

for the part of India can arrange
for the payment of employees of these
ports in India and for the
rising and despatch of the India
Contracts for Newfoundland, Iceland
and Norway

(3) Inform the Council of the proposed
change, making it clear that the
abolition is due to the considerations
of economy and to the
best interests of the
service

HJB 28/2

W. Read

I have looked at the
local C.P. to make enquiries as to the
cost of employing commercial firms
to do the work but the other 3
O.A.G's should confer with the Gov

of the E. G. P., (the E. G. P. having the
largest stake in the matter), and to
the possibility of embarking the work
of all 4 P.E. to one firm

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March 8.

at once.

H. J. K.

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In the reply to this letter the following
Number should be quoted.

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11.

25 February 1911

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Fiddes' letter of the 21st ultimo (6711/11) in support of a recommendation made by the Government of the East Africa Protectorates that the Agency should be abolished and its work to be done either by a commercial house.

This recommendation is based, as My Lords understand, solely on considerations of economy, and I am to state that They have no objection in principle to the abolition of the Agency, provided that the Secretary Harcourt is satisfied that it will actually result in a permanent saving to the Protectorates concerned. On this point, however, the information at present furnished appears to be inadequate and My Lords would prefer, before arriving at a final decision, that it should be definitely ascertained on what terms the work could be performed by a commercial firm, and on the basis of these terms what economy is estimated to result from abolition. I am to remind you in this connection that when in 1908 the Treasurer of the East Africa Protectorate recommended a similar course to the one now proposed, Mr. Harcourt's predecessor stated it as his opinion "that the economy which might apparently

be

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

be effected would be more than lost in indirect ways
(vide enclosure to Colonial Office letter to Treasury
20th November 1906 (1906/1908)).

My Lords agree with Mr. Harecourt that in calculating the cost of the new arrangements the amount of Mr. Simson's pension must be taken into account, and in this connection they would be glad to be informed as to Mr. Simson's present age.

Finally I am to enquire whether in the event of abolition it will be necessary to make payment, and if so of what amount, in the shape of compensation or gratuity to any other official.

I am,

Sr.

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Harecourt

Henry B. Allen

1868

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Ans of 12/29/41

Sir

With regard to

the letter in your recent

that a ...

the abolition of the ...

4672 (2) your conf ...

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31667 (4) your conf ...

I have the honor to
transmit to you, for your

concern the accompanying
copy of ...

(1) in the subject
(2) ...

of the ...

DRAFT.

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John P. ...
John ...
General ...
Local ...

Mr. ...

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Mr. ...

Sir G. Lucas.

Col. Seely.

Mr. Harcourt.

Henry B. Allen
1872
Henry B. Allen

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to be done, and of the
of what amount is the
mode of compensation in
proportion to any other
officer

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R. M. M. 1900

Sir,
I am to ask to
request you to inform
Accountant General of Blackburn
that he has ^{under consideration} ~~in consideration~~
the question of abolishing
on the ground of economy,
the Agency in Bombay
of the British Proclamation
in East Africa, and of
employing a commercial
firm to perform the local
commercial work hitherto
conducted by the Agency
2. Then ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{lower}
a portion
of the Agency

DRAFT.

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MINUTE.

- Mr. A. J. S. 14/3
- Mr. Read 15
- Mr. Fiddes 15
- Mr. Jast.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.

- Col. Seely.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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to have the work
done, and to have
the despatch of the
Indian Ambassadors for
Siam, Laos, Siam,
and Malacca, which
it would be important
to secure to a commercial
firm, and, before finally
approving the abolition
of the Agency, he cannot
be glad to be
informed whether the
Govt. of India would be
willing to cooperate
with the Agency in the
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Downing Street,

18 March, 1911.

*Ans 11745
13/3/11*

DRAFT.

AGENT-GENERAL IN INDIA
OF THE BRITISH PROTECTORATES
IN EAST AFRICA.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary ^{under}
Harcourt to inform you that he has under ^{consideration}
~~contemplation~~ the question of abolishing,
on the ground of economy, the Bombay
Agency and of employing a commercial firm
to perform the commercial work hitherto
performed by the Agency.

2. It is not proposed to proceed
with the abolition of the Agency immediate-
ly, as time will be required for the
Protectorate Governments to make the
necessary arrangements with a commercial
firm, and enquiries will also have to be
made of the Government of India as to the

MINUTE.

- Mr. H.F.B. 14/3
- Mr. Butler 15
- X Mr. Fiddes 15
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- ~~Sir F. Hopwood.~~
- Col. Seely.
- ~~Lord Cromer.~~
- Mr. Harcourt

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For they would arrange direct with the protectorate Governments for the payment of the employes of those Governments on leave in India, and for the raising and despatch of the Indian Contingents for Somaliland, Uganda, and Nyassaland. But, subject to a satisfactory settlement of these questions, Mr. Harcourt has decided that the Agency shall be abolished at the end of the financial year 1911-12.

3. Mr. Harcourt much regrets that this decision will render it necessary for him to call upon you to retire, with such retiring allowance as you may have earned, at the end of next financial year or at such time as he may finally decide that the Agency shall be abolished. I am to explain that the present decision has been reached purely on the ground of economy, and I am to urge that you will continue to discharge your duties in a loyal and efficient manner in which you

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have always discharged the duties entrusted to your care.

I am, etc.,



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