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India Office
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 14 Jan.
 Last previous Paper
 50/63220/18

Supply of one-Rupree notes

Send cover with Ind. post resp. Co request for supply of additional 80 lakhs of notes that on the assurance that the gravity of the situation in E. Africa demands these notes, necessary instructions are being given to B. of England

To Mr 6 Jan 1919
 Tel to Gen 7 Jan 19
 Copy above to Mr 10 Jan 19
 Mr tel to Gen 11 Jan 19
 Mr tel to Mr 13 Jan 19
 Mr tel to Gen 15 Jan 19 2922.19

Send off (today) the letter to Mr. Chief I have drafted & the the tel. to Gen. Heine. at once for further action - with a letter of thanks to the S.O., to which should be cordial. Mr Robinson (S.O.) told me on Saturday that the authorities here had yielded ~~with~~ with reluctance & only because of the strength of my appeal on 6/2/22. It was no stronger than my ~~other~~ other ones.

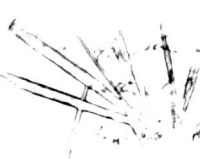
There are 20 lakhs ready. More will be ready by the 19th but a further 10 lakhs are required.

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Opportunity is being taken to
find out if notes cannot be
supplied from India direct.

We were an hour or so too late
to get the notes off by Saturday's
boat. The C.A.'s shipping people
told us that it could not be done.

Oct 6 1942



His undersides,
They have not yet been
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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th December 60341, requesting that an additional supply of 80 lakhs of 1-rupee notes may be sent to the East Africa Protectorate, I am directed to forward for the information of ¹⁹¹ Mr. Secretary Long a copy of a telegram sent to the Government of India on the 19th December, 1911.

From unofficial communications received from your Department it is understood that the assurance for which the Government of India ask, viz: that the gravity of the situation in East Africa imperatively requires the provision of these notes - entailing as it does an addition to the commitments of the

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Government

PUBLIC RECORDS

otional strain

Bank of England.

Secretary Long's assistant

of the Viceroy's telegram

copy thereof as being;

with reference to the heavy

which are being made by the Government

on behalf of the Department,

of the National Bank of India in respect of funds

pledged by the Bank in East Africa for the use of

Expeditionary Forces and the Provisionate

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

William Robinson

C. O. 889
19th December 1918

Secretary, Finance Department,

By telegram of 21 October. One-rupee notes for East Africa. I have now been informed by the Administrations of British and German East Africa that the equivalent in sterling at 1s. 6d. is being paid to me by War Office, and will be included here as Treasury receipt, and included in Account Current as on previous month. Please let me know how you have come to the issue of these notes.

Paragraph 2. Colonial Office urgently ask for further supply of 80 lakhs of one-rupee notes. Original intention was to demobilise carriers grading and it was intended that a large proportion of notes paid to one set of carriers would be returned to them for next set. Demobilisation is to be effected as far as possible, as far as possible. Thirty lakhs asked for immediately, remaining 50 lakhs to be issued as and as possible. What are your views? Colonial Office regard with alarm possibility of our being able to meet liabilities to native troops and carriers.

From Secretary, Finance Department, 21st December 1918

Your telegram of the 19th inst. re one-rupee notes for East Africa. Your paragraph 1. Amount to be sent from Treasury to Currency in East Africa. Your paragraph 2. Demand for further supply 80 lakhs one-rupee notes is most urgent. Controller Currency already empowered to issue notes under the present Currency Ordinance to extent of rupees 100 lakhs and if more are required, and demand now in question can only be met by further extension of the Ordinance available. We are therefore glad to meet the demand in East Africa. It is not possible to supply such large amounts of notes in order to meet the demand towards further operations in East Africa and elsewhere, as this would be an embarrassment and even risk to our position as was thereby entailed. It is, therefore, that with the termination of hostilities we are entitled to ask that we should be finally relieved of responsibility for financing further transactions in East Africa (whether representing sequelae of the war, or post-bellum reconstruction and Government) of the colony.

L3c
Immediate

Downing Street,

6 January, 1919.

DRAFT.

CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

MINUTE.

Gentlemen,

I am etc. to inform you that arrangements have been made with the I.O. for the supply of 30 lakhs of one rupee currency notes for use in the E.A.P. The notes are contained in 10 cases addressed to the authorities at Bombay and you should arrange at once with the Superintendent, India Stores Department, Belvedere Road, S.E. for the cases to be re-addressed in the same manner as in previous instances, and for them to be shipped to E.A. by the first opportunity. It is understood that a direct steamer to Mombasa will leave on the 15th of Jan.

2. You will be informed by the Bank of England as to the numbers of the notes included in this consignment. A separate letter will be sent to you at an early date regarding further shipments of these notes.
acted by the same person as letter of 1 Jan, etc.

- Mr. Bottonley, *6/1/19*
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Sir H. Raud.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Hewins.
- Mr. Long.

copy to 10 Jan 19

CLERK OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE

Its P.T.O. will be required for (dft. required.)

DRAFT TELEGRAM

No. 22/1919 East Afr. Prot.

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January 1919
Your telegram of a despatch (6034) Governor Nairobi.

80 lakhs of Indian notes
First consignment 80 lakhs Indian notes
MINUTE.
Mr. Bottomley.

will be shipped by direct steamer leaving
They were intended for

contains letters and press
totalities of course
disregard

by same post

LONG.

Handwritten initials/signature

DRAFT

Under Secretary of State,
INDIA OFFICE.

Sir,

I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Jan., F.14395/18, and to request you to convey to Mr. Secretary Montagu his appreciation of the facilities which he has given for the supply of 80 lakhs of Indian one rupee/currency notes for use in E.A. I am to confirm the assurance, already given unofficially, that the gravity of the situation in E.A. imperatively requires the provision of these notes, but I am, at the same time, to request you to assure Mr. Montagu that Mr. Long fully recognises the fact that the difficulties of the Govt. of India will necessarily be increased by the action which has been necessary in this matter.

I am to enclose a copy of a letter which has been sent to the C.A. for the C. regarding the despatch of the 20 lakhs of notes which were already available for shipment. It is understood that a further 20 lakhs are now available, and it may be necessary to ask

Mr. Long
Mr. H. H.
Mr. G. Fiddes
Mr. Hawkins
Mr. Long

6 Jan.

Handwritten notes/signature

has to come back to me on Saturday.

Handwritten vertical note: ansd 2922

Downing Street,
10 January, 1919.

ask that they may be loaded over for shipment
by the same vessel, to leave on the 15th

of January, 1941.

Proposes to
he understands.

enquiring whether

of the E.A. requirements. By an early shipment
direct from India, etc.

if any, etc.

SECRET

11 of 20

India

...ing Street,

11 January, 1939

DRAFT.

The Under Secretary of State
INDIA OFFICE

NOTE.

- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Sir H. ...
- Sir G. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...

In reference to the last para. of this Dept. of the 10th of Jan. I request you to inform the Secretary of the C.A. that as a result of unofficial communication with the C.A. he has instructed the C.A. to arrange with the India Stores for a further quantity of 3 rains of one rupee notes to be taken over for despatch to the F.A.P. by the steamer of the 15th of Jan. He will be glad to learn what steps a further supply of notes can be made available in this country if it should be a result of Mr. ...'s communication with the Govt. of India. The notes cannot be shipped from India to the F.A. direct.

3 drafts.

Handwritten signature/initials

Ind

*1/11/11
Ltr 5. 30 July*

Undersigned

My telegram 7th January. A further 20 lakhs

DRAFT

bank notes notes *to be* shipped by same steamer

Governor,
Nairobi,

to be *notes* awaiting reply from Govt. of

India to enquire whether notes *can be*

MIRUTE.

direct sent direct from India to E.A.

Mr. Bottonley, *11/11/11*

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Sir H. Road.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Hewins.

Mr. Long.

LONG.

3 drafts

Just

IMMEDIATE

Downing Street,
7 January, 1919.

DRAFT

Gentlemen,

THE CROWN AGENTS

OF THE COLONIES.

MINUTE.

With reference to your letter of the 6th January, in etc. to inform you that arrangements have been made with the Government of India for a further supply of 20 lakhs of Indian one rupee currency notes for use in E.A. I am etc. *for the amount was insufficient to meet the request* request you to arrange for these notes to be

Mr. Bottomley, *11/1/19* taken over from the India Store Dept. Belvedere Road, S.E. and for particulars of their numbers etc. to be obtained for communication to Prof. etc.

Mr. Grindle.
Mr. Lambert.

It is important that these notes, like the previous consignment of 20 lakhs, should be shipped to the E.A.P. by the steamer appointed to leave on the 15th of January.

I am, etc.,

*Just
for the USSS*

drafts

989 S.A.P.

Ind Jan 13 January 1874

Gentlemen,
I am writing to you

the request made

reference on Jan 13

that you would

in

the letter from the

of Jan 11

despatch of a

shipment of 20

of Indian

currency notes to S.A.P.

2. On the first

shipment of 20

should be sent to S.A.

by the steamer

leave England

of Jan

1874

Yours

DRAFT.

C.A.P. & Co.

MINUTE.

Mr. A. Stanley 18/1/74

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindley

Mr. Lambert

Sir H. Bead

Sir G. F. Miles

Mr. Howins

Mr. Long

following parties

phoning with S.O.

has enclosed 60 letters

sent by the steamer

may have the shipment

from India due on Jan 12

the 11th of - can tell to

we can expect a day or two

letter from S.O.

See how 20 1874