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Chief Sec Percy Girouard, C.N.B.,

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expenditure, or will not disturb the finances.
But no provision has been made for the
further sum of £1466. I have little doubt
~~that~~ the Treasury would agree to our taking
this amount from resources, in view of
the special nature of our service & the
impossibility of increasing our own estimate
when the sum of £100,000 was asked for
in 1910. But ~~we should be~~ we
to be sure that every effort
must be made to meet the additional
expenditure of £1466 from savings in the
approved estimates for 1912-13, and that
we should report later in the year
whether this will be practicable.

J.R.B.

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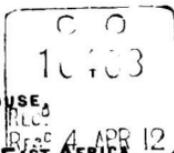
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

11th March, 1912.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

CONFIDENTIAL No. 25.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm Sir Percy Girouard's telegram No. 33 of the 12th ultimo and in reply to your confidential despatch of the 5th ultimo to submit the following explanation of the necessity for the appointment of an additional European Clerk to the Secretariat.

Sir Percy Girouard has already informed you that one of the main reasons for the appointment is the introduction of a new system of registration of correspondence, the necessity for which requires the explanation.

Hitherto it has been the custom to circulate Secretariat minute papers, containing all relative correspondence on any particular subject, to Departments and replies have either taken the form of letters or memoranda but mostly of minutes actually written on the cover of the minute paper itself. The complete record of any case, therefore only exists in

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LEWIS HARGREAVES

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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 importance to the community and is the
 result of a considerable number of circulars
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 improve the method of filing the records
 so that for its more
 efficient management a European Clerk should be
 appointed. I would hesitate to recommend
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 be entrusted with the work of indexing the
 new card system, as not only is a
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 essential but it is also of paramount importance
 that the archives of the Protectorate should be
 in the hands of Europeans. The Office
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supervising the clerical staff and when the work of the Office increases, as it undoubtedly will, he could not undertake single handed the keeping of the accounts also. Furthermore the European Clerk could be recruited for the Office Superintendent. The Superintendent goes on leave as a permanent Secretary is only just sufficient for departmental business and not suitable for this duty.

6. The general question of trustworthiness and educational attainments of Asiatic clerks does not arise in this matter as I do not consider that an Asiatic clerk would fill this position adequately and it would be inadvisable to entertain such a suggestion. If an Asiatic clerk were to be employed the appointment would have to be a second grade one on a salary from £128 to £160 so that the appointment would not be very great.

7. I trust therefore that the Government will approach the Treasury again with a strong request that the matter may be reconsidered and the proposed provision inserted in the Estimates for 1912-13 may be allowed to stand.

8. Sir Percy Girouard is fully acquainted with the facts of the case, and should there still be any doubt as to the necessity for the appointment I have no doubt that it should be

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Your humble, obedient servant,

John Bowring

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Discuss with Sir P. Girouard.
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proposal to the Treasury. Perhaps he
may be able to indicate some means of

reducing the amount of expenditure on
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of Mr MacDougall's death. His time
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continuing his services as Chairman
which now fully occupies his time
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this, I think we can make out a
case to the Treasury. I ask the
to approve of Mr. MacDonnell being
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under the Legal Statute
Slave Ordinance 1907 will in all probability
be completed during the financial year 1913-14.
I have the honor to invite your attention to
the case of Mr. MacDougall, the Registrar of
Slaves. This Officer is also Chairman of the
Arbitration Boards appointed in connection
with the Land Titles Ordinance 1908. When
Mr. MacDougall was selected for the former post
he was informed, in accordance with the in-
structions contained in Lord Egin's private
despatch of July 21st 1907, that he was to
act as a

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must retire. He has acted both as Registrar of Slaves and as Chairman of the Arbitration Boards to great praise. He possesses an unequalled knowledge of the Coast with its many complex questions, and he has shown great tact, patience and energy in his dealings with the Arabs and natives. Without his advice the decisions of the Slavery Courts would not have given such general satisfaction, whilst a larger number of bogus claims would have been undetected.

3. As regards the work of the Arbitration Boards, which consist of various Local as Members with Mr. MacDougall as Chairman, the enclosed copy of a letter from Sheikh Rashid bin Salim, the Head of the Mazrui, is some indication that their labours have been appreciated. As that the Mazrui Reserves have been exhausted it will shortly be possible to throw open 150,000 acres of valuable Crown lands to planters and others.

4. Some time must necessarily elapse before the work of the Arbitration Boards is complete, and I strongly recommend that Mr. MacDougall be formally appointed as the Chairman with a consolidated salary of £600 per annum. There is no one else in the Protectorate who can perform these duties, and I believe that if we are deprived of Mr. MacDougall's services the settlement of the land titles at the Coast will be greatly retarded. I venture to suggest that

Let this matter be discussed in England.

Percy Girouard.

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Mr. K. MacDougall

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
11, Whitehall, London, W.1

Your Excellency,
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for his work
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been consulted personally
strongly supports
proposal, and shares
Mr. Bourne's belief
that the loss of Mr. Mac
Dougall's services
greatly retard
work of Coast
Settlement
that Mr. MacDougall's
services in connection
have been of
invaluable value
that, owing to his
knowledge of the
inhabitants of the
Coast Strip, the Govt.
have escaped many
pitfalls