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TAXATION

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Native Hut Poll Tax Bill amended in Legve Council to fix maximum rate of both taxes at Rs 10. Actual rates to be fixed by Proclamation as may appear expedient for different districts. May I assent to Ordce and exercise discretion in issue of Proc. Very necessary there should be no further delay in commencing collection of tax. Income and land tax bills still in Committee.

previous Paper.

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W. B. Stewart

1. Income and tax bills : see 20261/20
20262/20

2. Native taxation

The proposal for native taxation in 1920 is to increase ^{native} ~~native~~ hut tax to Rs 7.50 and poll tax on able bodied adult males to Rs 10/-

In 1919 being supported this (see 1867/20) be estimated that this was being in

present Paper.

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The reply sent to the authority to introduce

legislation accordingly was to the effect
that the Government first know how
proposed native taxation compares
with proposed non-native taxation.

On 13/8/20 the Govt. reported
increase this year, in spite of
a deficit of 2 millions of pounds
formed, because he did not see
the way to get the non-native
taxation up to the mark through.

The Ministry protested & we now hope
to get on with the non-native
taxation this year. And on

17/9/20 we telegraphed to say

to frame budget proposals in

lines proposed in 17/8/20 programme

i.e. to include non-native & native
increased taxation on the under-

standing that £50,000 be set

aside for expⁿ for direct benefit
of the natives. Another such expⁿ

is already covered in 1920-21

is not

This new telegram renders a decision
essential on the following points:-

- 1) May the Govt. consent to the Govt.
imposing additional native taxation?
- 2) Can a vote of censure of the Ministry
be held on the matter?

for at least 6 weeks, I should
say, when this time simply
be applied for reasons connected
with the timing of tax collection.

(2) If so, may the amount to the
District makes the tax 123
- Roof - for but tax & 10000,
instead of R 7150 - R 1000 - for
but tax & 10000 respectively?
N.B. say, all of course for tax
within these limits for different
Districts acc. to the ability
of the natives to pay.

See 73623/19 for position as to
native taxation in different
Districts of the Protectorate at present.

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with the assurance of Sir E. ...
backed by Sir ... that
the natives can earn sufficiently
be asked to pay increased taxes.
There is not the opportunity to consult
Sir E. ... who is out of England,
but I think that we must
now agree to the ...

as proposed, on the assumption
that we shall at least get
some amount of business going
before the year is out

1. Telegraph.

You tel. of the 25th is
going to amount to a notice
and issue proclamation
the pending ~~matter~~
explanation on the increase
of hut tax from R7.50

originally suggested to R(10)
[do not wish you to fix] rate
for hut tax higher than
R7.50 still send by mail
copy of proclamation with

reasons for rates which you
will desire to impart upon you
the necessity of proceeding with legislation
relating to non-union taxation as rapidly
as possible. A.C.P.

... but we may give effect to
any increase in value before
the new non-union taxation provisions
I think the best

for revenue (as a
alternative) - I do not think that
we should include the possibility of
a bill setting pending proposals
by mail, which may lose a year.
It is quite possible that in some
districts a 100 Rs 10 rate is fixed,
and the power of remission or
protection in hand cases exists.
I have suggested an alternative in
the proposed reply.

[The idea of a different arrangement
for hut & house tax is also, and
it might be considered as another
attempt to force the non-union
small native (no house tax) tax
to work for the European.]

Retention of (10) (1000)
was suggested

C.A.S. 15.5.20.

A. J. R. 15/5/20

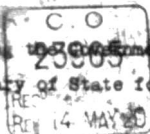
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TELEGRAM

From the Officer Administering the Government of the East
Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Dated 14th May)



(Received Colonial Office 12 noon 14th May, 1920)

286. May 14th. My telegram 1st April No.170
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