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CIRCULATION:—

Mr.
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E.A. TRADE AND INFORMATION BUREAU.

Consider estimate of expdres has been framed on unnecessarily generous lines. Criticise proposed salaries. Cannot agree to allowance of £900 for Col Franklin, and consider he should be transferred to Colonial Service. Unable sanction contribns from T.T. and Nyasaland until economic effected.

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Secretary of State.

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Discussed yesterday between Mr. Purvis - Gore, Sir W. Clark, Mr. Green, & me. Mr. Staebly was engaged elsewhere.

My draft herewith, which Sir W. Clark wishes to see before it goes, follows the result of the discussion, except that I have increased from £400 to £500 the amount of the proposed contribution which has just been decided to be regarded as a contribution.

... as I fear that much of the
... he will have to
... for which he will
... difficult to account
formally.

It is agreed that after the
letter has gone we should wait
a week or there, if necessary, ~~and~~ ask
Mr. S. Off. to write again to the
Chancellor. The terms of such a
letter can be considered later,
but I think it will be necessary
to point out that if the first return
of an Kenya Despatch is
considered impossible there will be
very serious dissatisfaction.

Ed. S. Downing
14.7.25

12/15/25

Best Sheet

Paragraph 6. The following sentence might be added.

"Mr. Amery would point out that the dual position now proposed for Colonel Franklin precludes any real basis of comparison with an ordinary Trade Commissioner's post. There are no other officers in the Trade Commissioner Service who are required to maintain the establishments as will be necessary in this case. This fact alone, in Mr. Amery's opinion, justifies a substantial increase in Colonel Franklin's emoluments and the total of £90,000 proposed is not, in his opinion, in excess of what the circumstances warrant."

Paragraph 7. I would suggest the following:-

"The Boardships will realise that Colonel Franklin's dual position will in certain respects enhance the value of his work as H.M. Trade Commissioner. During his residence in this country he will not merely be engaged in finding openings for West Indian produce, etc. but will also be at the disposal of British exporters and importers in the West Indian colonies for their own, and those of their fellow countrymen, trade relations with the Governments concerned. It is to be hoped that he will be able to render the even more efficient assistance than at present."

Paragraph 8. I would substitute the following for the last sentence:-

"It is no exaggeration to say that the adoption of this suggestion would lead to the abandonment of a scheme of the West Indian colonies, the abandonment of which would be regarded with the greatest regret."

Paragraph 9.

I would suggest the following at the end:-

"In all the circumstances Mr. Amery feels sure that the Boardships will be willing to consider their position and to accord their sanction to a scheme which does not impose any additional burden on the national exchequer and which at the same time affords practical means by which Empire trade may be

substantially increased and the bonds of union between the Mother Country and the dependencies strengthened, particularly along commercial lines".

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Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—
 THE SECRETARY,
 TREASURY,
 WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.,
 and the following number quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

9th July, 1925.

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Sir,

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have had before them Mr. Strachey's letter of the 19th ultimo (23380/25) submitting proposals for the establishment of an office in this country to encourage the development of East African trade, and I am to request you to convey to the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following reply.

It appears to Their Lordships that the estimate of the annual expenditure on this office has been framed on unnecessarily generous lines. Thus My Lords find it difficult to believe that it is essential to pay £4,000 to £5,000 per annum for accommodation, or salaries at the rates proposed, viz. £1,000 per annum for the Deputy to Colonel Franklin and £600 to £700 per annum for the Office Superintendent. Again salaries at the rate of £200 per annum are proposed for each of the

Under Secretary of State,
 Colonial Office.

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9th July 1928.

Dear Macgumba,

The Secretary of State wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 19th June directing his attention to the official Colonial Office proposals for the institution of an East African Trade Bureau. These proposals have now been examined in the Department and the result of this examination is set out in the enclosed official letter, in the terms of which the Chancellor generally concurs.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. G. G. G.

J. L. P. Macgumba Esq., C. S. A.

10th July, 1925

Dear Grigg.

I write to thank you for your letter of yesterday, under cover of which you forwarded the official letter from the Treasury to the Colonial Office, regarding the institution of the proposed East African Trade Bureau.

Will you convey to the Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Amery's thanks for giving him an opportunity of seeing the Treasury letter at the earliest possible moment?

Yours sincerely,

P. J. Grigg, Esq.

Mr. ~~Butterfield~~ 30

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Mr. ~~Green~~ 30 7

Mr. Strachey 30

Sir J. Shackleton

Sir O. Davis

Sir G. Grindle
Sir W. Acworth
Sir T. Masterton-Smith

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Mr. Amery

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31 July, 1925.

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SECRETARY

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...ions on the propo... for the
...ent of an East African E.A.
and Information office in this country.

2. I am to point out that the
amounts required are necessarily provisional
but Mr Amery cannot accept Their Lordships'
view that the scheme has been framed with-
out due regard to economy and efficiency.
He directs me to assure them that such is
not the case. The proposals are the out-
come of careful and prolonged discussions

proposed is higher than that of similar posts in the Home Service, but he thinks that as the duties will commonly given to him in salary at the present time would most probably be compelled to abandon it so far as Colonel Franklin is concerned.

... of the explanation ... letter Mr ... give their object ...

... and from ... could not be pensions ... prevent a comparison between ... of His Majesty's Trade Commissioners. He is however prepared to meet their Lordships to the extent of dividing the allowance so that the remaining salary would be only 2500 (the difference between the maximum of Grade I and Grade II Trade Commissioners) the remaining 2400 being

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an allowance for expenses, to be accounted for to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The ... will ...

... dual position with ... assistance to his ... Commissioner ...

... referred to the Colonies ... holds a special position in East Africa by reason of the fact that he is not a Colonial Official. He is independent of any conflict or jealousy between local Governments and is regarded by unofficial members of the Community with a confidence which is not commonly given to local officials. The suggestion would make the scheme impracticable both here and

have arranged for person etc.

We have reviewed details with Capt. Clifton
and everything seems to be in train. He is coming
in again this week.

WLD
22/7/25

train hours
completed [Copy on file]

DRAFT

is directed by Mr. Secretary

The consolidated allowance would be payable in full only for the period of actual employment in the field, one half being payable while on duty and one half while employed under the Central Office in the country. The recreational pay and corps pay would be drawn in full throughout the period of assignment. The lodging, furniture and fuel and light allowances will be payable only during absence from the Command King.

Written by *[Signature]*
Special Agent

no. 01558

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Special allowance in lieu of all

other normal allowances: £1.10s. *per week*

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employment in

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THE SECRETARY

STATE OFFICE or while employed in the Colonial

reference after from

Office in this country or working in the

this Department of the

connected with the Boundary Commission.

to you, for the information

The regimental pay and camp pay will

be drawn in full throughout the period

of equipment, and the lodging, furniture

and night allowances will be

paid only for your absence from

Free

the United Kingdom. **Three first-class**

passages to and from East Africa will be

provided at the expense of the Government.

3. You will be eligible for leave with

full salary as follows:

(a) After less than 6 months completed service in Africa, no leave.

(b) After any period from six completed months up to and including nine completed months

Handwritten notes:
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Marseilles to Mombasa. You will

not be allowed any payment in respect of the cost of heavy baggage or incidental expenses of any kind due to your proceeding

by sea, overland, or otherwise

as in the case of the

from the day before

Marseilles

at the rates indicated in

paragraph 2 above.

The Army

have

requested to arrange for the loan of a non-commissioned officer of the Royal Engineers

for the staff of the Boundary Commission, and

passage will be provided for this non-

commissioned officer on the S.S. "Halbera"

from London to Mombasa. Upon your arrival

at Mombasa, you should report to the office

Arrangement has been made for the passage of the non-commissioned officer on the S.S. "Halbera" from London to Mombasa. The Army have requested to arrange for the loan of a non-commissioned officer of the Royal Engineers for the staff of the Boundary Commission, and passage will be provided for this non-commissioned officer on the S.S. "Halbera" from London to Mombasa. Upon your arrival at Mombasa, you should report to the office

of the Senior Commissioner at that port for instructions as to proceeding to join Lieut.-Colonel L.F.N.I. King, O.B.E., R.E. the Senior British member of the Boundary Commission.

I am to request you to furnish the Department with an address to which communications intended for your relatives may be sent in case of emergency.

I am to add that a list of stationery, etc., required for the use of the Jubaland Boundary Commission, which you left with the account set to the

Department is being forwarded to His Majesty's Stationery Office, with a view to the same being packed ready for shipment on board the S.S. "Halbera"

It is requested to advise the Department of the date of departure, etc.

W. C. BOTTOMLEY