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Re Gen.

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Military Expenditure

Repayment of £107000.

Report receipt on 15 Jan 9 from H.M. Govt. which
will be set off against the debt of East Afr. Govt.
and Gen. Proposes how to cancel the whole of the
33% debt, & to reduce the 5% debt to £65000.3.3 in
15 yrs.

See attached copy of my letter
to Mr. Craig of 20 Feb. His reply
(encouraging us to raise the matter
officially) is attached to this.

On which we wrote to the Treasury
yesterday. I have now copied
it there in the E.A.C. Room.

W.M.S. 23/18 at 10am

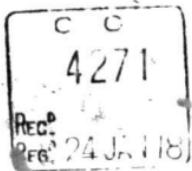
at subsequent Paper.

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reply to this letter should be addressed to—
THE SECRETARY,
TREASURY,
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W., 1,
and the following number quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS

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14 January 1918.

Sir,

1/1917 I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Read's letter of the 2nd instant relative to the repayment to this Department of £107,000 refunded by the War Office to the account of the East Africa Protectorate.

This sum was received by this Department on the 15th instant and will be set off against the debt of the East Africa Protectorate to His Majesty's Treasury at par, as Mr. Long assumes.

As shown in the statement enclosed in Treasury Letter 34179/17 of the 3rd November, the capital sum outstanding in respect of this debt is as follows:

	£.	s.	d.
3½% debt ..	22	526.	6. 4.
5% debt ..	91	014.	16. 11.
	<u>£</u>	<u>113.541.</u>	<u>3. 3.</u>

In view of the repayment of £107,000 My Lords propose to cancel the whole of the 3½% debt and to reduce the 5% debt to £13,541.3.3 as on the 15th instant.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

R. D. P. 1918.

Extract from Treasury Letter of the 3rd November, 1917,
(34179/17) to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

* * * * *
directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury
to transmit herewith for your information statements
showing the Capital Book Debt, outstanding in respect of
amounts advanced to you for certain Colonies and
Protectorates for the period to 30th September, 1917,
together with the interest therein to that date.

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CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

St. showing the Capital Book Debt outstanding in respect of Advances to the under-mentioned Protectorate by the Imperial Government in the period to 30th September, 1917, and the interest thereon to that date.

Amount	Interest.		
	Rate per cent. on Capital Debt.	Period	Amount.
Capital Debt*			

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

standing March,	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	22,525. 6. 4.	8½ year to 30th Sept. 1917. 394.4.3.
standing March,	91,014.16.11.	5 year to 30th Sept. 1917. 3,275.7.5.
	£113,541. 3. 3.	£2,669.11.8.

* Redemirable as laid down by Treasury Minute of 17th November, 1914.

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Received ~~postally~~ when draft
to Treueman, 176 & 180 Downing Street,
Downing Street,
20 February, 1918.

Dear Craig.

The Nyasaland Estimate came to you yesterday - after a delay due to the impossibility of getting our printing done promptly in present conditions.

The Governor has telegraphed asking for approval in time for the Aborigines Ordinance to be prepared and introduced at the meeting of the Legislative Council on March 1st. Will you please see that that date is kept in mind?

I think the Estimates will give you little trouble - unless on the question of interest on war advances. Cf. Head I ~~and~~ of our memorandum your letter 2599/17 of 12th February, 1918.

(1). We have never regarded the advances for repayment to South Africa as affecting Nyasaland's ordinary finances and we regarded the repayment of £149,600 as concerning only the advances made to Nyasaland for its military expenditure.

£25,000

£1,000	see your letter 5415/15 of 6.3.15
1,600	20538/15 of 4.9.15
20,000	25929/15 of 16.12.15.
11,000	982/16 of 26.1.16
31,000	9825/16 of 19.4.16
1,000	
<u>119,600</u>	<u>26847/16</u>

2). Both in this case and in that of the East
Protectorate repayment (see your letter
of 24 January 1916) we assumed, that the money
would count pound for pound against the original
debt - i.e. that the debt in respect of £149,000
owed would be wiped out by the payment of £149,600.

But your letters say that the money repaid is
applied to reducing pro tanto the capital
liability, which does not become due till the end of
the term of the Loan (or issue of Bonds) concerned. In
the case of the outstanding 3½ per cent loan, you
owed and lent us £95, ask us to repay £160, an
amount (at present prices) to pay off \$114 stock.
Treasury Minute of 17 November 1914 gives the
King Colony the benefit of any discount at the
time of repayment, though only (I admit) when
repayment

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repayment is made out of the proceeds of a Colonial
Loan. We do not ask for this benefit.

Our proposal was based on the arrangement
made in the case of the first East Africa Protectorate
loan of £125,000. Your letter 24549/15 of 17th
November, 1911 left the point open, but subsequently you
said that in the case of this repayment and of a repayment
by some other colony the amount repaid should
count pound for pound against the sum advanced. I
have not been able to find your letter, but if you can
track it down I should be glad to have the reference.

Will you please consider whether the matter
cannot be arranged on the basis we suggest.

Yours sincerely,

(initials)

* See your letter 11856/16 of May 19th 1916
to the C.A. for the Colonies.

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14 March 1918

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The Secretary
Navy

MINUTE.

Boston 14/3/18

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindell

Mr. Lamber

Mr. Head

Sig G. Fiddes

Mr. Howells

Mr. Long

15
March 1918

I am enclosed the
rect. of your letter, no. 43/15

1 January 24th on the
subject of the sum of
£107,000 reported by the
Govt. of the R.A.P. in
respect of advances from
the State of Credit.

2. Mr. Long observes that
the L.C. of the Treasury
take the view that this
sum should stand off
against the capital
amount outstanding
against the Patti
Ent. His intention, as
expressed in the last para
of the letter from the inter
for 17/3/18, has been
to have the Govt. make known

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