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AFRICA PROTECTORATE

CONFIDENTIAL No. 12

23rd January 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to express my regret for the delay which has taken place in replying to your Confidential Notice of September 12th respecting the rate wages paid to labour

by the Government.

The Department Head Office has been notified of late and I have had considerable difficulty in getting reports on this point as referred to 15, of which this

It appears that Government is now paying labour at the rate of Rs.5 per mensem with rations, an increase of Rs.1 per mensem over the old rate, and even with this enhanced wage it is difficult to recruit throughout the year.

I am anxious not to offer much more than the ordinary amount paid by planters and farmers, and, as a matter of fact, at certain seasons of the year no inducement can be put forward which will attract the native, who is at such times anxious to cultivate his own land.

RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE HONOURABLE, P. C. M. P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
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Sir,

I have the honour to express my regret for the delay which has taken place in replying to your Confidential Notice of September 12th respecting the rate of wages paid to labour.

The Works Department Head Office has been understaffed of late and I have had considerable difficulty in getting reports on the subject of wages referred to it, of which this is the result.

It appears that Government is now paying labour at the rate of Rs.5 per mensem with rations, an increase of Rs.1 per mensem over the old rate, and even with this enhanced wage it is difficult to recruit throughout the year.

I am anxious not to offer much more than the ordinary amount paid by planters and farmers, and, as a matter of fact, at certain seasons of the year no inducement can be put forward which will attract the labourer, who is at such times anxious to cultivate his own land.

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WALTER HARRISON,
S.E., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF WORKS FOR THE PROTECTORATE,
DOVER STREET, LONDON, S.W.

5. Just at present the situation is not so strained and a considerable amount of labour is forthcoming, but the difficulty is certain to recur.

6. The Commission which is now sitting and considering evidence from all classes of the community will, however, I trust be able to evolve some solution of the problem.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Howay Bayard

GOVERNOR.