are now growing up, and owing to lack of educational facilities in the past the older boys are very backward. Sir P. Girouard, on the recommendation of the Education Board, therefore decided that for the next three years the boys should be allowed to remain at school until attaining the age of 14 years, and thereafter until the age of 17. The Colonial boy is, owing to the circumstances of his up-bringing, proverbially more independent and less subject to discipline than his English school fellow, and the Director of Education therefore advises that the staff should consist of three Masters and two Mistresses, with the assistance of such pupil teachers as may from time to time be under instruction. There are at the present time no less than 137 children

attending

attending the school, of whom 47 are boarders.

5. It is not desired at the present time to press for the increase in the scales of salary of the Assistant Masters at the Nairobi A School, although the Director of Education considers that the higher scale should be sanctioned for the reason that so many good men are lost to education through the higher pay offered in other professions. Since the recommendation for the increase of the salaries was made, however, an Assistant Master, Mr Pike, has been appointed at the lower rate, and if, as I shall explain later in this despatch it is proposed, Mr Manley, formerly Master of the Nairobi B School, can be transferred to the Native School in Ukamba, there appears to be no reason why the second Assistant Master at the A School should not also be appointed on the sanctioned scale of £200 to £250. As notified in my telegram of to-day's date, a local candidate is available to fill the vacancy, which however depends on approval being accorded to the recommendation contained in para. 3.

6. With regard to the necessity of providing four Assistant Teachers in the Mombasa Indian School, the Director of Education explains that the number of children to be educated there is estimated to be between 200 and 300, and that he considers a staff of five Masters in all, the minimum number to cope efficiently with the work. Since, however, the draft Estimates were prepared, an alternative method of dealing

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dealing with the education of Indian children at Mombasa has commended itself to the Director of Education, and will form the subject of a further communication when it is possible to submit definite proposals for your consideration. The scheme, briefly, is the substitution of a system of capitation grants to the Church Missionary Society for Indian children educated at the "Buxton High School," in lieu of the provision of a Government School, and has the advantage of efficiency combined with economy, especially as regards capital expenditure.

7. I understand that you are discussing with Sir P. Girouard the question of the salary to be paid to the Headmaster of the Arab School at Mombasa. If the higher rate of £400 is eventually sanctioned, there will be ample savings on the Education Vote to cover the increase of salary over that provided in the Estimates.

8. The Director of Education now wishes the £850 provided for "Sons of Chiefs" to be expended on a Government School in the Ukamba Province where the sons of chiefs will acquire primary education and other natives will receive industrial instruction. It is proposed to spend £400 on buildings, and to utilise the balance of the Vote for staff and necessary equipment. It is proposed to place this school under Mr Manley, who has hitherto been paid from the Nairobi B School Vote, but whose salary would, under the new proposal, be defrayed from the £850 Vote, and
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would be shown separately under "Personal Emoluments" in next year's Estimates. If this system of Government Schools for the education of natives proves to be a success, it is proposed to extend it, as funds admit, to the other Provinces.

9. It is proposed to pool the two sums of £500 each provided for "Native Technical Education" and "Native Primary Education," and to utilise the total for capitation grants to Missions. These capitation grants would be limited to £5 each, but were more than 200 grants to be earned the individual grants would be decreased so that the total of £1,000 would not be exceeded.

10. The effect of these two recommendations would be that no official knowledge would be taken of primary education, other than in the Government School, while technical education would be both undertaken in the Government School and encouraged by the issue of capitation grants to missionary bodies. I am entirely in accord with these recommendations, and have accordingly the honour to submit them for your favourable consideration. As it is eminently desirable that steps shall be taken with as little delay as possible to inaugurate the Government School for natives, I would ask that your approval, if given, may be communicated to me by telegraph.

11. With reference to the £650 provided for "Contributions to Buildings and Staff of Provincial Schools,"

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Schools." I have the honour to refer to my despatch (confidential) No. 32 of March 20th on the subject of educational facilities on the Uasin Gishu Plateau. The Director of Education has recently returned from a tour in that district, and reports that he was approached by a number of English farmers with the request that the central school at Eldoret might be opened. They stated that they would be willing to pay the usual fees, which the majority of Dutch farmers, as previously reported, are unable to do. It may therefore be possible in the near future to utilise the school building referred to in the last paragraph of my confidential despatch for the purpose for which it was originally intended. The Director of Education hopes to be able very soon to submit detailed proposals for the expenditure of this £650.


12. I take this opportunity of reporting that, owing to the quite unexpected large number of children now being educated in the Nairobi A School, and to the fact that a large number of children are now arriving in the country whose parents are well able to pay the prescribed school fees, it is evident that it will be necessary to provide additional accommodation during the current year. The Director of Education, however, assures me that the staff of the school is adequate to cope with a considerable increase in the number of pupils. I anticipate no difficulty in being able to find the small sum required for the additional buildings

buildings from savings elsewhere on the sanctioned
Estimates for the current year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,



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