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Send copy letter addressed to J. G. Stebbins
with financial, accounting & arrangements.

Previous Paper.

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Mr. Stebbins

I have drafted to ERP as you
did not see the draft of the letter
to G.O.C. (24486) I send this
through you.

W.C.S. 8/6/16

W. Hollanley
Thank you


12.6.16

Subsequent Paper.

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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.

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War Office 6 AM/5

London, S.W.

5 June, 1918.

Sir,

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In continuation of War Office letter of 1st January last numbered as above, relative to the military financial position in East Africa, I am commanded by the Army Council to send you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Bonar Law, a copy of a letter dated 2nd June, which has been sent to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, East Africa, after semi-official consultation with the Colonial Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. B. White

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to refer to Major General Tigh's letter B14 40 dated 1st November 1915, principally to notice certain aspects of the military financial position in East Africa.

2. It is noted that that letter was written in reply to the cable sent from War Office on 15th June 1915 (shortly after the outlines of the financial arrangements had been laid down in instructions from the Colonial Office to the Governor), in which the General Officer Commanding was asked to furnish a report on the local working of the financial system. Pending such a report it was not easy for either the War Office or the Colonial Office to issue further instructions in any detail.

3. Thanks to the letter under reply, and still more to the copies of local correspondence furnished with General Officer Commanding's letter of 3rd February 1916 (relating to various irregularities in Protectorate departments during the early months of the war), the War Office, as well as the Colonial Office, are now in possession of more complete information as to the local position, while on the other hand it is hoped that the War Office "Notes" handed to General Smith Dorrien, Brigadier General Ewart and Lieutenant Colonel Lean before they left

The General Officer
Commanding-in-Chief,
Forces in East Africa,
Nairobi.

left London in December 1915 will have made certain principles clearer to the local military officers.

4. The following paragraphs include, for the sake of convenience, references to certain general decisions communicated since the letter of 2nd November 1915 was written.

Co-ordination of the expenditure of the several Protectorate Governments.

General Tigh's letter put two alternatives

- (a) Each Government to render its accounts to the Home authorities direct, i.e. centralization in London, or
- (b) local centralization of these accounts by the East Africa Pay Corps.

The latter alternative, recommended by General Tigh and by the Protectorate Governments, was finally approved in War Office telegram of 21st March 1916 and Colonial Office telegram (to Governor) of 23rd idem. The last clause of those telegrams refers to certain questions regarding the exact scope of the "common charges", as to which the Colonial Office hope shortly to issue instructions to the Governor. In the meantime it is understood from General Tigh's telegram 854/BO of 13th January last that the Common Charges Account includes generally all expenditure on "common organizations" and all expenditure, except pay and allowances, on other units.

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6. Financial Advice. The Council are glad to learn of the assistance rendered by the Protectorate Governments in dealing with expenditure in which both Imperial and Protectorate funds are concerned, and I am to take this opportunity of expressing the Council's appreciation of the services

services rendered by Major Patterson, Chief Paymaster of the East Africa Pay Corps, and by Mr Barnes, the Colonial Auditor.

7. You were informed in War Office telegram of 21st January 1916 that "The Imperial Paymaster (Lieutenant Colonel Lear) will act as general financial adviser to the General Officer Commanding in Chief but will not be responsible for accounts kept by the East Africa Pay Corps or the Indian Disbursing Officer. Final settlement of duties should await arrival of General Smith Dorrien". As no communication on this point has been received from you since that date, it is assumed that the division of duties is sufficiently clear.

8. System of supply, store and animal accounts. Your telegram of 8th May stated, with reference to War Office letter C165/7163 (Accounts 5) of 17th December 1915, addressed to General Smith Dorrien in London, that all transport, animal and store accounts are being kept on the home system, and supply accounts on the Indian system, modified to meet local requirements. These arrangements are approved.

9. Audit of supply, store and animal accounts. Audit by the Colonial Audit Department has been approved by Colonial Office telegram of 26th May 1916. It is understood from paragraph 5 of the letter under reply that these accounts are compiled by the East Africa Pay Corps for the several military corps and departments responsible for the expenditure on these services.

10. Responsibility of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief for expenditure by Protectorate Governments, especially before the arrival of Indian Expeditionary Force "B". In paragraph 6 of the letter under reply General Tighe raises this question with reference to the Uganda expenditure, and the question

question is also referred to in Major Patterson's minute dated 13th October 1915, of which a copy was enclosed with your letter of 3rd February 1916 (see paragraph 3 above). In reply I am to say that you or your officers are responsible under the general principles laid down in Field Regulations, Part II, for expenditure incurred by the order of, officers serving under you, but the responsibility for expenditure incurred by the Protectorate Ordnance and other departments before they were taken over by the General Officer Commanding must rest, in the opinion of the Army Council, on the Protectorate Government, though the expenditure, after examination by the East Africa Pay Corps and audit by the Colonial Audit Department, may be ultimately accepted against Army Funds. Any subsequent Army expenditure by Protectorate authorities without your prior sanction should be the exception. In any such cases which may have arisen - e.g., the Zanzibar expenditure referred to in paragraph 4 of the letter under reply - you should satisfy yourself that the services constitute a proper military charge, and the Paymaster concerned should secure whatever vouchers are necessary to enable him to pass the charge.

11. As regards the accounts compiled under instructions from the Colonial Office, and furnished to the Colonial Office through the Governor, it will be understood that the responsibility for the compilation and accuracy of the accounts (as distinguished from that for the transactions recorded therein) rests with the East Africa Pay Corps and the Colonial Audit Department; but it goes without saying that the authority which incurs the expenditure must furnish the Pay Corps and the Auditor with all necessary particulars.

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The position is, of course, peculiar, but the Council believe that it is well understood locally.

12 Separate communications will be made regarding various matters dealt with in your letter of 3rd February 1916, with which you enclosed copies of local correspondence relating to irregularities during the early months of the war.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) E. B. Chubb.

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Sir,

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I have the honor to thank you
to you for your reply regarding
the accompanying copy of
a letter which has been
rec^d from the G.O.C. and
inclosing a copy of a letter
addressed to the G.O.C. in
C. in East Africa on the
general question of the
military financial position
in East Africa.

2. The publication of the
instructions referred to in
the 2nd fifth para. of the
letter to kind. Genl.
Seymour's reports has been
delayed by the committee
on the question of the
pay and allowances of

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