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Defence Force.

Exemption of Air Ministry works staff from service with the Kenya Defence Force.

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1. Air Ministry
Notes that Air Ministry works staff employed
on battleship Aero drome may be exempt from
liability to serve with Kenya Defence Force.

I can't make out what the Ag. D.P.W. is getting at.
His paper comes in - more the Gov. to exempt them under
section 12(2) of the Ordinance & I can't see why not.

Draft herewith.

J. G. G. G. G.
13.9.

2 To Kenya - 753 - (9c 1 + 2 + 3) ——— 13/9/37

~~3 To A.M. (9c 2). copy - 13.9.37~~

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4 Gov. Kenya ——— 642 ——— 25.10.37.
(2 Annd.) Exemption granted.

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Charles White.
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J. G. G. G. G.
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5 To Air Ministry. (w/c k). $\frac{B}{16}$ ——— 10.11.37.

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AIR MAIL

KENYA

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

25 October, 1937.

Sir,

2. With reference to your despatch No. 753 of the 15th of September last, I have the honour to inform you that on the advice of my Executive Council I have, under Section 12(2) of the Kenya Defence Force Ordinance, 1937, granted exemption from all the obligations imposed by the Ordinance or by any regulations made thereunder to all Air Ministry Works Staff posted to this Colony in connection with the preparation and maintenance of aerodromes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

A. Brooke-Polham

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL,
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

W. ORMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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Mr. ~~Wood~~ 13/9/57

Mr.

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Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shackburgh

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Secretary of State.



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NO 753

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FURTHER ACTION.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a copy of ^{con't with} ~~an~~ letter received from the Air Ministry regarding the liability of their works staff now in Kenya for service with the Kenya Defence Force. I have no doubt that if the matter had been brought to your notice you would have proceeded to exempt ^{all} ~~these~~ persons concerned by order under section 12(2) of the Defence Force Ordinance, since they are clearly engaged upon work of direct military importance. ~~and I am at a loss to understand why the Acting Director of Public Works ^{communicate}~~

(Signed) W. ORMSBY CORE

AIR MINISTRY.

ADASTRAL HOUSE,

KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

15 September, 1937.

S.39492/S.2. (c).

SECRET.Immediate.

Dear Bigg,

In view of urgency, I am sending the attached official letter direct to you, and would be grateful if you could arrange for it to receive immediate attention, as action must be taken locally before the 30th September, 1937.

The Air Ministry staff concerned are those referred to in my semi official letter to you of 13th April, 1937. (Your reference 6214/24 (c)/37.)

Yours sincerely,

W. J. Bigg, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S. W. 1.

COPY.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

C.847/2/18/93/1.

HEAD OFFICE,

NAIROBI.

30th August, 1937.

Director of Works,
Air Ministry,
Aadastral House,
KINGSWAY, W. C. 2.

Sir,

EASTLEIGH AERODROME.
LIABILITY OF SECONDED AIR MINISTRY STAFF TO
SERVE IN THE KENYA DEFENCE FORCE.

I am to inform you that under the terms of the Kenya Defence Force Ordinance, 1937, which comes into operation on the 1st September, every male British subject, both of whose parents are of European origin or descent, who is ordinarily resident in the Colony is compulsorily enrolled in the Kenya Defence Force, unless exempted therefrom. Of the officials seconded the only individual so exempt is Captain Robertson in virtue of his being an officer of the Army Reserves.

2. The purpose of this Force is the repelling of external aggression and the aiding of the civil authority in the protection of life and property and the prevention and suppression of internal disorder in the Colony. Certain peace training will be obligatory on all members of the force unless specially exempted from such training.

3. I am aware that under the "Regulations for Civilian Employees at Air Ministry Establishments" such obligations, which would necessitate their leaving their work immediately on mobilization, are not to be contracted by civilians employed by the Air Ministry without permission. It is also to be noted that these officials will be working at high pressure on military work and it would be undesirable for them to leave the work for any extended period, as for instance to join a training camp. In these circumstances I would be glad to have an indication of your views on the matter. It would be possible to lay such considerations before the Governor-in-Council with a view to his ordering that the people affected might be exempted from their obligations under this Ordinance.

4. You will appreciate that the subject of this letter falls outside the limits set to direct communications between your directorate and mine, and any views you express may require official confirmation through the Colonial Office. I am writing now as the matter is one of urgency, the individuals concerned being liable to heavy penalties if their enrolment (or exemption) is not recorded on or before the 30th September.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd)

for AG. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.