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HOUSE. BRITISH EAST AFRICA 23rd September, 1918.

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Sir.

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the emoluments of the Superintendent and Assistant Printer of the Government Press. The present salary of the Superintendent is on the pensionable scale of £250 by £10 to £300 per armum, his actual empluments being \$262. He is responsible for the general supervision of the Press. for the proper upkeep of the makinery, and for the execution of the numerous departmental He also controls a staff of some 50 Handsi The present holder of the post, Mr E. W. Trim, is a capable, hardworking officer who has given every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties and I strongly recommend that his scale of salary be raised to that of 2250 by 215 to \$400 per amuni pensionable, plus a duty allowance of £25 per annum. In view of the responsibility and arduous nature of the post, it is most desirable that a duty allowinge should be attached to it in order that the officer who acts

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for Mr Trin when on leave may receive some additional representation.

The salary of the Assistant Printer is on the scale of £180 by £10 to £250 ber snown, his present amoluments being £190 per annua. responsible to the Superintendent for the actual working of the Press, for the distribution of orders, and for the issue of detailed instructions for the execution of every item. It is his duty also to estimate the time necessary for the completion of an order and to supervise the consumption of material. The present holder of the post, Mr.N. S. Drury, is a thoroughly reliable officer, essentially methodical and systematic, and one phom it would be most difficult to replace. I recommend that his salary be placed as from the 1st of April ment on the spale of £200 by £10 to 2300 per annua.

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In making this recommendation I am aware that Mr Drury has not yet completed his tour of activise under his present agreement. An application of a similar nature was however made in the case of ar Trim and sanctioned in Lord Grawe's confidential despatch of the 13th September, 1900. The arguments then submitted apply with even greater force at the present time and I carnestly trust that my proposal way be approved. I may mention incidentally that the number of items of departmental indents completed during the six months ending the 30th of June, 1913, was nearly 50% in excess of the sutput for the corresponding period of 1912. This satisfactory result is

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