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## \*PREPARATION OF TIMBER SUSPENSE ACCOUNT\*

1915

1st July

Sends copy of ruling by D.C.A. as to abolition  
Of States as to use of and requests sanction to its  
Continuation.

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Mr. Stephenson

Any forms?

J. R.

13/8/15

W. Brad

The directions contained in Col. Rep. 207  
are definite and it is not considered that sufficiently  
good reasons have been given to prove that the  
strict observance of the regulation is unworkable.  
[This paper has been held up during my absence in  
leave.]

  
3.9.15

In accordance with the instructions  
of the  
3.8.15

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 527

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

July 1st, 1915.



Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice a ruling by the Director of Colonial Audit regarding the abolition of a Suspense Account kept by the Forest Department under the title "Preparation of Timber Suspense Account". A copy of the letter containing the ruling in question is attached hereto for reference.

2. This account has been in existence for the past seven years and has been extremely useful in so far as it has permitted work to be undertaken on demand, without fear of any particular Vote of the Forest Department being overexpended. It has proved particularly useful since the beginning of the War, in enabling the Department to supply the heavy demands of the Military authorities.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

3. At the present time the account is being utilised for the purpose of recording expenditure and revenue under the following heads:-

- (1) Supply of timber logs to the Railway.
- (2) Supply of fuel to the Railway.
- (3) Supply of Cedar Fence posts to Government Departments and private individuals.
- (4) Supply of Poles to Government Departments and private individuals.
- (5) Plant Trays.
- (6) The Management of the Nairobi Municipal Forest.
- (7) Miscellaneous; including the supply of bamboos, withies and other minor forest produce to Government Departments and private individuals.

Expenditure under these heads is not provided for in the Estimates as it is impossible to forecast with any degree of accuracy what the demands for forest produce are likely to be, and what labour would be available to cope with these demands.

4. The charge for Forest Produce supplied is based in most cases on (a) the cost of labour employed plus (b) 10% to cover the cost of supervision, but in some cases the percentage charged for supervision is larger.

5. During the past financial year the gross receipts in the account amounted to upwards of £1,200, while the amount of the balance carried to Revenue was approximately £166.

6. The account has received the support of three successive Treasurers in this Protectorate, and in view of its manifest usefulness I shall be glad to receive your sanction to its continuation, and to the framing of the Estimates of the Forest Department in the manner of the past seven years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway Bejval.

GOVERNOR.

INCLOSURE

In Reply, please refer to File No. 19/5

Colonial Audit Department,

66, Victoria Street, London, E.C. 1. 128

24th March 1915.

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Sir,

I have the honour to return herewith Query No:1294 of 1915/14, on the subject of the "Preparation of Timber" Suspense Account, and to inform you that I am of opinion that, as the half and half principle no longer operates in connection with the finance of the East Africa Protectorate, there is not sufficient justification for disregarding the conditions laid down in Colonial Regulation No:307, so far as transactions in connection with the preparation and sale of timber are concerned. I am therefore unable to concur in the continued non-observance of that regulation unless its relaxation is sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

I agree, however, that such received for plant trays may be properly carried to a deposit or suspense account, pending repayment, or, should the trays not be returned within a reasonable fixed period, transferred to general revenue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

sd/ A.V. Stephenson.

Auditor,

Nairobi,

East Africa.

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H. S.

7 Sept. 1915

Sir,

I have the honour to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your despatch No. 527

of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July ~~with~~  
~~inform you that~~ on the  
subject of the ruling by  
the Director of Colonial  
Audit regarding the  
abolition of the Preparation  
of Timber Suspense Account

2. In view of the definite  
directions contained in  
Col. Reg. 307 I regret  
that I am unable to

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No. 604

Gov. Sec. H.C. Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. Hooper 4/9/15

Mr. Anthony (away)

Mr. Read 6/9/15

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

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approval of the continuance  
of the suspension account,  
as the reasons given  
for doing so, do not  
appear to prove that  
the strict observance of the  
regulation is impracticable.

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Signed A. DONALD LAW.