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Government house，
NAIROBI，

British East Africa．
March 4th 1912.

I have the honour to refer to an applica－ tigon which has been made by the Administrative Officers stationed in the Northern Frontier Die－ Pict for some consideration in respect of the very heavy charges which they incur for the trans－ port op their private stores．

2．I have always been opposed in principle to any system of according dipferntily treatment to any particular districts on the gro nd of heir remoteness or the dipfingity of emmunieat－ Ing with them，because opficer等，arg eng continually being moved about and therefore in an extended period of service probably spend about an equal ＊part of their time in desirable and undesirable

3．Officers posted to the Northern Frontier District are however on rather a different footing． They have been selected in the past，and will be for some time to come，on account of the possession $o f$ such special qualities as energy，self－reliance， powers of initiative，and capacity for dealing with difficult situations where reference to head－ ouarters impossible．They are likely therefore

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to epend a very large proportion of their service in a distant, desolate and inhospitable region, destitute of most of the amenities of life. They are constantly travelling in places where ordinary necessaries are unobtainable and this involves a considerable consumption of imported tinned provisions. Such a mode op life is in itselp expensive and becomes very much more so when very heavy transport charges have to be paid for the carriage of stores, and when the frequent breakages and damage consequent upon a lengthy journey over dippicult country cause an additional lose.
4. The Oeficer in Charge and his immediate junior, who acts for him from time to time, receive some compensation in the shape of the duty allowance assigned to the district, and king's, Aprican Rifles subalterns are in a better position Pinancially than Assistant District Commissioners who receive considerably less pay. It is the oase of he latter therefore which I would particularly wish to bring Porwarte
5. In wiew of the fact that exceptiofal merit has marked them out for employment in the Northërn

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I wises. substantially those held by Sir Percy Whincuni, and I should be much obliged if advantage could taken of his presence in england to discuss the whole matter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your humble, obedient servant,


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