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TREASURY CHAMBERS

20 June 1911.

Sir

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Fiddes: letter of the 20th ultimo (14661/1911), and the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Officers Administering the Governments of the East Africa Protectorate and Uganda on the subject of transport facilities for officers serving in those Protectorates.

In reply I am to state for the information of In-Secretary Harcourt that as the principle of free transport within the Protectorate for an officer's family and household has already been conceded by the provisional Regulations (in respect of which Their Lordships were not consulted) My Lords feel that Their criticisms of the draft regulations now submitted can only be directed to points of details.

While, therefore, subject to the following observations, They are willing to approve the draft rules, They request that in future They may be consulted before any alterations are made in them provisionally or otherwise.

Regulation 3. My Lords consider that Officers taking leave on urgent private affairs should not be entitled to free transport.

litto. In paragraph 4 of Sir P. Girouard's despatch of the 28th May 1910 he states that the privilege of free transport by rail for his wife should be extended to every officer

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office. officer travelling on Government service. In the draft regulations submitted the privilege is apparently confined to cases of first appointment, leave and transfer and to travelling on local sick leave. To such occasions My Lords will offer no objection (provided that it is made clear that "leave" does not include leave taken locally) but They could not agree without further consideration to so wide a proposal as that originally put forward by Sir P. Girouard.

- Ditte They are prepared to assent to an increase in the Schedule number of servants included in a married officer's household from two to three, but They do not think it necessary to extend this privilege, if this is intended, to unmarried officers.
- Regulation 4. My Lerds essence that the amount of luggage which an officer may carry free of coat is fixed in respect of his family and household as a whole and not of each of the various members of his party.
- Regulation 5. It appears to Their Lordships that the proposal to allow officers free transport of one horse or mule from Mombasa or place of purchase requires qualification to prevent possibility of abuse. For example how often within a tour of service is the privilege to be granted in the case of any particular officer?
- Regulation 7. The meaning of this Regulation is not quite clear.

 If it is the intention that an officer's wife and family should enjoy when starting on leave etc. either before or after him exactly the same privileges as if the journey were performed

performed in his company My Lords would suggest that the interval between the departure of the officer and his dependants should in normal cases be limited to (say) 6 months, though the Governor might be given the power of extending the period in exceptional circumstances. It might perhaps be as well to make clear in the schedule or elsewhere how the provisions with regard to officers household and luggage will apply in these cases of separate journeys, so as to prevent the expenditure allowed separately exceeding in the aggregate the allowance prescribed for normal occasions.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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