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JUBALAND COMMISSION. ADDITIONAL STAFF.

Sanction additional staff proposed, subject to their concurrence being sought regarding rates of remuneration. They await estimate of total cost of Commission and will be glad to learn that £4,000 in current Col. Ests will be sufficient.

MINUTES

In order that no time may be lost over this, I annex draft for same 1500 as to the additional staff.

Perhaps Mr Eggett will be able to agree to this letter forthwith once the app. being circulated to minute as to the Treasury's last para. In this connection I understand that the provision for 1925/26 was reduced from £5000 to £4000 on the express understanding that it

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To Col. Com.

cost in all of the cost of local staff.

Action is now required to obtain the stores which the reinforcement will take out (26522/25) Perhaps Mr. Sisset can arrange for this, & it may be thought necessary to add a para. to the draft herewith saying that Col King has written that the Commission should take out amongst other stores some theodolites and other stores, and ask for these in view of the stores which should be obtained

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The Administration Officer Mr. George Sencer, who is attached to the British Section of the Commission, is presumably being equipped by Kenya. In any case we can assume that the words "Imperial ~~Equipment~~" in 26522/25 refers to the British Officer's Office sent from this country. I submit a separate draft to 26522 as to the stores & asked for in 26522.

26520/25

Any reply to this letter should be addressed to  
THE SECRETARY,

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

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17 June, 1925.

TREASURY,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W. 1,  
and the following number quoted.

S.25637.

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REC  
17 JUN 25

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Strachey's letter of the 11th instant (25519/25) relative to the appointment of the British personnel of the Boundary Commission set up under the Anglo Italian treaty of July 15th 1904, for the cession of territory in East Africa to the Italian Government.

In reply I am to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Amery that in the circumstances represented, My Lords are prepared to sanction the additional staff proposed and they agree to the Army Council being approached with a view to the selection and appointment of the additional personnel subject to Their concurrence in the rates of remuneration proposed.

My Lords await the estimate of the total cost of the Commission which was promised by Mr. Strachey's letter of the 8th April last (15149/25) and They will be glad

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

to learn that the provision of £4,000 for this  
services in the current estimate for Colonial Services  
will be sufficient to meet the charges coming in  
course of payment during the year.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Wm. Bantock*

to agree to the loan of the further  
personnel recommended by Lt. Col.

Lt. Col. King, O.B.E., Ret., the Senior  
British Commissioner, namely,

one Captain of the Royal Engineers

and two other commissioned Officers

for service as topographers in this

connection I am to invite attention

to para 7 of the letter ~~to the~~

enclosed with the letter from this

date to the War Office dated the

8th April, in which

Headquarters were informed that

the event, if it has been considered

necessary at a later date to appoint a

second topographer, a non-commissioned

in the rank of Corporal or Lance Corporal

would be sufficient.

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which should be agreed to the 681

new proposals. It will be seen from the

enclosed correspondence that the

L.C. of the Treasury requires that

the rates should be submitted

to them for their concurrence.

4. In view of the necessity

of arranging for this reinforcement

to join Lt. Col. King at the

earliest possible date, Mr. Amey

would be glad to receive a

reply to their letter at the Army

Council's earliest convenience

(sd) W.C.B.

Annex

As the arrangements for the supply of any technical stores required to be despatched from the country for the use of the British Officers and their Commissioned Officers are made by the Senior British Commissioner in concert with the Officer, I am to request that the additional Officer now asked for, when selected, should be requested to communicate direct with the Accountant of the Office at 23 Buckingham Palace, West, when the necessary arrangements will be completed for the supply of such provisions which at Col King's order might be despatched for the use of the Complete Infantry Contingent.

Hardware

The Hardware asked for should be supplied from the stock of instruments which are held by the local Office on behalf of the Officer, and I am to ask that whether this can be arranged, in order that, if not, the proper steps to be taken can be ascertained.

Technical Stores

It is assumed that such technical stores required by the two N.2 officers now in the field can be supplied from the stores of the local Office in the case of Subsistant Col. R. Smith RE, who accompanied at Col. King's order the arrangements for the supply of medical and camp equipment was made of that Officer and arranged with the Officer in the month of April 1925, a copy of which is enclosed. It is not clear whether camp equipment for the reinforcing personnel is intended to be despatched in addition to technical stores, and I am to request that the Officer in charge of the local Office should also communicate direct with the Officer in charge of the local Office in order that any necessary arrangements will be made for the supply of such stores as may be required from local stores.

Mr. Egbert, 27.6.25

Sub. 27.6.25

Bottomley 29.6.25

- Strachey.
- J. Shuckburgh.
- Davis.
- G. Grindie.
- J. Masterton Smith.
- Ormsby-Gore.
- Amery.

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Sir,

(17100/25)  
2 JUL 1925

I have etc., to refer to my telegram of the 17th of April in which I asked to be furnished as soon as possible with an estimate of the cost of the local staff to be employed in connection with the delimitation of the territory ceded to the Italian Government under the Treaty of July 15th, 1924.

(5247/25)

King, enclosure copy to Bureau.  
2 JUL 1925  
Bureau

2. The Memorandum of proposals for the work of the Joint Commission which accompanied my despatch No. 323 of 2nd April contemplated a preliminary investigation on the spot by the Senior British Commissioner to be followed (a) by a preliminary investigation of political points by a Civil Commission sitting at Kisumu, and (b) by a survey in the field by a Joint Commission, the British Section of which would consist of a Senior British Commissioner, who would be accompanied by a number of officers, together with a political

accompanied by a political officer and by a medical officer and a military escort. Lieutenant Colonel King will be asked to base his estimate for local transport on the probable cost of such transport for the complete British Sections as separate transport may not be provided by the ~~Polish~~ Government for the Civil Officers who will accompany the Senior British Division.

5. As regards the estimate of the cost of local staffs as distinct from the staffs sent from this country, I shall be glad if you will furnish me at the earliest possible date with an estimate in detail of the cost which you consider should be met from Imperial funds. In this connection it appears that the ~~British~~ ~~representative~~ staffs of officers such as the Senior Commissioner in the Kenya Administration Service, the Medical Officers, and will receive the Senior British Staff Officer in the field. The Staff Officer is to be assigned for a period of 12 months and continue to be in charge of all civil affairs, etc. Additional expense entails on Imperial funds is to be met by the Government of Kenya. The Commission is very anxious that consequential expenditure may be allowed for an representative expenditure of which Kenya should be relieved under the general principle which has been accepted by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

6. In view of the fact that it is necessary for me to place the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in

As soon as possible, I shall  
be glad to see you in a position  
to take up the duties of the  
position.

(Signed) L. S. AMERY



Mr. Eggett 27.6.25

Mr. Sest 27.6.25

Mr. Bottomley 27.6.25

Mr. Strachey 30/8

Mr. J. Shuckburgh

Mr. C. Davis

Mr. G. Grindle

Mr. J. Masterton-Smith

Mr. Ormsby-Jore

Mr. Amery

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- 2 JUL 1925  
June 1925

SECRETARY.

TREASURY.

Sir,

I am etc., to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th June, S.25367, relative to the appointment of the British personnel of the Boundary Commission set up under the Anglo-Italian treaty of July 15th 1924, for the cession of territory in East Africa to the Italian Government.

2. The Army Council have been approached with a view to the selection and appointment of the additional personnel subject to the concurrence of their Lordships in the rates of remuneration proposed, and a further communication will be addressed to you on this point in due course.

3. With regard to the Estimate of the total cost of the Commission which was promised by the letter from this Office of 8th April last, 15149/25,

C.O. to Treas. I am to refer to the correspondence marginally noted 20 Jan. 1925 59561/25. from which it will be observed that the sum of £5,000 Treas. to C.O. 2 Feb. 1925 which was originally inserted in the draft Estimate S. 25367. for Colonial Services 1925/26, Subhead K, represents

L. Col. King  
1925 (dit. herewith)  
JUL 1925  
to O.A.G. Kenya No. 1925  
June 1925  
herewith

...of earlier years,  
...that, after the total of the  
...Services Estimates at whole for the  
current financial year was sanctioned by Their  
Lordships, the Commission under Subhead H, which  
was recorded as being a provisional figure,

...was read by a sum of £1,000 to enable  
...provision to be included for certain  
...without increasing the total of  
...the estimate.

...the estimate in your letter  
...provision of £20,000 for this  
...for Colonial  
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...to  
...been addressed  
...the Senior  
...provisional estimate  
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...request that  
...Secretary of State further  
...incurred  
...estimate of  
...Commission to  
...Their Lordships. I  
...copy of a letter which has been  
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...required in connection with the  
...Committee.

...Mr. G. H. ... hopes that  
...charges coming

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L. E.F.N.I. King, O.B.E., R.E.

BRITISH COMMISSIONER

ANGLO-ITALIAN (JUBALAND)  
BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

MINUTE.

- 2 JUL 1925

Sir,

With reference to part of the set of preliminary Financial Instructions which accompanied the letter from this office of 15th April 1925, 17100/25 I am etc to transmit to you, for your information, and for such observations as you may be able to offer on points of detail, a provisional estimate which has been drawn up in this office of the probable cost in the financial year ending 31st March 1926 of the British Section of the Anglo-Italian Commission for the delimitation of the territory ceded to the Italian Govt. under the Treaty of July 15, 1924.

Mr. Eggett 27.6.25

Mr. Seal 29.6.25.

Mr. Bottomley 24 f

Sir G. Davis.

Sir G. Grindley.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterion Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

2 JUL 1925

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and three Non-Commissioned Officers of Royal Engineers, and of the technical and other stores which it may be necessary to purchase, and of the cost of local transport for the period during which the Commission is engaged on the work of Survey, including, in that connection, the cost of any local transport which it may be necessary to engage for the local staff to be attached to the British Section of the Commission during the work in the field, e.g. the political officer, the medical officer, and the military escort.

3. I am also to explain that in the absence at present of any exact information as to the probable duration of the work of the Commission, of the names and rates of pay of the additional personnel to be sent out from this country, and of the cost of local transport for the British Section, the figures in the estimate now enclosed must be accepted as provisional figures only which will be subject to modification when more precise information is available. Meanwhile I am to draw attention to the following points on which further information is required and to make the following remarks:-

Pay

It will be observed that the Estimate for pay and allowances has been framed on the assumption that the Commission will remain in Africa until the 31st of December next, and that the pay after that date will be confined to pay during the voyage home, and for such period of leave to which the members of the British Section

completed on the basis of pay dictated as soon as the exact rates on sett of the additional personnel have been settled.  
Subsistence.

It will be observed that the Estimate under the above heading is confined to the cost of maintenance of the three Non-Commissioned Officers of Royal Engineers, for the whole period of their employment with the exception of the period of the voyages out and home and of any leave to which they may be entitled after return to this country.

Local Transport

I am to ask that you will furnish me at as early a date as possible with an Estimate in such detail as may be considered desirable of the probable cost of such local transport as it may be necessary to engage for the British Section of the Commission while employed on the work in the field. With this object allowance should be made for the cost of any transport which it may be necessary to engage for the local staff to be attached to the British Section.

4. I am to add that a communication being addressed to the O.A.C. Kenya in which he is being asked to furnish the Secretary of State with an estimate of the cost of the local staff which may be required for the work of the Boundary Commission, exclusive of the cost of any local transport for such local staff as may be specially attached to the British section for the particular work of Survey in the field.

I am to take this opportunity of  
informing you that as soon as all arrangements with  
reference to the selection of the additional  
personnel and the despatch of the provisions,  
stores etc., for the full Imperial contingent  
have been settled, the arrangements made will  
be embodied in a supplementary paper of  
Financial Instructions which will be communicated  
to you for your information and guidance as  
British Commissioner.

I am etc.,  
(Signed) W. C.

*G. G. G. G.*

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*W. C. G. G.*