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9th October 1925.

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MR DENHAM'S EMOLUMENTS WHILE ACTING AS GOVERNOR.

States that very heavy expenses fell to Mr Denham during his long period of administration and earnestly seeks sanction to payment of difference between the old scale and the scale now sanctioned.

*(10 letters to Sir H. Wilson only filed)*  
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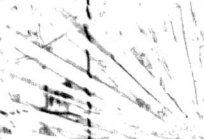
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Mr. Benson has received £4400  
 for the year of the Council £1200.  
 In future he will receive 1/5, 5000,  
 and I understand that this is what  
 the Govt. consents to him to have. In the  
 period of office (11 Feb. to about 30 Sept.)  
 his salary is £1000, the  
 amount of staff is nearly £700,  
 but the taking of the Office for one  
 day has the £200 is applied at  
 Committee that Mr. Benson has  
 had what he would have had (for  
 a longer time) if he  
 had come on leave - as  
 intended - that his responsibilities  
 have been the same, I do not see  
 how it can be more; and I am  
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
KENYA,  
EAST AFRICA.

14th October 1925.

*Private & Personal*  
*Mr. Bottomley*  
*to see*  
*remarks*  
*11/25*  
*J.M.C.*

My dear Wilson,

I have just written a long private letter to Ormsby-Gore about a small matter which I have very much at heart. When the emoluments of the Governor here were raised the Colony had no intention of baring Denham, the Colonial Secretary, who was acting before my arrival from such small benefit as he might obtain from the raising of the allowances, etc.,. The Colonial Office despatch, however, which settled my emoluments, unexpectedly barred him from any benefit. He has had a heavy and expensive time here and I do not think it right that he should be penalised for the time which Government in England took to appoint a successor to Coryndon or for the delay which intervened for quite public reasons between my appointment and my arrival here.

As you know these things naturally cause a good deal of feeling and I am most anxious that this miscarriage of justice, as it seems to me, should be put right. I should be so grateful if you will look into the matter and if you possibly can secure to Denham the increased allowances

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which the Colony intended him to have. It is only a question of £200 at the utmost but as you will understand it means a good deal to him.

Yours ever,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 651 of the 16th of July regarding the salary drawn by me as Governor of Kenya.

2. With considerable regret I note in your despatch that it is not intended that the person who was acting as Governor in the interim should be the one resulting from the increase in the exchequer.

3. I regret this decision, and feel constrained to point out that the expense of acting during the long period which elapsed between the death of Sir Robert Gordon and my appointment in the interim fell very heavily on Mr. Berham. His tenure of the acting appointment, he in no wise considered as a necessary appointment necessary to uphold the dignity of the office. In addition put to heavy expenses incurred by the visit of the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces.

It is a matter of regret that the long delay following the death of the Governor should not be a reason why the person who carried the burden of Government should be the one who was appointed to the office.

Sir,

Your obedient servant

RIGHT HONOURABLE,  
LIEUT. COLONEL L.C.M.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.  
DOWNING STREET.  
LONDON, S.W.

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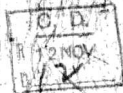
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Your request of 7.11.25

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~~from date of 14th October~~

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Gore.

Downing Street,

20 Nov. 1925.

Sir,

I have etc. to ack. the receipt of your despatch, No. 1269 of the 9th Oct., on the subject of the emoluments of Mr. Denham as O.A.G. of Kenya between the dates of Sir Robert Coryndon's death and your arrival in the Colony.

2. When, in my despatch No. 651 of the 16th July, I indicated that during this period Mr. Denham's emoluments should remain on the same basis as at the time of Sir Robert Coryndon's death, it appeared to me that there was no <sup>adequate</sup> ~~accountable~~ reason for any increase being granted until the increase of the Governor's emoluments had actually taken effect. I had no reason to suppose that the

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SIR B. GRIGG.



resolution of the Unofficial  
Members of the Legislative Council  
in favour of an increase of the  
Governor's emoluments would have  
been passed if Sir Robert  
Coryndon had not died, and the  
circumstances of Mr. Denham during  
the interval in question were  
exactly those which would have  
arisen had Sir Robert Coryndon  
survived to take the leave <sup>in</sup> which  
he was about to proceed. Further,  
it did not seem justifiable that  
Mr. Denham's emoluments should be  
fixed as though he were acting  
in place of <sup>a future</sup> Governor, whose  
emoluments were <sup>at</sup> on the higher  
scale now approved.

5. I had the advantage in  
considering your despatch of  
seeing the representations which  
you had made privately on this  
subject, and, in view of the fact  
that the extra amount to be paid

under your proposals to Mr. Denham  
will not exceed \$200, and the  
representations in your despatch  
as to the heavy expense of acting  
which has fallen on Mr. Denham during  
this interval. I have in my telegram  
of the 13th informed you that  
I approved.