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## GOVERNMENT HOUSE STABLES

1913

This copy of Report of Board of Enquiry Director  
of P.W. estimates cost of new stables at £1,000.  
Asks for authority to spend this sum out of savings.

~~Mr. Bottomley~~ Mr. Bottomley Mr. G. Fiddes

It is obviously essential that Government House  
should be provided with decent stables, but it  
is a great pity the amount was not included  
in the estimate for consideration, and that it  
should now be necessary to consider the  
question of supplementary expenditure, when  
the financial year is only a month old.

Engineer in the first instance insisted that  
the Governor anticipated that he will be able to  
make the requisite savings.

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5.5.13  
I have met on byr a draft about  
£300 on "absolutely"  
£300 on "absolutely"

The sum was promised with the intention  
buildings which were cut down to \$990.  
£6000 for this purpose was cut out of  
the draft estimates, & a sufficient amount of £25000.

In the circumstances, and in the absence  
of medical testimony to the danger to  
hence health from the present studies,  
I think the proposal is ill-timed.

I agree  
H-8

As proposed in Mr. Stevenson's proposal,  
drawing attention to the large sums  
which will have to be made for <sup>other</sup> ~~the~~  
proposed services the security of which  
has been represented since the estimates  
were settled.

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U.C.S.  
6/5/15

It is indefensible. Tell him in A.  
I don't see how he can put it for certain in  
next years Est. ~~but he is not to be~~  
if the financial condition <sup>judges him in doing so.</sup>

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Apparently not provided for  
1914-15 Est. ~~anywhere~~

all right

Mr. Read  
Mr. B. H. H. H.

? would to raise the question  
here, as Mr. has dropped it.

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? Proj. W.S. 16/7/14

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 284.

April 7th, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a report on the Government House stables by a Board which I caused to be convened, as my experience of the building had convinced me that it was an unsafe place in which to keep horses and insanitary on account of its proximity to the house.

Report

2. The Director of Public Works estimates the cost of new stables at £1,000 and I should be much obliged if I might be authorized to expend this sum on the work out of savings.

3. It was impossible for me to make provision for this in the current year's expenditure, as the budget had been completed before the matter was brought to my notice.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

4. It is, I think, obviously necessary that Government House should have adequate stables. The defective condition of the existing building has already put me to some personal inconvenience, as I am expecting four ponies from India and shall not be able to keep them in Nairobi until suitable accommodation is provided. I hope therefore that my proposal will meet with your approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

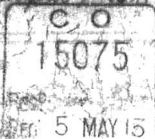
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GOVERNOR.

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INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 23 of April 1915

Copy

Government House Stables.

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When the building of Government House was completed in 1908, no funds were found to be available for the erection of stables.

During Sir James Hayes Sadler's tenure of office, however, a small stable capable of holding two carriage horses and two mules was constructed.

With the importation of some horses from India by Sir Percy Girouard, this stable provided insufficient accommodation and additions were made to the existing building. The stables are now composed of one long, low, badly constructed building situated some 200 feet from the Council Chamber, and close to the kitchens and boys' quarters. They are constructed of wood with an unlined iron roof, and sides of plaster 7 feet high. In the first instance the building was rendered mosquito proof to prevent, as far as possible, the introduction of horse sickness. It was found, however, necessary to remove the gauze and mosquito proof louvres

to

to admit a free circulation of air. The result has been that instead of each loose box being a "watertight" compartment, the stables are open and winged insects have easy access into them. The only ventilation is obtained by a draught from door to door which has little effect in keeping the stables cool by day or warm by night, and this ventilation is rendered doubly ineffectual by reasons of the recent extensions to Government House, and the growth of trees along the main avenue closing in the stables and preventing the prevailing wind, or in fact any wind, from having any beneficial effect. The stables are much too close to human habitation, and the drainage of the whole compound flows along the stable drains. As suitable stabling for valuable horses, the building is to be condemned.

We strongly recommend that the present building be put to other purposes, and that good mosquito proof stone stables with a tile roof be built on the open grass land some distance behind Government House. The site suggested is conveniently situated, well removed from native quarters, has ample drainage and is so placed as to allow of perfect ventilation.

Sd. Robert J. Stordy  
Chief Veterinary Officer.

Sd. F. R. Brandt  
Dy. C. V. O.

Sd. H. J. H. Stedman  
Ag. Executive Engineer

Sd. C. Rand Overy  
Govt. Architect.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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AFT. E. O. P. No. 380

H. Conway, Belfast, Eng., Contd.

Reference P. 473  
Indemnity 8.517f

9 May 1913.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your despatch No.  
224 of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1913, requesting  
that you may be authorized to  
incure an expenditure of £1000  
on the erection of new stables for  
Government Horses.

2) I regret that I am unable  
to authorize the expenditure being  
incurred during the current  
financial year, as it is already  
impossible  
necessary that considerable money