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Colonial Office

Gazette

1913

28 Oct.

Last previous Paper.

Library memo containing suggestions re preparation of

7 Nov 1913

Mr Pittman by letter of 27 Oct
has had Mr Gowen's letter about
the East. Gazette reprinted
the library memo herewith
I see nothing to a weekly
Gazette & the type suggestion
seems very useful.

shall I write to Mr Gowen
saying that C.O. we have no
obj to a weekly gazette -
enclose library memo F 7
subject to verification of
type terms such as 'pica'
shall be undertaken to the

Subsequent Paper

suggestion as to
acct

11/11/13

? So proceed. I wish of Mr. Bentley's account, I
do not fear my suggestion that routing matter
might be held over for monthly come, but
~~the suggestion of the~~
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and I notice that the best of business, which I
had chiefly in mind, is only carried quarterly

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REC'D
APR 30 1914

Mr Parkinson

Colonial Official Gazette are not issued weekly. In a very few cases they are issued weekly, fortnightly, or bi-monthly.

A few comments and suggestions (rather lengthy I fear) from Library point of view (based on experience gained by the custody of, search in, etc, Gazettes of all Colonies) may be of interest - and of use to the Printing? modifications may be needed, of course, to suit local requirements or limitations.

It is fair to assume that no matter is put in the Gazette that could be left out.

The S.A.P. is developing rapidly, and its Gazette must necessarily expand. A glance at the bound volumes shows the rapid increase in the last year or two - the pages being as follows:

1911	pages	639
1912		1045
1913		1152 (at present rate)

At present the S.A.P. (a year's) Gazette is not bulky, as Gazettes go.

A big factor in the size of the Gazette, it seems to me, is the size of the type. You will see from the S.A.P. specimen copies I enclose that the type used in the main is very large (RICA). ~~It seems unnecessary~~ large. Change to a smaller type, even if somewhat expensive at first, (but a change could easily be effected inexpensively) would save a lot of space: - probably one third of the present bulk (I think) could be saved. A smaller type would be equally legible - and a good model would be the

if an issue with an A N^o was missing that fact might be overlooked; whereas if an issue with a number belonging to the continuous series was missing that fact would be known. The E.A.P. pagination shall remain as it is now i.e. Gazette Extra? in the continuous pagination, supplements pages separately (each self-contained).

The E.A.P. Gazette already has ~~what we regard as a most important feature~~ an index or table of contents at the front of each number. If that index could include some sort of classification under subjects or departments it would be an advantage - though so slight an advantage as not to warrant any appreciable trouble. The E.A.P. Gazette is of very handy size and any increase in its size is to be deprecated. It is at present one of the best Gazettes (in form style of production etc.). But ~~it is possible~~ but some at least of the ideas I have mentioned may be advantageously adopted.

BB

28/10/13

Downing Street.

7 November, 1913.

Dear Downing,

I did not reply immediately to your letter about the East Africa Protectorate Gazette, as I wanted to look into the matter fully.

I now send you a memorandum on the subject which the Library have drawn up; I think it may be helpful to you, and I am sure you will be glad to see the tribute of praise at the end! The Colonial Office certainly would have no objection to your issuing the Gazette weekly, but in any case I think that you might well consider the advisability of using smaller type, as suggested in the memorandum.

*Your sincerely
All*



THE SECRETARIAT,
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE,
NAIROBI.

Sept 17th 1913

Dear Parkerson,

I find that our
current practice of issuing
the "Official Gazette"
(nominally) on the 1st & 15th
of each month is very
unsatisfactory.

In the first place our
Gazette is getting very
cumbersome and still I do
not see that we are in
any way reducing its bulk.
With my I issued a number
of bulletins is frequently
delayed for three or four
days owing to the necessity
of publishing notices re-
specting awards for over the
territory. All the notices

Your sincerely
 W. H. Murray

which are sometimes
 really urgent may be
 held up for 15 days &
 the same of the Gazette
 has gone to press.

I propose to my
 a new & weekly gazette
 but before doing so,
 I thought I would ask
 whether there would be any
 objection from you or
 a committee of the Colonies
 for weekly issues.

I am glad to say that
 today's Bulletin of
 the Empire's health
 is distinctly more
 favourable.