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(Subject.)

*Mr. Tanner's*  
Mr. Tanner's work for Adm by Eastern Tel. Co.

Recommended that not be allowed.  
An allowance of £25, proposed to be given him  
E. Tel. Co. No Admiralty work was a purely  
maintaining & repairs as to be done. There can be no  
suggestion of redundancy of staff. He has been working for  
months at High Massau.

Mr. Reed articulates

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We must now approve  
of the £25 grant to Mr.  
Tanner since on 40937  
we agreed to approve if the  
Comd recommended it

At the same time in view of  
Mr. Tanner's own statement  
I do not feel surprised that he  
is fully occupied.

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Mr. James  
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Commissioner's Office,  
Nairobi,

April 25th 1906.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of

Your Lordship's despatch No. 535 of the 30th November last.

2. I would wish to point out that of the works referred to that for the Admiralty was a purely Government undertaking and the tank for the Eastern Telegraph Company, as Your Lordship has observed, can hardly be treated as altogether private work.

3. I would recommend the grant to Mr. Tanner of the honorarium of twenty five pounds proposed to be given him by the Eastern Telegraph Company.

4. As regards the proposal that Mr. Esput should continue the supervision of the work at the cable tanks, I would observe that when Mr. Esput was approached on the subject he said that he would only be able to look after the work on Sundays and that he therefore did not care to

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

undertake it. At the same time he would be willing to help the Company by a weekly inspection if they wanted his assistance on receiving some reasonable remuneration for the loss of his leisure time. 471

5. I do not think there can be any question of reducing the Director of Public Works' staff; the Director reports that the percentage of supervision to works, 4%, is inadequately low, and in a recent telegram I have drawn attention to this point in connection with certain changes proposed in the Department. Mr. Ross reports that the Department has been working for months past at high pressure, the workshops being continually kept open till late at night, and that his Assistants, particularly Mr. Espeut, to whom reference has been made in the correspondence, are entirely employed at their duties from the early morning till the evening.

6. Certainly, so far as my observations go, this is the case at Mombasa, and with few exceptions throughout the Department.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

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Mr. *Cox*

Mr. *Lucas*

Mr. *Graham*

Sir *M. Ommansy*

Mr. *Churchill*

The *Earl of Elgin*

Sir  
I have the honor to  
ack the receipt of your  
des. No 194 of the  
25<sup>th</sup> of April, and  
to inform you that,  
in view of your recom-  
mendation, I appear  
of Mr. Tupper being  
allowed to receive  
an allowance of  
£25 from the Eastern  
Telegraph Co. for work  
performed for them  
at Kiberdine, and  
also such remuneration