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at once (W.S.)

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

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21 Jan 15

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War Office,

London, S.W.

57/20/7613. (Q.M.G.9.)

21st January, 1915.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14th instant, number 2031/15, forwarding copy of a telegram from General Wapshare, General Officer Commanding in East Africa, asking for the supply of certain warlike stores to the East African Protectorate.

In reply I am to inform you that the Council regret they are unable to undertake the provision of stores of non-service pattern and in the circumstances they would prefer that General Wapshare communicated his requirements direct to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and that the Crown Agents for the Colonies should follow the usual procedure of forwarding demands to this office for War Department pattern stores only. On receipt of such demands the necessary steps will then be taken to meet supply at the earliest possible date, consistent with the heavy requirements of the Expeditionary Force in France.

The Council will be glad to learn that Mr. Secretary Harcourt acquiesces in this arrangement and that the necessary instructions will be given to the Governor of the East African Protectorate to follow

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S. W.,

the

the procedure outlined above.

I am to ask that a demand for the War Department pattern stores required by General Wapshare in his telegram, number 269 of 13th instant, may be forwarded to this office by the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. B. C. Smith

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26 January 1915

Sir,
I am etc to adv. rec.

of your letter (No 57/20/15)
of the 21st January,
(Q. 4. G. 9) with regard

to the supply of warlike
stores in connection with

operations in E. Africa

~~I am to forward~~
in his telegram

No 2 of January 5th

(a copy of which was

sent to the War Office

in the letter from the

Dept. of Jan. 9th). The

Gov. of the E. A. O. stated

that it was in his

opinion, advisable that

£500 should be in future

DRAFT.

The Secretary,
War Office

MINUTE.

Mr. Egan 23/1/15

Mr. B. Stanley 25/1/15

Mr. Read 25

Mr.

Mr. G. Piddles 25

Mr. H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Mr. ...

... of the to go

to be in reply

to this letter

of 21 Jan.

... of the ...

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incident upon the War
Office direct for all
warlike stores for the
Portuguese troops in
the East Africa Post
as it is considered

this procedure necessary
in order to ensure
economy and at the same
time to provide for the
needs of the troops according

to the military situation.
3 While desirous of rendering all possible
assistance
cannot but share
this opinion.

to Mr. Balfour's view
in this matter. As the
Gov. have taken general
charge of the ^{military} operations
in E. Africa, ~~service of~~

It appears to him
that.

~~it would appear~~
it is essential
~~to follow~~ 370

in order to secure unity
of control, they should
also undertake the
supply of the warlike
stores required by the
troops, and ~~the~~
~~was deposited~~
~~division of control in~~

this matter
Further,
point out that it
being proposed that
military expenditure in
E. Africa shall in
future be charged in the
first instance to
War Office or India Office

funds in the case may
 be of that the P.A.P.
 shall be charged
 subsequently with its
 assigned share. This
 arrangement is practically
 necessitated by the
 present state of the E.A.P.
 which does not admit of their being even for the moment
 financials and the system change which will ultimately
 be charged upon the
 firms supplying military
 stores for which the ac-
 counts in form letters
 under acknowledgment
 would mean a serious
 departure from it
 & moreover confusion
 & delay would be inevitable
 result if the E.A.P. in
 in E. Africa were
 given authority to indent
 upon the Crown agents

DRAFT

we thought there
 was a difference of
 opinion

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- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Fuller
- Mr. H. Just
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Mr. C. Livingston
- Mr. Harcourt

for the Crown agents
 orders upon the trade
 for warlike articles
 would necessarily
 clash with W. Africa
 orders, and there
 will be competition for
 goods between the
 W. Africa & the Crown
 agents in every case
 It would be impossible
 to draw upon the
 W.A.F. & E.A.P.
 Reserves & Store of
 the Crown agents in
~~view of the fact that~~
 as operations are now
 proceeding in W. Africa
 it is possible a later

(which is not a large one)
store becoming depleted
is consequently we
which must be
avoided at all costs
in the cities. A
for Mr. H. reports
that he cannot see
his way to adopt
the Army Council's
proposal that invents
for warlike stores should
be made $\frac{2}{3}$ in the
Army stores, and he
trusts that it will
not be possible for
the War Office to
undertake their supply.
There would be
no objection to
the War Office employing

the services of the 372
C.A. in the matter
of this were to be
desirable. Provided
that the necessary
Expansion is made
adjustment,
from Army funds
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H.R.
for W.O.