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FROM: JOYR GRIGG

DATE: 31st March 1926

30 APR 1926

TO: Mr. Mr. Mr. Asst. U.S. of S. U.S. of S. U.S. of S. Secretary of State

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS.  
Points out difficulties of furnishing duplicates and suggests that the continuance of the present practice would save a considerable amount of routine work. See report on Major C.E.V. Buxton.

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OA C. 37921/23

Colony MINUTES  
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Mr. Buxton 4/6  
Mr. Buxton 24/6  
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W. Boltonley

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You will take major matters up?

The duplicate, if any, should go on to B.A.

copy file

As duplicates in general, the practice in other Colonies, with long delays, for which regular conf. reports are received could be maintained.

Letter V.  
Aug. 24

W. Boltonley

8.1.5.26

Nigeria, Glast and Trinidad, who all send home large batches of Conf. Reports, render them in duplicate without protest. We could meet the Governor's objections, to some extent by dispensing with duplicates in the case of advance officers, who are rarely noted in Promote Branch unless they apply specially for transfer or have some outstanding qualification (Affiliate No. 26, 12, 26)

None of the Colonies etc. do render reports in duplicate (Canton Colon. e.g. Ceylon, Hong Kong, Jamaica, for some officers there was until recently no departmental files here, do not send duplicate).

J. Boyd. 24/6/26

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The point is that two copies are necessary, one for the Home Department and one for the officer's file, and I take it that the other Colonies mentioned by Mr. Boyd will in time be required to forward their reports in duplicate for the same reason.

? Repl. that it is essential for the purpose of record in the C.O. that these reports should be furnished in duplicate, and that the G. of S. regrets that he has, therefore, no option but to request the Governor to continue the present practice, which is followed in the case of such Colonies as Nigeria, the Gold Coast and Trinidad apparently without difficulty.

Perhaps you would also be prepared to supplement the despatch with a semi-official letter pointing out that in many of the Colonies the Governor's personal report is received in type, and suggesting that some arrangement should be made to diminish the actual clerical labour as we certainly do not want to add to his routine work. Mr. Denham has, of course, had considerable experience of this difficulty, and you may prefer to have a word with him about it.

[I thought this should wait for you]

JH:ca  
14/1/56

I discussed this with Mr. Denham, and pointed out to him that the duplicates were essential here, and that other large colonies found

no difficulty in the matter. He said that for the Governor's Report to be typewritten and carbon-copied was not a complete solution of the difficulty, as one copy was entered in a book kept for the purpose.

He saw no difficulty, however, in our suggesting that some arrangement should be made to diminish the clerical labour; for instance, that the Gov. might dictate the report so that he would merely have to sign the principal copy. In this way, the Gov. himself would be saved some work, and the total amount of labour would hardly be greater than at present.

Prepare draft to <sup>despatch</sup> Sir F. Gries for my signature accordingly, sending it through Mr. Boyd.

Rosen

W. S. Murray 28/7/56

Sir G. Strachey

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~~Mr. Boyd~~

Is it not the case  
That some years ago we authorized  
the Govt of Nigeria to compare his  
reports to the more senior officers & that  
we accepted in the case of Messrs the  
reports of the Heads of their Departments?

I am pretty sure that this was  
arranged.

If so, Sir E. Greig might have the  
same arrangement, which should  
relieve him of a great deal of trouble.

C.S.

July 30. 26.

Can you arrange a copy of the  
Port African 1081 pt.

P.T.O.

W. G. Cant  
Copy attached

PHR  
5/10/26

W.G.  
3/17

Sir C. Strachey  
N. Allen

The concession given to Nigeria in 1920

See Gov/30126/20/Nig (pp 149 & 234/5)

Tagged &  
marked

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1/10/28 (Conf.) with para in C. 36

my considerable relief & to a much greater extent than what he asks for. But I

see no reason why something of the sort

should not be done in the case of Kenya, bearing

in mind C.B. Reg 36, which should be the

guide in the matter. Perhaps it might be

considered whether correct suggestions might

not be left to the Gov ~~whose letter~~ who might be

asked to submit proposals in the direction

of the practice which has been authorized

in Nigeria, & framed so as to satisfy C.B. 36.

We shall inform the Gov nevertheless that for Dept's purposes

has it is essential to have conf. of the

in duplicate

W. Allen

3/8

The record of your points was met of the

Dept of Kenya on 15/5/28 re T. T. that dep

said it was not desired to make any alterations

in the cases of apples & oranges of the list

in 32921/28  
in 32921/28 Kenya it does not appear that in

practice Kenya is keeping an unnecessary

number of reports - see green def attached.

In the circles? no addition & necessary  
to the draft. 557

[I'm sorry to have delayed this  
but the search for papers has ~~not~~ taken  
time].

N. Allen

17/8/26

17/8  
C.B.

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to H.C. Transf. Conf. 22.9.1926 (on 15253/25)

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Downing Street,

K39EB/26.

13 July, 1927.

My dear Denham,

I have been asked to draw your attention to the Secretary of State's despatch - Confidential (2) of the 20th of August 1926 - about sending duplicates of confidential reports. You will remember that we discussed it before the despatch was sent.

As a matter of fact, as no confidential reports have come along since the despatch was sent, we have no real reason to suppose that it has been overlooked. No doubt the 1926 reports are waiting for Sir Edward Crigg's return.

I suppose there is no chance of our getting duplicates of the 1926 reports.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY

W. H. ... 29/7/6  
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- J. Harding
- Strachey
- Shuckburgh
- Grindle
- Dixon
- Wilson
- Ormsby-Gore
- Loth
- Emery

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Robert B. July 1927  
Confidential

E. D.  
R. J. ...  
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Giff's return.

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chance of any further additions  
of the 1925 reports.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) W. G. BOTTOMLEY.

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DOWLING STREET,

20 August, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Confidential No. 47 of the 31st March, referring to my confidential despatch of the 24th December in which I asked to be furnished with duplicates of Confidential Reports on Officers.

1. I fear that it is essential for the purpose of record in this Office that these reports should be furnished in duplicate and I regret therefore that I have no option but to ask that the present practice, which is followed, apparently without inconvenience in the case of such Colonies as Nigeria, the Gold Coast and Trinidad, may be continued in Kenya.

2. I should of course have no objection to any arrangement which might be made with a view to diminishing the labour involved; for instance, that you should dictate each report, so that you would merely have to sign the principal copy. In this way you would be saved some work yourself, and the total amount of labour would scarcely be greater than at present; while, if it were practicable to substitute the loose sheet file system for the book Register at present in use a considerable saving

saving of labour might result, since presumably all the  
space copies required could be struck off at the time  
the original was typed for your signature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

Huntley 29  
 7  
 Bough 207  
 Adler 397  
 Strachey 17  
 J. Shuckburgh  
 Grindle  
 Davis  
 Wilson  
 Demby-Gore  
 of Clarendon  
 Emery

Sir C. Shackley  
 = July 1926

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Kenya  
 Conf. (2)  
 Gov.

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I find that it is essential for the purposes of record in this Office that these reports should be furnished in duplicate and I have therefore no option but to request you to continue the present practice, which is followed in the case of such Colonies as Nigeria, the Gold Coast and Trinidad, <sup>and I think may be continued in Kenya</sup>

I have no objection to any <sup>which</sup> arrangements might be made with a view to diminishing the ~~classical~~ labour involved, <sup>in preparing</sup> duplicates, <sup>for instance,</sup> that you should make such report, so that you would

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merely have to sign the  
principal copy. In this  
way you would be saving  
some work yourself, and the  
total amount of labour would  
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(Signed) L. S. AMERY

\* I said this, but  
the suggestion may  
have been considered  
previously. 10-5  
H.M. G. G. G. G.  
G.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
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2. If it is essential in your opinion that duplicates of these Confidential Reports should be forwarded to you I shall of course comply with your wishes. I would however point out that 264 Confidential Reports were despatched last year from this Colony to your office, that in each case the report has to be written by the Governor or Acting Governor as the case may be and that copies of these confidential documents can only be made by the Governor, (or the Acting Governor) or his Private Secretary. The amount of clerical work thus involved is very considerable as you will recognise for the Governor to fill in each report. It is then copied into a Register kept in the Private Secretary's office in which a complete record of/

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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3. The Report on Major C.E.V. Buxton, M.C., is enclosed. It had been prepared and registered as despatched but apparently must have been inadvertently omitted from the enclosures forwarded under cover of Kenya Confidential despatch of the 26th June.

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