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Sub 586

Excesses on Estimates

1913

Report (a) £400 in respect of quarters for Officer at Nairobi - (b) £235 in respect of a house for an Officer at Mombasa. Indicate cancellations have led to excesses, which will be charged to General Revenue & met from savings on Vote for P.W. Extraordinary. Has authorized component of P.W. Item 2, Extraordinary, etc. & requirements.

W. B. Atkinson, Inspector of Public Works

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 No. 1
 H. P. R. 1
 W. B. Atkinson, Inspector of Public Works
 they will not have more supervising staff.

copy to Treasury for common approval - adding that I propose to enquire in respect of what extent Mr. Wright can be considered responsible for the excess in the case of the Mombasa house & whether

1913
Bowring 765

10 Sept

Last previous Paper

Copy sent to Mr. Atkinson 7th Oct 91

Governor considers that ~~the~~
action should be taken to remove
a part of the exp. exp.
from budget or any
other discretionary action taken
in the matter.

Accd

10/10/13

P.W. E. Steer - Home for A.O.C. Kyanba,
appears as in the Estimates at £650, not
£640, but there is first, with drawing
attention to. E.A. has a good deal to do
in operation, in financial action, they have
probably appropriated the old £10 already to
some the end.

budget is one of the temporary and expenses
the have not been put in the financial
staff on the influence of the bill. This measure
has left unfilled & will be filled by selection
from W.W. & his colleagues, & it is possible
that the only thing out of way. In 1913
some was before of those which he has
continued to be in financial emergency
situation & probably discretionary action will
take the form of non-renewal of agreement

Under the 875/12 rules there seems
and receive the sanction of the S.M. before
the bill of necessary other the approval
of the Treasury. There is any case the S.M.
could have a discussion, which I think
is an essential case of this sort be
will be necessary, apart from the fact that

financial control is being transferred.

I think it will be the subject to 488
and city of course - 5th Treasury L.F.?

To the Gov: we should approve, writing on
L. Parkinson suggests, read that it
would appear that prior sanction [shall
have been obtained when the necessity for
success, because losses.

Accd 11/10/13

A. J. R.

11/5/13

I don't find "if necessary" in any of the
875. though it has been interpolated in the
in the present

But, as proposed

above P.W. 13/10/13

have made the
primary rules on the
the 875/12 - the Govt.
wishes to put the
order in as a refer
to that paper.
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

September 10th 1913.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 705

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 179 of the 2nd of April 1913 respecting excesses on services for which provision has been made on the Estimates,

I have the honour to inform you of the amount of excess over the amounts allowed for the following works which were commenced last year and have recently been completed:-

- (a) Five quarters for Officers in Nairobi provided for in the Estimates for 1912-13.
- (b) House for an Officer at Kombasa.

2. In the former case it has been estimated that the excess will amount to £400. The amount allowed for each quarter was £550 at which sum three huts were erected by contract. The contractor then offered to erect the remaining two houses at £710 each on account of a mistake made in his original contract. The excess thus involved would have been £120, but the offer was refused with the result that the houses were built departmentally at a cost of £650 each instead of £550 as authorized, the excess incurred being £400.

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

3. An examination of the accounts has led to the formation of the following conclusions:-

- (a) That the charges for labour are excessive due to lack of effective supervision.
- (b) That a portion of the excess is due to the increased cost of transport last year and delay in delivery of materials. The local transport riders were unable to cope with the sudden boom in the building trade.
- (c) The steady rise in cost of materials both local and imported.
- (d) Shortage of labour and extra expense incurred by inability to keep artisans supplied with material and assistance.

The excess on labour is due to lack of supervision. An Assistant Engineer was available for a portion of the year only and for the remaining period it was not possible to spare more than one Engineer to take charge of the Division thus rendering adequate supervision impracticable.

5. With regard to the house at Mombasa the Acting Director of Public Works estimates the excess on this work to be Rs 35 and considers this to be due to the following causes:-

- (a) To lack of proper supervision, due to the inefficiency of the Engineer in charge, Mr. Gordon Wright.
- (b) To the squaring of stone to an unnecessary extent.
- (c) To the supply of tanks for temporary use pending a water supply being available.

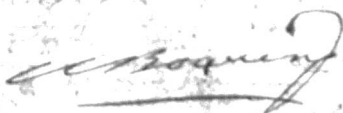
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6. It will thus be seen that the total excess incurred amounts to a sum of £635 in respect of the works at both Nairobi and Mombasa. This excess will be charged to General Revenue and met by savings on the Public Works Extraordinary Vote, as there is no existing sub-head to which it could be properly charged. I have accordingly authorized the postponement of Public Works Item 21, £640 Extraordinary Vote and I trust that in the circumstances you will accord your sanction to my action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

C.D.
15 OCT
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and 30/6

DRAFT. *Sal No 871*
and 30/6
To Mr. W. Conway Belfield

MINUTE.

- Mr. *deed 15/10/13*
- Mr. *to Monday 15/10/13*
- Sir G. Fiddes. *15*
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Copy of memo to Mr. J. P. ...

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to act 4/3.

near the house in act: the receipt
de-hatchers
of Mr. Gwynne's Dep. No. 705 of the
15/10/13 report, reporting expense
of expenditure over the amount
originally allocated for
five months for officers in
quarters provided for in the
Bill for 1912-13 and for a
house for an officer at
Mombasa, at 10/10/13.
It is that in the circumstances
explained I approve of

Copy memo to Mr. J. P. ...

If the excess expenditure
amounting to ~~2~~ ⁴⁸⁵

2. There however to
be sure that when the
necessity further excess
exp. became known,
by prior approval should
have been obtained, I had
begged to ~~know~~ ^{be info} why you
omitted to refer the matter
for my opinion at an
earlier stage.

3. As regards the house
at Trombasa, I note that
the Acting D. of P.W. considers
that the excess of ~~the~~ ^{is in}
~~some measure~~
~~in part~~ due to the inefficiency
of the Engineer in charge,
Mr. G. Wright. I have to
request that you will
inform me to what extent
the responsibility can

can be laid upon this 493
Office, ^{some portion} whether you consider
that ~~any~~ ~~portion~~ ~~should~~
~~be taken to measure~~ ~~from~~
~~him a part of the~~
the excess expenditure incurred
should be recovered from him,
or ultimately whether
disciplinary action of
any kind should be
taken in the matter.