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Non-native Poll Tax Order 1912

Report on working of Sect. 11c which gives govt. power to remit whole or portions of the tax for good cause shown. Considers that tax has been paid up without any great opposition.

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Mr Read
Mr B. Kennedy

Copies of the Non-native Poll Tax Order 1912 (see p 11c) + the Notice No 18 of 15 Jan 1913 (Gazette 15 Jan 1913 p 32) herewith.

The working of the section 11c seems to have been satisfactory. + the ordⁿ is clearly exciting less opposition than Mr Taylor + others wd. have had a believe. ? Put by dept

at subsequent Paper.

The Govt has had a careful eye to the hard cases. W. S. Taylor 17/4/14

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

March 10th 1914.

No. 226

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 622 of August 1st and to report as follows on the working of Section 14 of the Non-Native Poll Tax Ordinance 1913.

2. The section in question gives the Governor power to remit or refund the whole or a portion of the tax for good cause shown and, as might perhaps have been expected, I have been the recipient of numerous applications for exemption, mostly on the ground of poverty.

3. It soon became apparent to me that certain classes of the wage earning community were unable to pay the whole of the tax and I accordingly published the rule, which appears as Government Notice No. 118 in the Official Gazette of January 15th 1913, page 32, by which District Commissioners are authorized to accept Rs. 10 from persons earning up to Rs. 30 per mensem and Rs. 5 from those earning under Rs. 20 per mensem.

4. In the Police and Prisons Departments Asiatic and Arab Non-Commissioned Officers, Constables and Warders have been exempted from paying the tax.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

5. A certain number of so-called Arabs in Lamu have received a remission of the whole or part of the tax. These people are exceedingly poor and quite unable to pay it in full.

6. With the exception of the foregoing and a few individual cases of extreme poverty it has not been found necessary to grant exemptions and on the whole I consider that the tax has been paid up without any great opposition by those liable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Alway Beggs

GOVERNOR.