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CONSUL FOR SOUTHERN ABYSSINIA
EXPENSES

1915

26th March

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19018 Report
of journey

The copy of letter and enclosure from Minister at Adis Ababa regarding expenditure. Recommended estimate should be approved. Proposes amount above that provided for in Estimates should be met by re-allocation or from savings. Requests telegraphic reply.

For Read Sir G. Fuller.

We must accept these figures - they can be revised in the light of experience. It is proposed to give Mr Hodson a personal allowance of £150.00 a year for his riding animals - he will not account for this, & for wages and allowances for other attendants he will give an "honorary" certificate ~~with~~ vouchers. This is probably the only reasonable arrangement.

? Del:

Your Despatch of 26 March 1908 Hodson proposed approved

and confirm by despatch explicitly approving of the arrangements proposed for accounting & ask for a report to be furnished as to actual expenditure for comparison with estimate.

Hand tel. 28 April 1908
Approved 29th Caro
Copies to Mr 29 April 1908

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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March 26th, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your consideration a copy of a letter with enclosure from His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Adis Ababa regarding the expenditure for which it is considered advisable to provide in connection with the post of His Britannic Majesty's Consul for Southern Abyssinia.

2. I am not in a position to criticize the details of the estimate, but as it has been scrutinized by the British Legation in Abyssinia and appears to be based on what is required for the other Consuls in that country, I recommend that it should be approved.

3. In the draft estimates for 1915-16 the sum of £300 only has been allowed for

FROM H.B.M.
MINISTER AT
ADIS ABABA
WITH ENCL:
D. 7. 15.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

Mr.

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

11, DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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Mr. Hodson's expenses and I propose that the difference of 1635 should be met from a re-allocation or from savings.

4. I am in favour of the consolidated allowances amounting to £180.12.0 as this system will greatly facilitate accounting operations. Mr. Hodson will be required to account for the allowances placed to his credit monthly.

5. I should be grateful for a reply by telegraph in order that Mr. Hodson may be placed in funds at Adis Ababa as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

C. Bowring
on instructions from the
GOVERNOR

British Legation,
Addis Ababa,

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February 21, 1915.

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward an estimate of expenditure in connection with Mr. Hodson's new appointment as H.M. Consul for Southern Abyssinia. The assistance and advice of Mr. Zaphiro have been utilised in compiling the estimate which has been kept as low as is expedient considering the difficulties of the country in question. It has also been possible to profit by the experience gained in Western Abyssinia and in the N. West, so that some attempt may be made to place the budgets of the different Consuls on a similar footing without favouring unduly one or the other.

It will be noted that the Recurrent expenditure amounts to some £865 a year. The item of Presents however is of necessity heavy for the first year, as Mr. Hodson has to gain the goodwill of numerous chiefs and present many expensive rifles. This item will profall to £50 in the second year. It includes also the cash presents that must be given to the principal servants of officers on festivals and state occasions.

Transport will cost about £200 a year. The system of Allowances monthly has been adopted as

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thereby

H. C. Belfield, K.C.M.G.
Governor of British East Africa.

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thereby much clerical work of accounts is saved, which is a relief both to Headquarters and to the Consul himself who will have no clerk. The risk of mules dying from disease must be taken by him and a slightly higher rate has therefore been estimated. The Government then will be under no liability to compensate for the loss of these costly animals. It is of course impossible to hire animals in the distant districts to which Mr. Hodson will penetrate and transport with hired mules is notoriously inefficient and unsatisfactory in every way. It is essential to have a mobile transport ready to move at a moment's notice and independent of the whims of muleteers. It is unfortunate that grain is expensive in the South as the cost of keeping riding mules for the escort is largely increased.

With regard to the rate for forage allowance and saises this is the usual Sudan scale and not excessive.

After a year's experience of the country Mr. Hodson will be in a position to estimate more closely the number of escort required and the present estimate is merely an experiment. As he has to visit parts of his districts which may be wild and unknown it is as well to give him a liberal sum with which he may hire escorts at his discretion. Of item "D" he will render quarterly
accounts

accounts to you together with items "E" and "F".

It is proposed that your Treasury should credit Mr. Hodson at the Bank of Abyssinia, Adis Ababa, with the sum of five thousand dollars Maria Theresa at once in order to enable him to meet his current expenses - the monthly Allowances to begin from the date of his departure on duty from Adis Ababa.

With regard to the Non-Recurrent expenditure "II" it is not known yet whether Mr. Hodson will find it necessary or even possible to put up rough huts etc at his base, which in the rainy season will give him more secure shelter than can be afforded by a tent. It would however be safer to allow him the sum of 175 for this purpose and whether he spends it or not may be left to future circumstances to determine.

A typewriter of aluminium - the small travelling pattern has been included, as the process of making copies is one of the worst fatigues of a wandering life and is also a grave inconvenience to the limited staff of this Legation. It will of course remain your property and it is suggested that Mr. Hodson should buy it himself in England, unless your Government has them in store for issue to Commissioners etc.

Saddlery, tents etc form a heavy capital expenditure which however will not recur.

In submitting this Budget for your approval I trust that you will take into consideration the experimental

experimental nature of such an estimate, which has been drawn up here after careful weighing of advice from those most competent to express an opinion.

A telegraphic transfer of the £500 would be of convenience to Mr. Hodson, for his accounts the dollar M.T. might be taken at the average bank rate for the quarter in question - as in the case of the Legation accounts with the Foreign Office. Once his yearly Budget has been passed it would be simpler if he rendered accounts direct to your Treasury. I would however remark that the making of vouchers by natives as receipts for payment is a great labour when only thumb-marks can be imposed. You will then, I hope, approve that the personal guarantee of Mr. Hodson for money spent in wages etc will be sufficient for audit purposes, if accompanied by a certificate from him.

Mr. Theisger is expected tomorrow, but, as a week is of importance and the post leaves to-day, I have not considered it advisable to delay this despatch.

I have, etc.

Sd/- C. H. WALKER.

Estimate for the year ending March 31st 1916
 for H. B. M. Consul for Southern Abyssinia
 No. 1 Recurring.

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A.

Dollars. L. S. D.
 Amount per annum.

An allowance of 42 dollars per month to Mr. Hodson for providing six riding mules for escort and grain for same (this includes one mule for the interpreter)

504

50

B.

An allowance of 60 dollars per month to Mr. Hodson to provide all his own transport animals for himself, his escort and his men.

720

72

C.

An allowance of 56 dollars per month to Mr. Hodson for providing personal horses and syces for same, and grain, as is done in the case of the Consuls for Western and North-Western Abyssinia.

672

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Personal allowance

\$ 1896.4189 12 -

D.

One interpreter at 60 dollars per month including food.

720

72

Headman of escort 20 dollars per month including food.

240

24

Four men for escort at 15 dollars per month including food.

720

72

Headman of caravan 40 dollars per month including food.

480

48

Nine armed men for transport and to act as a guard, 12 dollars per month including food.

1296

129

12

\$ 3456.1345 12 -

E.

Presents to Chief.

1000

100

F.

Miscellaneous, Messengers, Telephone messages.

300

30

No. 2.

Non-Recurring.

\$ 1300.1130 - -

G.

Building huts, stables, office, etc.

750

75

H.

Saddlery for pack and riding mules. Uniforms, tents for men, blankets, sickles, tools etc.

1000

100

I.

15 Rifles at £5 for escort.

750

75

J.

Typewriter.

200

20

\$ 2700.1370 - -

Grand total:

Items A. B. and C.	1896	189	12	-
Item D.	8456	845	12	-
Items E. F.	1300	130	-	-
Items G. H. I. J.	2700	270	-	-
Total	9352	1935	4	-

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29 April 1915

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No. 296

for Sir H. C. Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper, 29/4/1915.

Mr. Bottomley, 29.4.15

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Islington.

Mr. Court.

Sir,

I have the honour
to acke the receipt
of your desp. No. 234
of the 26th March, on
the subject of the
expenditure ^{for} which it
is considered advisable
to provide in connection
with the post of
British Consul for
Southern Abyssinia,
and to confirm my
telegram of the 28th
April informing you
that I approve

29 April 1915

your proposals.

2. I approve of the arrangements proposed for accounting for the expenditure.

3. I shall be glad to be furnished in due course with particulars of the expense actually incurred ^{with a view to} for ~~the~~ ^{conson} in connection with the Ests for 1916-17.

(Signed) L. HARCOURT.

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(Signed) J. H. COURT.

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E.A.P.

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Draft Telegram

2nd 12 30pm

28 April
Amorqub

Good.
Nairobi

Your desp. of 26 Mar 1915
re-embodied

N.B. 27/4/15
Bottomley 28/4/15

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proposal approved
promoted

Harcourt

re-embodied
promoted