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Payment of Indian pension

Quoted rate on the subject. Cannot say
Indian pensioners resident in E Africa have
rate of conversion of their pensions which could
not be without serious inconvenience extended to
other countries where rupee is legal tender.

W. Read.

I do not think there is any more
to be said.

Copy to a G. O. says that Mr.
Harcourt fears that he is not in a
position to press the matter.

W. R.

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It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter number should be quoted and the reply addressed to The Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, Whitehall, London S.W.

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Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of 13th January, enclosing copy of one from Sir P. Girouard, on the subject of the rate of conversion of the Indian pension of Mr. G.K. Watts, and of retired Indian Officers residing in British East Africa generally.

In reply I am to inform you that the rule on the subject runs as follows: "Pensions granted in rupees which are drawn at or through the Home Treasury are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange from time to time fixed for the adjustment of transactions between the British and Indian Governments, subject to the condition that in the case of persons resident in any country in which the Indian Government rupee is not legal tender 1/9d. the rupee is fixed as the minimum rate at which the conversion into sterling

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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shall be affected".

The Secretary of State for India in Council is not prepared to allow to Indian pensioners resident in East Africa a rate of conversion of their pensions which he could not without serious inconvenience extend to other countries where the rupee is legal tender, such as Ceylon, and indeed India itself; and he regrets therefore that he cannot sanction the issue of pension to Mr. G.K. Watts, while residing in the Protectorate, at any other rate than that at which he has hitherto drawn it, viz. 1/4d. the rupee.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Mitchie

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Mr. Fiddes.

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Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

Lord Crews.

24 Feb 11.

Sir,

I have the honour
to transmit to you
the accompanying copy
of copies on the subject
of the rates of conversation
of the Indian portion of
M. G. K. Watts, & of several
Indian Officers residing
in British East Africa

Sir P. Guinness of Jan 283

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