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ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST OFFICE

The copy of the report from the N. A. of India calling attention to the inconvenience caused by the present system of stamping cheques and suggesting the establishment of embossed stamps. Thinks time has come for their opinion is concurred in for information as to the working of similar offices.

Mr Reed

I am to general Dept for any
news that they may have
to give

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General Dept

I do not know whether you can
assist in the matter

H. J. R

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Mr Reed

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The Census Agents supply embossing
machines to a number of Colonies. I do not
think there is any difficulty in referring to C.A. for
details in first place.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

October 3rd 1910.

No. 602

(Incl. 1)



My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge for your Lordship's consideration a copy of a letter which the Post Office has addressed to the Manager of the Bank of British East Africa Limited in reference to the proposed system of stamping currency and suggesting that a stamp office should be started in which compressed stamps could be issued and used in the same manner as ordinary stamps. I am sorry to say that the Bank themselves will constitute but a very small portion of the currency requiring to be stamped, though the Manager of the Bank is personally more interested in them than in other instruments. The temporary arrangement which he suggests will not solve the difficulty so far as he is concerned, but the stage in the general development of the Protectorate which we have now reached appears to me to demand the establishment

Mr. Pait
Sept. 24th

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE EARL OF CREWE, K.G.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOENING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

of a proper stamp office and I trust that Your
Lordship will feel able to take a similar view.

If, upon the case, I should be obliged
I could be furnished with information regarding
the same under the seal of the office.

By the order of the
GOVERNOR

Nairobi,

September 26th 1910.

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Dear Sir,

Stamp Duty of Cheques.

Due to the rapid increase of our current business the work of placing stamp duty on cheques has become increasingly difficult to deal with.

We have in India and in the Colonies the various Governments provide Stamp offices where by machinery the requisite stamp is embossed on the cheque in a satisfactory and expeditious manner. The rate of impress, thereby providing a useful means of collecting stamp duty.

We do not doubt that ere long a machine impressed stamp will be arranged for in this Protectorate, but meantime we have decided to recommend the temporary system of rubber stamping machines.

The Banks in Nyion are authorized to issue cheques, bearing the impress of a rubber stamp on the reverse, to the effect that "Stamp duty has been compounded for". A special set of books is
carefully

THE HONOURABLE

THE TREASURER,

NAIROBI.

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carefully kept by the Bank in which all cheque books issued are entered. The total of the cheques issued at the end of the half year is then taken and multiplied by six cents and the resulting figure in rupees is paid over to Government. The books connected with the issue of cheque books are always open to the inspection of a duly qualified Government Officer.

We are confident that the adoption of this system in the Protectorate would greatly lessen the labour at present wasted on affixing postage stamps to cheques and would at the same time diminish work at the Post Office and ultimately effect a considerable saving to Government at the expense of manufacturing postage stamps to affix to cheques is quite unnecessary and can be entirely avoided by the system recommended for adoption.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- J. Parker.

MANAGER

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Agents

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- Mr. Noall 4/14
- Mr. Butler 7/1
- Mr. Fiddes
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas
- Col. Seely
- Lord Crewe

Gentlemen

I am directed by the
E of Crewe to transmit
to you for your advice,

the accompanying copy of
a despatch from the bag of
the EAR suggesting the
establishment of a stamp
office in which enclosed

~~copy EAR 5/14~~

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when despatched

20 Oct