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for Governor
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19th March
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MOMBASA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

States that it is eminently desirable and of considerable importance that a Council should be formed with power to levy and spend rates. Suggests F.O. be approached with a view to communicating with Govts of Treaty Powers in order to obtain their consent to a scheme of Municipal Rating and Taxation within the Sultan's Dominions.

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R. G. Fiddes I think that it wd be a great mistake to approach the Powers as suggested by the Govt. To do this would detract the importance of the matter + in the case of France at any rate, probably lead to an attempt at blackmail. At the best, there wd be an interminable corresp^{ce}, one Power making its consent conditional on that of the other, another Power attempting to impose conditions as to the amount of the rate &c.

As a matter of fact, I understand from the F.O. that, now that the Government has had time to consider the matter, there is no objection to the proposal.

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... of a municipal rate & that the
 objection to the imposition of a rate of the
 kind is of a general nature, namely that it
 might be quoted as a precedent against us in
 countries where we claim extra-territoriality
 such as Turkey. But I do not think that
 we need worry about this. When Turkey
 gets a water supply in any of its towns
 at a cost of some £100,000 & bumps the
 sanitary arrangements up to the standard
 which we shall in doubtless need in mainland
 I think that this country might well allow
 the two residents to pay a suitable rate.

Sent a copy of this to the F.R. Society &
 the views of the frequency & saying that
 subject to any amendments in the Bill
 I propose to introduce the following
 legislative provisions for the formation
 of a Town Council & the compulsory levy of
 water - point out that the Council is to
 include the subjects of foreign Powers & that
 these Powers could object to a rate
 imposed by a municipality (with a sup^r Council
 of the kind) in its own interests, especially when
 that municipality is receiving such substantial
 assistance from the local Govt as is the
 present instance.

calling attention
 to the
 importance of
 the subject
 of the
 water supply

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Is it relevant? It seems to me that if the Powers
 concerned. Treaty ought to be signed, or not

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as proposed by Sir G. Fiddes.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 196.

March 19th, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your attention to a matter which has on previous occasions formed the subject of correspondence.

2. In view of present conditions obtaining at Mombasa, it is eminently desirable and of considerable importance that a Municipal Council should be formed in that Town with the power to levy and expend all rates dues and charges collected in connection with Municipal matters. Such a Council would be representative of all interests affected in the Township, and include members of Foreign Powers.

3. The Government of this Protectorate is, however, debarred from levying such Municipal rates and charges owing to the numerous subjects of Foreign Powers who claim exemption from such payments by virtue of the various

Treaty

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

BOWING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Treaty Rights which they enjoy. I have, therefore, the honour to suggest that the Foreign Office be approached with a view to communicating with the Governments of the Powers concerned in order to obtain their consent to a scheme of Municipal Rating and Taxation within the Sultan's Dominions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

J. B. Rowley
in the absence of the
GOVERNOR.

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[Handwritten signature]

25 April 1913

Sir,
I am etc to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir P. Gray the accompanying copy of a despatch received from the Govt of the P.A.P.

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respecting the proposed creation of a Municipal Council in the town of Monbasa. I ~~do not~~ ~~draw~~ the attention of Sir P. Gray to the growing importance of Monbasa as a ~~the~~ ~~point~~ ~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~change~~ ~~a~~ ~~municipality~~ ~~are~~ ~~referred~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~arrangement~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~described~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Govt's~~ ~~Conf.~~ ~~despatch~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~9th~~ ~~of~~ ~~October~~ ~~1908~~, which was enclosed in the letter

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The U. P. G. L.
F.O.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Downie 22/4/13
- Mr. Robertson 23.4.13.
- X Sir G. Fiddes. 27
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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From P.A.P. to Govt. 12/10/13
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15 May 1913

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The report of the 2nd of

December 1892

is a copy of the

report of the

Commission

on the

subject of

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proposed

amendment

to the

constitution

These considerations have
in many respects the same
force, and the Commission

I am not sure
that this is a good
idea.

The Govt's report that, in
view of the number of
foreigners resident at
Bombay, the various
powers concerned should
be first approached, in
order that their consent to
the scheme may be obtained.
Such a procedure would,
in his opinion, exaggerate
the importance of the matter.

I am

3rd Dec 1892
I am, Sir,
very
truly
yours,
Henry Lambert

(Signed) HENRY LAMBERT