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Trk Report by Land Officer and Director of Agriculture together with map and memo by Director of Surveys. Refers to question of land settlement for soldiers.

Mr. Bead.

Sir A. Steel Brattland

This despatch arises out of Brigadier-General Page Croft's question in the House on the 15th of November last (24543). We have not got from the Officer Administering the Government nearly so clear and comprehensive a reply as we hoped for when we drafted the despatch on that paper, but it is the materials for a reply that we are lacking, and not willingness on the part of the local authorities. The memorandum by the Director of Agriculture and the Land Officer is not in a form in which it can be communicated to General Page Croft. It will be enough, I think, if the Private Secretary gives him, on Mr. Long's behalf, the memorandum as edited in pencil. I would certainly omit any reference to the Land Settlement scheme, which is still in the hands of the local Committee, whose report has apparently not even yet reached the Acting Governor. The accompanying map will be very useful for reference. I have kept

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Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 371 of the 29th of June, and to inform you that I regret that I am unable to approve of your proposal that the Protectorate East should pay income tax to the Imperial authorities on behalf of those officials who are ^{to be} entitled to more than six months' leave in the United Kingdom.

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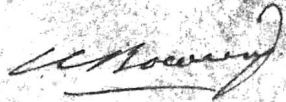
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been detained in East Africa for more than the normal period of a maximum tour of service, are consequently entitled to more than six months' leave in the United Kingdom when their leave is eventually sanctioned. Such payment would, of course, apply only to Government emoluments and not to private incomes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

No. 371.

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Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the question of Income Tax for which, I understand, officials on leave are liable if their residence in the United Kingdom exceeds six months in any one financial year.

2. The position is that, owing to the difficulty of making leave arrangements at the present time, a large number of officers are being detained much beyond the ordinary maximum tour of service, and will therefore, when they take leave, be entitled to more than six months in England. I submit that it is a real hardship that such officers should, under the circumstances, lose a considerable proportion of their salaries, while at the same time the local Government is incidentally relieved of the necessity for providing passages at such frequent intervals as in normal times.

3. I recommend therefore that the Protectorate Government should pay income tax to the Imperial Authorities on behalf of these officials who, having been

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if any case has arisen, or arises in future in which the detention beyond six months is due either to reasons of health or to employment on public service in this country, the Secretary of State would be prepared to give special consideration to the particular cases.

(I have consulted Mr. A.J. Harding and I understand that in West Africa ~~for~~ a case of the sort which would very rarely arise; that no application for payment of income tax has been received up to the present, and that it would certainly be opposed).

WAB, 15.8.17

W. Reed.

I would make the refusal quite categorical. Then, if an officer is kept here over six months on public duty, as W. Munson was (File 5231 East Africa), we can decide on the particular case whether Income Tax should be paid on his behalf from the funds, (as was done for W. Munson). But it would be unwise to foreshadow exceptions to our refusal.

WAB.

16.8.17

I agree with Mr. Butler

at once.

H. J. R.

Jewell

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