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CURRENCY BOARD

Recommends that no change be made in the location of the Head Office and that no Branch Currency Offices be maintained. States reasons. Will shortly submit recommendation for relieving the Currency Commissioners of a portion of their routine duties.

W. R. Butler.

We are now back at the original position - i.e. we "agree" that at Mandoba if this arrangement is approved we must remember it "agrees" with Mr. Dint's recently submitted copy to the Treasury. We incorporated the provisions of the S.A. Finance (Currency) Bill.

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We have left it to the local authorities - see your minute on 30/3/10 - to take the last initiative.

W. R. Butler submits this

should suggest to him now that
we ought to carry the proposal
privately with us, for it would be
very undesirable to have another
final recommendation in a contrary
sense, as soon as Sir Pollock
resumes office.

It will mean rather a lot of
expunging perhaps, but I think
that a copy of the ^{Proposed} 1923 of 15 Dec
with enclosures ~~and~~ of the draft
and of Sir Miller's of Sir Pollock and
for exam with expunging as to
whether we can pass on not Downing's
recommendation.

If this recommendation is adopted,
the Fleet advises that steps should be
taken immediately
as follows:—
1. Reaffirm the 1911 Act.
2. Establish its head office at
Hastings & branch office at
Birkenhead. [The latter will
be only in very early days.]

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Ans for G. Fuller

After the meeting has been referred

To it para 3 is very odd. I suppose it may
ought to have been called "Currency Note
Committee" in the O. i. C., & it might
be worth while to adopt some such name
in the new O. i. C. which will be required
if the currency changes now under
consideration are adopted.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

April 15th 1912.

No. 257

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 723 of the 15th December last, I have the honour to report that, after a careful perusal of the correspondence transmitted therein, I wish to submit a final recommendation to the effect that no change be made in the location of the Head Office of the Currency Board and that no Branch Currency Office be maintained.

2. I consider that the Banks to which the question was referred have made out a sufficiently strong case for retaining the Head Office at Mombasa, more especially since I gather that the duties of the Currency Commissioners are intended to be limited as provided in the Currency Order-in-Council 1905, policy being dictated by Government.

3. This latter point was not fully realised locally when the recommendation for the removal of the Head Office to Nairobi was originally made, and it was thought that, although not specifically provided in any Order-in-Council or Regulation, it was a part of the duty of the Currency Board to deal with, and advise on,

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LEWIS HAROURT, P.C., M.P..

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

any question affecting the Currency of the Protectorate.

4. The Currency Commissioners thus remain little more than custodians of the notes and the note guarantee fund. No special technical qualifications are necessary for such duties, and there should be no difficulty in selecting at Mombasa suitable officers to whom they could be entrusted.

5. It is obvious that so long as the Treasurer is an ex-officio member of the Board, one of the three keys to the Currency strong room must be entrusted to some one other than him. At present the keys are held by the two resident Currency Commissioners, and the 3rd key is kept by the Secretary to the Board, and this procedure I propose to continue for the present.

6. In view however of the increasing operations of the Currency Board, and the consequently increasing calls on the time of the officials who act in the capacity of Currency Commissioners, I propose to submit at an early date recommendations for relieving these officers of a portion of their routine duties.

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

ACTING GOVERNOR.



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Col Sir Blighwood,
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Mr. Allen 221

Mr. Butler 221

Mr. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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