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March 4th 1912.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to an application which has been made by the Administrative

officers stationed in the Northern Frontier Dia-

very heavy charges which they incur for the transport of their private stores.

- 2. I have always been opposed in principle to any system of according differential treatment to any particular districts on the grand of their remoteness or the difficulty occommunicating with them, because officers are intinually being moved about and therefore in an extended period of service probably spend about an equal part of their time in desirable and undesirable stations.
- 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 of such special qualities as energy, self-reliance, powers of initiative, and capacity for dealing with difficult situations where reference to head-ouarters is impossible. They are likely therefore

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to spend 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 of life is in itself 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 difficult country cause an additional loss.

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- 4. The Officer 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 African Rifles subalterns are in a better position financially than Assistant District Commissioners who receive considerably less pay. It is the case of the latter therefore which I would particularly wish to bring forward.
- 5. In view of the fact that exceptional merit has marked them out for employment in the Northern Frontier Diagrams 1 could venture to recommend a per per annum for

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I teliere, substantially those held by Sir Percy Girouard, and I should be much obliged if advantage could be 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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