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FEMALE TELEGRAPHISTS  
APPT OF MATRON-HOUSEKEEPER

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States, Miss Francis anxious to be relinquish  
appt of Matron and to surrender allowance of £20.  
Recommends appt of Matron-Housekeeper at salary of  
£100 p.a. Has sanctioned subject to approval.

Last previous Paper,  
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*Mr. Attorney the Read*

The proposal is, I think, an excellent one.  
Mr. Galing hinted that it would probably be  
necessary to appoint a House-keeper for the  
Female P.C.'s in his memo. on the conditions  
of service. The Postal Dept. enclosed  
in Gov/3963/14. (see marked passage on p.10  
of the memo.)

The Govt. were fortunate in obtaining the house  
vacated by the Wainiki Club.

I presume that the Matron-Housekeeper will  
be appt'd locally.

? act. not. and approve.

I hope they will be able to H.F.D. 3.6.14  
get someone who will take something more  
than a mere house-keeping interest in the  
women officials.

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H.J.H.  
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 339

April 27th 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the question of accommodation for the Female Telegraphists in the Postal Department.

2. The building hitherto occupied by the Nairobi Club has just become available and with certain structural alterations which have now been completed 16 telegraphists can be housed there.

3. It has been pointed out by the Postmaster General that the house-keeping for so large a number of persons is a heavier burden than the present Supervisor and Matron, Miss M. E. Francis, can be expected to undertake, and she is herself anxious to relinquish it and to surrender the allowance of £20 per annum which she draws as Matron.

4. Mr. Gosling accordingly recommends the appointment of a Matron-Housekeeper at a salary of £100 p.a.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

£100 per annum, £20 of which would be found from the allowance at present drawn by Miss Francis and the balance out of savings on rent due to the utilization of the Club building accommodating 16 telegraphists at a cost of Rs.240 per mensem, whereas their previous quarters involved an expenditure of Rs.30 per head per mensem or Rs.480 in all. The proposed arrangement seems reasonable and economical and I have sanctioned it subject to your approval, which will, I hope, not be withheld.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*W. Bourne*

GOVERNOR *Deputy*

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9 June 1915 -

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch no-339 of the 27<sup>th</sup> of April & to inform you that I approve of the appointment of a Matron - Housekeeper for the female telegraphists in the <sup>at hand</sup> Postal Dept. with salary at the rate of £100 a year

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No. 449

W. H. C. Belfield.

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper 5/6/15

Mr. Bolton 5/6/15

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Piddis

Sir H. Just

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Islington

Mr. Harcourt

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(Signed) A. BONAR LAW.