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Date

24th APRIL 1924

17 MAY 25

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## TAXATORY STAFF. CURRENCY WORK.

Recommendation; In consequence of pressure of work and early departure of Mr Turner, Second Ass't Currency Officer, that an additional European Clerk on grade £250-£400 be engaged locally. Currency Board to bear half emoluments. Actual Currency work will be delegated to an Asstt. Treasurer who should receive allowances of £50 a year, plus provided by Currency board. Requests sanction by [initials]

## MINUTES

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the Comptroller for May -  
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Sir,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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KENYA.

24th April, 1924.

I have the honour to report that Mr. G. Turner, Second Assistant Currency Officer, is due to leave Mombasa on the 16th April on the termination of his engagement from the Office of the Green Agents but I am informed that on representations made to the East African Currency Board by the Currency Officer, Kenya, it has been arranged that he may remain in the Colony until August if necessary.

2. In paragraph 5 of my despatch No. 278 of the 21st February 1923, it was contemplated that Mr. Turner or his successor would be stationed in Nairobi and that this Officer would hold one of the keys of the Strong Room and take charge of the clerical duties in connexion with Currency work.

It was recognized as possible that Mr. Turner's services might not be required and that in that case one of the Assistant Treasurers would be appointed a Controller of Stocks jointly with the Deputy Treasurer and be given an allowance of £50 a year.

3. The Treasurer has reported that the staff of the Treasury is insufficient to cope properly with its ordinary Treasury duties and that it will be quite impossible for it to take on additional currency work,

without

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,

without grave inconvenience being caused in the Treasury which is very undesirable especially at a time when the Colony's finances require the closest possible supervision.

Mr. Grannum states further that it was his intention to ask for the appointment of an additional Assistant Treasurer in connexion with the 1925 Estimates as he has found it impossible with his present staff to carry out a proper system of revenue inspection which he regards as an essential alternative to the creation of an Inland Revenue Department as recommended by an Inter-Departmental Committee presided over by Mr. Northcote, Assistant Colonial Secretary, in October 1922. Mr. Grannum adds that he has refrained hitherto from asking for this additional appointment as he had hoped to be able to do without it but that notwithstanding his efforts to reorganise his Department so as to make the employment of an additional Assistant Treasurer unnecessary he finds it quite impossible to inaugurate a proper system of Revenue inspection with the European staff at his disposal. He is disposed to think however that, for the present at any rate, he may be able to manage satisfactorily with a half time Treasury Officer and similarly as regards currency work; and we I am of the opinion that this arrangement would prove a satisfactory solution of the difficulty which has arisen in connexion with Mr. Turner's departure. I have therefore to seek your sanction to the engagement for work in the Treasury of an additional European Clerk on the £250 - £400 grade of salary and that the Currency Board be asked to agree to bear one-half of this officer's emoluments.

The Treasurer concurs in the appointment of a European Clerk in place of the Assistant Treasurer previously

previously recommended by him but considers that in order satisfactorily to arrange the distribution of work in his Department it may and probably will be necessary for him to delegate the Currency work to an Assistant Treasurer.

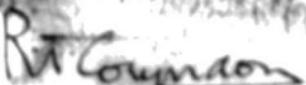
He is therefore of the opinion, and I concur with him, that in addition to bearing one half of the emoluments of the junior officer now making for the Currency Board should also be invited to pay the allowance of £500 a year previously sanctioned to the Assistant Treasurer, if and when it becomes necessary, in the interests of the general organization of the Treasury, to delegate the duties of 2nd Assistant Currency Officer to an Assistant Treasurer. The cost of the proposed arrangement to the Currency Board will still be very much less than if the Board had to provide a whole time European Officer of its own.

4. If my proposals are approved I shall be grateful if you will inform me of the fact by cable in order that I may make provision for the Colony's share of the new officer's emoluments during 1924 in the 1st Supplementary Estimates which will be presented to the Legislative Council next month. I suggest that the new appointment should date from the 1st August and that I be authorized to engage the officer locally if possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

  
R. T. Gourdon

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## MINUTE.

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the early departure of Mr.  
Tanner, Second Gold Committee  
Officer, that a European Clerk  
should be engaged for work in

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Kenya Currency Board

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