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Secretary

Date

Headmaster, C^e School, Mombasa

20 Oct.

previous Paper.

Request further info regarding proposal to increase the salary of the post to £400 per

32577

Mr Butler

We definitely stated over Prof. Fraser's idea of the Board School Master for this post on receipt of the Governor's disp of Jan. no 7th / 2015 - & we have consistently looked out for the best of man there described.

The ^{new} qualification was demanded in Gov 32577 - viz. thorough knowledge of Arabic & Mohammedan education and subtlety due to representations of the Director of Edu. who was not in E.A. when Mr. Pellon sent his disp of Jan.

Government of India

Subsequent Paper

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In this report Professor Fraser (p. 60)
foresees the demand for Arabic
teaching & held that Arabic if
taught should be "a luxury", not a
medium of instruction.

but I cannot see why we should be
bored down by an expression of
opinion in Prof. Fraser's report, the
more especially in a matter of policy
wh. no doubt has had the consent
of the Gov. & the Director of Educ. It
is typical of the Treasury to waste
time & patience by picking out
some phrase from a report like this
& changing up the whole thing by it.

~~2nd transcript~~

"Telegraph to East in first instance -
from telegram of 7 October
Treasury making difficulties
over salary Headmaster Mombasa
School stop ~~any reasonable~~
They wish to know why you
insist ~~that~~ through knowledge of
Arabic necessary compare Fraser's
report p. 60. ~~and report to~~
~~take up in the matter.~~

ALL 23/10 Telegraph

as in draft herewith.

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Fraser

Oct 24

at once

W. Butler

revised by telegram

ALL

30/11

Fraser

Nov 30

at once

In the reply to this Letter the following
Number should be quoted.



TREASURY CHAMBERS.

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20th October 1911.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Fiddes' letter of the 13th instant (32577), and its enclosure, proposing that the salary of the Headmaster of "C" School, Mombasa, which was recently raised to £250 - 10 - 300, should now be fixed at £400.

In reply I am to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Harcourt that, while My Lords are reluctant to raise objections to this proposal in view of the explicit statement of the Governor - which is endorsed in the letter under reply - that a salary of £400 is essential, yet They find great difficulty in assenting to the proposed increase without further information, having regard to the scales of salary so recently fixed for Headmasters in the East Africa Protectorate after full consideration by the local Education Board. In considering the question of salary, the Board deliberately fixed the scale for "C" School, as well as for the two "B" Schools at Nairobi and Mombasa, at £200 - 20 - 300, and the recent increase of scale sanctioned by Treasury Letter of 15th ultimo has already raised the minimum salary of the former post above that of the Headmasters of the "B" Schools. The effect of the proposed further increase will accentuate this difference of pay and will raise the salary of the

Headmaster

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Headmaster of "C" School above even that of the far more important "A" School at Nairobi. The resulting salary of 2400 seems a very high salary for administering purely primary education to Arabs and Natives, and I am to enquire on what grounds it is considered necessary, in view of the rates paid to the other Headmasters.

I am also to ask whether the proposal is the result of any change of policy since 1910 as regards the curriculum in "C" school. Professor Fraser, attaching importance to a "technical knowledge of school method" (page 25 of his Report), and considering Arabic unnecessary as a medium of instruction (page 60), thought the duties of Headmaster could best be performed by a Board School Master, with two Arabs to assist him and teach him Swahili. In view of this opinion, it is not clear why a "thorough knowledge of Arabic" is now considered necessary or why a Sudan Official is regarded as the best man for the post.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



D.
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Treasury EAP
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sent 11/20/95
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Telegram

Governor
Nairobi

Your letter of 7th Oct 95
unboxed
216 Treasury

MINUTE.

- Mr. Butler. Oct 24
- Mr. F. J.
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Lucas.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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educational
 change is contemplated
in curriculum ~~X~~
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 education ~~is~~ now

required ^{v.g.} See
~~pages~~
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sent 5.30 pm

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Telegram

Governor
Nairobi

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Buchanan 27/11
- Mr. Butler 30 f-3
- Mr. Fiddes.

When my reply is expected to
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- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Lucas.
- Mr. Harcourt.

my telegram of 22 Oct
unbearing

Mombasa

Schoolmaster
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Harcourt