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War office
1915
3 March
Last previous Paper.
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German East Africa. Mafia Island

Forward, for confrm, copy of
tel^m from S.O.C. as to the state
of affairs in Mafia.

~~the~~ Mr. C. Fiddler. 2 Apr

Card copy 1012 sent 9 March 15 ✓

we pretend that they have not had
the telegrams about currency, but they
have all been sent to them & in
replying, we sh^d refer to the letters
from this Dept. of 26 10th & 26 24th.
They sh^d also have a copy of the
new telegram (10212) which has come
in since the receipt of this letter.
No currency question is now settled.

As regards the slavery, I don't
suppose there is really much to
worry about, & I expect the system
is very similar to the House Rule
system in Nigeria. As communication
with the mainland is cut off
an the external slave trade can hardly
be going on; internally, the existing

Next subsequent Paper.
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Administration See Mr. Hanon's
minute on $\frac{W.O.}{10000}$. Say that
Mr. Hanon is entirely in favour of
Mafia Island remaining under
military control + comes in the
objection contained in the last
para: of the W.O. L.

Expenses as proposed by Mr
Kieckhefer, but also say that we
agree that the revenue derived
from the Island sh^d. be credited
to W.O.

H. J. R.

5/11/15

I cannot see that the W.O. in any
way deals with these matters, beyond
offering advice to W.O. + asked to do so
W.O. in charge of all the military
operations the occupation of Mafia is
nearly as much in the
+ the W.O. we have gone rather
far to our surprise with Lieut. Belgard
as to the W.O. and I'd get one of it by
sending complete to W.O. + saying that
they will see from it all as Mr. Hanon
will be best of course to discuss
with the Army Council [I do not

As at the time
was proposed to
minister from J
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all refers to
the Island.
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understand what was meant by your letter of
9 Feb on taking over the existing stock
of German paper; and I am glad to
see that the G.O.C. (10212) is retaining
some discretion as to the amount.
For the rest, I agree with Mr. Read

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If the German paper is declared legal tender
no question will arise of exchanging or taking
over stock in the hands of the public - 'existing
stock' - and we may leave them in circulation
and gradually replace them as they get
worn. It is not like the mark in which
is a coin worn in Germany. The stock of
W.S. in E.A. cannot be augmented, as I
don't suppose that Germany is still issuing
them.

Reply as proposed by Mr. Read, adding
as regards currency that the proclamation
declaring them legal tender along with the
Papals + E.A. notes has disposed of the
question, as they will continue to circulate
side by side.

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I agree

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

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

and the following number quoted.

War Office,
London, S.W.

3rd March, 1915.

0165/6765. (M.O.1.A).

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward to you a copy of a telegram received from Major-General Wapshare on the subject of the administration of Mafia Island.

It is understood that the question of currency has been already dealt with in a separate telegram from Mr Secretary Harcourt to Sir H. Belfield. I am to ask for the views of Mr Harcourt on the other points raised.

With regard to the last paragraph of Major-General Wapshare's telegram I am commanded to express the views of the Army Council that they are in favour of the maintenance of the Military Government of the Island and to suggest that Major-General Wapshare should consult with Sir Henry Belfield as to such assistance from the civil authorities of the East African Protectorate as they may consider advisable in the interests of the native population; if this were agreed to, temporary military rank could be granted to any civilian officials employed for this purpose.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B B White

The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Colonial Office, S.W.

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PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

SECRET.

From Major-General Wapshare to War Office.

(No. 142/6.)

27th February, 1915.
10.10 a.m.

I have been visiting Mafia Island and have that domestic slavery is existing in the Island. There are upwards of 5,000 slaves of both sexes. I found also in the government office ample documentary evidence that the German Government recognized the existence of slavery and barter between owners. Also the sale of slaves to Europeans was permitted, the slaves being freed after working out their purchase price. I deprecate interference with the system for the present except as regards improving their condition, which is not a hard one. I have issued orders to this effect. To make any change now would render the owners in the island antagonistic. It would have a similar effect in the mainland, where there are 80,000 slaves. As I understand that the island is at present only under military occupation, non-interference is justifiable for military reasons. I propose to interfere with existing tradition and the custom of the country as little as possible. For similar reasons I deprecate depreciation of the value of the German rupee. I am in agreement with the paraphrase of the telegram from the Colonial Office to the Governor recommending the maintenance of the value of the German rupees as our own.

Colonel (Mach) is acting as Resident, assisted by Bagge and King, both of whom are placed at my disposal. I understand from the Government that all expenses connected with administration of the island, pay, &c., are debitable to war expenditure. I presume I am to credit to the same the income derived from it.

? Mackay.
H.J.R.

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9 March 1915

Sir,

I am etc to ackn the
recd of your letter 0165/6765
(M.O.I.A) of the 3rd of March,
with its enclosure, respecting
the administration of Mafia
Island.

With regard to

2. ~~On~~ The question of
currency I am to refer to
the letters from his Dept. of
the 10th and 24th of Feb^{ry}
which contained copies of
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P.O.P. and to the Gov^t
I am the Gov^t which is
enclosed in his letter.

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The Sec.

W.O.

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Mr. Dromi 8.3.15

Mr. Bostomley 8/3/15

Mr. Reed 8

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X Sir G. Fildes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Gen. Sec. PAP. del 3 March
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Issue from this comes that
the question is now settled
by the proclamation which
has declared German notes
legal tender along with
Indian notes and East
Africa notes, as the
two currencies will con-
-tinue in circulation side
by side.

3. With regard to the
question of domestic
~~slavery~~ slavery, H.

H. concurs in the view
of Major Genl. Wapshare
that the existing state of
affairs should be interfered
with as little as possible.

4. The P. G. is
entirely in favour of Mafia
Island remaining under
military control and he
is in agreement with the

proposal made in the
para. of your letter that
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Major-General Wapshare
should consult the Gov.
of the P. A. F. with regard
to obtaining such assistance
from the civil authorities
of that Port. as they may
consider advisable.

4. H. fully concurs
that the cost of administ-
-ion should be met from
war exp. and not from
the funds of the P. A. F.
and ^{he agrees} that the revenue
derived from the Island
should be credited to the N. O.

(sd) H. J. Read
(for the U.S. of S.)