

1929

Kenya

No. 15629

SUBJECT

CO 533/387

G. H. L. Murray

Payment of pension to
mental hospital

Previous

54825/21

Subsequent

States that Mr. Murray is now in a mental home and enquires whether arrangements could be made for the payment of his pension to the City of London Mental Hospital.

In regard to account of Mr Murray 1/10/29 are bound in volumes can be obtained if required for the (date)

Called. I explained that unless Mr Murray is certified, we could not undertake to ~~pay~~ give instructions to the Crown Agents to pay Mr his salary to a third party without Mr Murray's authority. I suggested that if Mr Murray was really incapable of managing his own affairs, it would be best to have him certified insane, when steps could be taken to undo the provisions of the Lunacy Act.

Will either telephone or write again, so at present Mr Murray's relations are reluctant to have him certified insane.

~~L.F. Crane~~
7/3/29
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He has now managed to say that the Crown Agents have accepted the signature made on his pension papers by Mr Murray, and that he has not proposed to pursue the matter at present.

Pub by ~~L.F. Crane~~
7/3/29

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(By phone first) & then min. 3
be told that unless & until they receive info. that Mr. Murray has actually been "certified", pension should be paid in the ordinary way; & ask them to refer to us/minutes in the case if necessary.

J. G. Whitehouse
14/3/29
Raining
16.3.29

The letter
Charles

I spot to you that this I understand you can deal with to leave that in that case he need not come into the matter any more.

Perhaps I will take a copy of the Case's letter & when the file is over

Presidents to see.
Noted in President Book (C)
To - (X)
H

J. W. Allen
14/3/29
I have taken a copy of Mr. Cross's letter & Mr. Murray's pension certificate and copy of J. W. Allen 14/3/29

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Crown Agents 12 June 1929

Propose, with approval, to leave small charge balances between hospital maintenance charge and pension so may remain unpaid to accumulate and apply when as may be necessary

? Affirm action proposed in para 3

Handwritten date: 19/6/29

Mr. [Name]

I suppose there is no ground to take exception to CA procedure from the legal point of view?

all
19/6/29

x

I can only presume that they are proceeding under § 335 of the Act as usual.

They must be proceeding well enough

Handwritten initials/signature

Mr. [Name]

Will you please discuss with Capt. & make sure as to X & why they seek approval for all proposed action.

all
20.6.29

Mr. [Name]

I may not be CA. They are proceeding under § 335 of the Finance Act, but as the proposal in para 3 is a little unusual (in case the balance would be paid to relatives) they wish for approval.

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3 Crown Agents 22 July 1929
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Atkinson Jett
17/6/29

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most cases the balance would be paid to relatives)
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Atkinson Jett 20/6/29

Notes X Proceeding
Noted in precedent
Book "C"

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let the
I thought there must be a catch
somewhere!

Why we approve?

accf
20/6/29

Rather a case of de minimis (10%) at
present I think.

I think it may, approve, but say that
the CA should periodically (once a year)
what the amount of the balance
[it can then consider what most suitable
party should be given with
regard to it]

accf
22/6/29

accf
25.6.29
atone

4 to be a — com 1 JUL 1929

5. CROWN AGENTS. 22 JULY, 1929.
States as to payment of Mr. Murray's maintenance
charges now that he is capable of transacting
all his ordinary business.

Mr. Allen

A satisfactory development

? put by

accf

24.6.29

Mr. Allen

25/7
atone

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23 JUL 1929
COL. OFFICE



ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING GIVEN.

P/Pensions Lt.
TELEGRAMS: CROWN LONDON
TELEPHONE: 7789 VICTORIA.

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4, MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1.

22nd July 1929.

Sir,

Kenya.

has

With reference to your letter No. 15629/29 of the
1st inst., I have the honour to inform you that we have
received a certificate from the Medical Superintendent of the
City of London Mental Hospital to the effect that Mr. G. H. L.
Murray was discharged from Certificates on the 11th June
1929 and that he is now capable of transacting all his
ordinary business.

Payment of Mr. Murray's maintenance etc., up to
and including the 30th June has been made to the Hospital
and as he is remaining for a time at the institution as a
voluntary boarder we have arranged for the maintenance
accounts from the 1st July to be rendered direct to him and
for pension from that date to be paid to him.

The accumulated balance representing the
difference between the amount of pension and maintenance
charges up to the 30th June has now been paid to Mr. Murray

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. ...
for Crown Agents.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

H

Mr. Mackenzie 24/6

Mr. Pochon

Mr.

Mr. Bannister

Sir E. Harding

Sir J. Stuchburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Sir C. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Lord Lovat

Mr. Amory

29/6

1 JUL 1929

Gentlemen

(Mr. S)

DRAFT.

C.A. for the Colonies

as set to ask
 re. of your letter of 7/6/29
 Ltr of the 12/6/29 concerning
 Mr. G.H.L. Murray late District
 Commissioner, Kenya who has been
 certified as of sound mind
 and to inform you that the S of S
 approves the action proposed in
 the third form of your letter
 i.e. that ^{such} ~~the~~ balance between
 Mr. Murray's maintenance charges
 and pension as remain unpaid

be allowed to accumulate.

(2) Jan 1930/29

The Sup. request

that you will report the
amount of the accumulated
balance to this Dept. once a
year

Yours etc

(Signed) A. L. G. PARKINSON.

~~The 5/15 report~~

But you will report of the

amount of the accumulated

balance to the Dept. on a

you

I am etc

(Signed) A. C. PARKINSON.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
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THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

4. MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1.

F/Pensions T. 1

TELEGRAMS: CROWN LONDON
TELEPHONE: 7556 VICTORIA

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COL. OFFICE

12th June, 1929.

*No personal file
Carr
15/6*

Kenya.

Sir,

Ans. 1 July 29

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. G. H. L. Murray, late District Commissioner, Kenya, has been certified as of unsound mind and is detained in the City of London Mental Hospital, Stone House, Dartford, where he has been a voluntary boarder from the 26th February, 1929.

2. Payment of Mr. Murray's maintenance etc. from that date to the 31st May has been made by us and we have arranged for quarterly settlements in future (up to the amount of his pension) on receipt by us of accounts and life certificates from the Hospital Authorities.

3. We propose, with the approval of the Secretary of State, to leave such small balances between maintenance charges and pension as may remain unpaid to accumulate and apply them as may be necessary. The amount is at present 10/11d.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. A. Wilkins

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S. W. 1.

for Crown Agents.

JWF

P/Pensions L.

URGENT.

East African Department,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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KENYA

M. Whitcombe

Referring to ~~your~~ telephone message of the 27th February regarding the admission of Mr. G.H.L. Murray late District Commissioner Kenya to a mental hospital, I shall be glad to know as soon as possible whether the pension due to him for the month of February may be paid.

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J. S. Dowse

Pay Department,
CROWN AGENTS,
12th March 1929.

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J. S. Jones

Pay Department,
CROWN AGENTS,
12th March 1929.

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LESLIE F. CHAMBERLAIN

SOLICITOR

NEWTON STREET

COMMISSIONER FOR RATHS

TELEGRAMS: CHAMBERLAIN, F. CHAMBERLAIN

ADVERTISEMENTS, LONDON

TELEPHONE: CITY 4296

BUSH HOUSE

ALDWYCH W.C.2

February 26th 1929.

The Secretary, of State,
The Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S. W. 1.

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27 Feb 1929 M.
COLONIAL OFFICE

Sir:

I act for Mr. George Henry Lyon Murray who, I regret to say, is now in a mental hospital.

Mr. Murray's sole source of income is a pension which he receives from the Colonial Office, amounting to £11 monthly.

Mr. Murray has today gone to the City of London Mental Hospital at Stone, near Dartford, Kent, where the charges in respect of his support will amount to Two guineas a week, plus an additional £2 monthly, or, approximately, £10. 8. 0d., per month.

Will you kindly inform me whether arrangements could be made for the payment of Mr. Murray's pension to the City of London Mental Hospital? On the other hand, if you require some more formal step before his pension can be disposed of for his benefit, in the circumstances, would you kindly advise me what steps must be taken?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Leslie F. Chamberlain