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VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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1912

Reports increase in membership. There are now insufficient rifles and ammunition. Submit recommendations with regard to the supply. The extra cost will amount to £2,281 and as nothing can be found to meet this expense from a special grant will be required.

May

Previous Paper.

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Mr. Buxton.

First to Mr. Thesiger for any
obtain which he may have to make

Recd 6/6

Mr. Thesiger

Yes. But it is difficult to see
where money is to come from this year. We shall
be heavy additional military expenditure
on the Muehan patrol.

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June 6.

J. R.
6/12

Mr. Buxton.

Previous Paper.

It must be borne in mind that the Volunteer Reserve is on a different footing from a regular constituted Volunteer force. The Volunteer Reserve except no liability for training and in order to save the Capitalist's pocket, have many to qualify in a simple military course, they are in fact a Rifle Club. With few and scattered white settlers these have been the basis on which the C.I.D. have encouraged protection to proceed, but with a comparatively large white population, such as they are now getting in East Africa and where at any rate at Nairobi and Mombasa they are concentrated, the question of whether they had not now better start a properly constituted Volunteer force is one that should be considered. The Volunteer Reserve, would do for as I can see only in the case of a war with an external power such as Germany or Abyssinia & in the case of a serious native rising in or near the adjacent areas. It has been noted that our forces are not to be organized with a view to deal with case 2 and unless this ruling is modified or reversed it is no use discussing the question. In case 2, if matters were allowed to get to such a stage, the Volunteer Reserve would undoubtedly give us a useful backing, but there

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This is hardly the case. The reserve is a part of the regular army and is not to be taken on the same footing as a separate unit. It is a part of the regular army and is not to be taken on the same footing as a separate unit.

can I think be no question that the best method is to nip in the bud any possible outbreak and prevent it assuming any proportions. This may only be done by a well trained mobile force ready to turn out at the shortest notice. In such a force to be composed of settlers would in my opinion be out of the question; it would entail a greater liability as regards preparedness and training than is fair to ask or expect. It would also mean the expenditure of a comparatively large amount in mobilization staff and transport. What I think we require is a properly thought out scheme for the Defence of E.A.P. laying down our liabilities and showing exactly how many volunteers we require and how many Volunteers or Volunteer Reserves to meet these liabilities, how much money we are prepared to spend and how it can best be expended. Sir J. Guinness has advocated a Constabulary unit and Mr. Bowring advocates Volunteer Reserves. If this question was referred to the C.I.D. it would relieve the C.O. of all responsibility and would greatly simplify the matter.

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lets give the Postmaster and my
point of view. Although I am all
for encouraging voluntary effort we
must consider the cost and it is
quite clear that any increased cost
of transport, supply by mail by reducing
our regular forces for at any rate
several years to come; this view
was fully endorsed by the C.O.C.
in the case of the Volunteer
Force in Nyasaland.

18th June 1904

~~Private~~ Sir G. Fildes

I do not think that the Colonial
Office i.e. the S. of B. would or should
~~seek~~ seek to share responsibility in this
matter. It would be an entirely new
departure. We must face our own
difficulties, however much the task may
be complicated by the serious divergence
of opinion between the Government and the
Inspector General on military questions.

In any case I do not see how the
additional expenditure of £225
proposed in his despatch could be

H. J. G. S.

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undertaken during this financial year
Mr. Baring hardly remarks ⁹³ that
nothing can be found from the military
estimates to meet this expenditure
that a special grant will be required
I know very well that the Murchison
patrol will cause a large extra on the
provision made for military expenditure
this year, and Mr. Baring is no doubt
more ^{correct} right in this ^{part of his remarks} respect than he was
aware when he wrote this despatch. But
special grants are not easily come by
we could not think of approaching the
Treasury for one in this case unless it
were clearly shown to be a matter of
vital necessity. That is not shown by the
despatch, even assuming a Volunteer
Reserve to be all that Sir P. Goswami
considers it to be.

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In addition we now have the
calling in question the usefulness of the
Reserve. Clearly the first thing to be

done with a view of the ^{other} degree of usefulness the Reserve possesses for the internal purposes of the P^o & R. The necessity of an expenditure on the Reserve is justified when this provision can be made for it.

I send Sir P. Ginnard a copy of the report of Col. Thesiger's minute, & request him to furnish me with his views as to the usefulness of the Reserve for the internal needs of the P^o & R, & the necessity of the proposed expenditure.

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June 17.

H. J. R.

17/21

I entirely agree that the Volunteer spirit of the country is being gradually worn away. If it were not for the grants in aid, the numbers would be very small. It is a pity that the Government have not taken more steps to encourage the Volunteer movement, and that we have not a more efficient system of training for the Reserve.

Exp. the policy of having the Reserve in the possession of the Volunteer. The Report 99 is intended for the Government, & is not to be used except in the most confidential manner. To me it seems all wrong (except in the part of the 79th page) as follows.

2/23 18/6

I am all for encouraging the Volunteer spirit. But Rifle Clubs in my opinion are more for hunting organizations, and have very little useful purpose. The suggestion in Col. T's minute at H. should certainly be considered.

To Sir P. Ginnard

Yours

18/6

~~Letter to Sir P. Ginnard~~

We cannot now expect assistance from Sir P. Ginnard on this subject. I would therefore send the O. G. a copy of Col. Thesiger's minute, with as in para 2 of the letter to Sir P. Ginnard on this paper, & ask (as in para 3 of that

letter for an opinion upon the usefulness
of the present Volunteer Reserve & for
observations upon Col. Menger's
suggestion of a proper Volunteer Force.

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Mr. Balfour the Sec

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From experience gained elsewhere, I am disposed to
entirely concur in the views expressed by the Hon. Secretary in his
minute of 18.6. The training is a generally popular
practice, his systematic military training is not wholly
regarded with favour. If it is possible to concentrate the
men in any extent for practical training, it seems desirable
that this should be arranged before more money is expended
on arms and ammunition.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

May 9th 1912.

No. 329

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the following points regarding the Volunteer Reserve.

2. The membership of the Reserve has increased very largely during the last few months and there is not now a sufficient number of rifles on charge to arm all those who are desirous of joining. This increase in numbers is due to the recognition of the Legion of Frontiersmen, and to the quite unexpected enthusiasm for volunteering that has suddenly broken out among all classes in the Protectorate.

3. The original number of Volunteer rifles on Protectorate charge was 500. Six of these have, for various reasons, been struck off the books and the number now available is 494. In my opinion this should be made up to 700 without delay. The 206 new rifles required will cost approximately £775 landed here.

4. In accordance with the Volunteer Reserve Ordinance, ammunition should be available as

follows:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

follows:

To each volunteer on joining 100 rounds
(to be kept intact for emergencies.)

To each volunteer for range purposes yearly (a free issue) 200

To each volunteer for range purposes on payment (if he so desires) 300

Total per volunteer 600 rounds.

In actual practice, it is found that the 300 rounds on payment are very rarely asked for, nor does the average Volunteer expend the whole of the 200 rounds free issue. Judging from our past experience, there appears to be no need to store the 300 rounds on payment at all and, it is my opinion, that the Ordinance should be amended so as to limit the right of purchase to 100 rounds only.

5. The Inspector General of the King's African Rifles advised and Sir Percy Girouard agreed that a reserve of 350 rounds per Volunteer Rifle should be maintained in the Protectorate. My present proposals regarding Volunteer ammunition are as follows:-

In possession of each Volunteer 100 rounds

With Deputy Presidents of Units
for range purposes (per Volunteer Rifle) 200

Magazine Reserve (per rifle) 350

Total per Volunteer Rifle 650 rounds

Allowing for 700 Rifles as in paragraph 3, the amount of ammunition which should be in the Protectorate on the 1st of April of

each

each year is 455,000 rounds and should be disposed of as under:-

Magazine Reserve 350 rounds per rifle	=	245,000
In possession of Individual Volunteers	=	70,000
With Deputy Presidents for range purposes	=	140,000
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Total		455,000

The few Volunteers requiring ammunition on payment could draw it from the unexpended rounds in the possession of Deputy Presidents.

6. The yearly cost of ammunition, if my scheme proves satisfactory after a trial, will be the cost of 140,000 rounds, which is approximately £875. With the ammunition now on charge and on order 185,000 additional rounds are required to bring us up to the 455,000 rounds shown above. The approximate cost will be £1,156.

7. Thus it will be seen that in order to bring the Volunteer Reserve up to strength in rifles and ammunition the sum of £1,931 is required immediately. In addition to this sum the Capitation Grant - which now stands at £350 - must be increased to £700 and a further sum of £350 will be required for this purpose at the end of the financial year.

To recapitulate:-

Required for purchase of rifles	£ 775
Required for purchase of ammunition	1156
Required for increased Capitation Grant	<u>350</u>

Total £2,281

Nothing

Nothing can be found to meet this expenditure from this year's Military Estimates, so a special grant will be required.

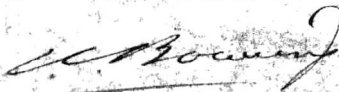
8. Although the cost of the Volunteer Reserve may appear large at the present time the movement is ^a laudable one which I think we ought ^{to} encourage in every way, as the force should in future prove a valuable asset and may eventually justify a considerable reduction in our military forces.

9. I would suggest that advantage be taken of the Inspector General, King's African Rifles' presence to discuss the matter fully.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

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Colonel Sir Percy Grouard

Kew, D.S.O. & E. & J. P. M.

25 June 1912

Sir,

I am etc. to transmit
to you, for your comment,
a copy of a dispatch
from the daily of the
Cab relating to the
Volunteer Reserve
in the P^{ts}, together
with a minute by
the Inspector General
of the R.A.R. dealing with
the subject generally.

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under daily 9 May
1723
minute by Col. Mervin. 15 June
1723

Colonel Mervin
to see

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2. As regards the
expenditure of £2281
proposed by Mr. Bowring,
I am to observe that
so far as Mr. Harcourt
can see, there is no
probability of ~~it~~
~~expenditure~~ being
undertaken during the
current financial year.
Mr. Bowring remarks
that no fund can
be found to meet it
from the military
Estimates for the year
in that the three cases
a special grant
will be required. ~~But~~
But as you are aware,
there can be no question

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of approaching the
def of the Treasury
for a special grant
unless it can be
clearly shown that
the ~~case~~ ^{object and} is a matter
of vital necessity, ~~and~~
& this does not appear
to be the case from
the present report.
There is no doubt that
~~and further, it must~~
~~be borne in mind~~
~~that~~ the merchant
patrol will ^{add} ~~cause~~
largely to ~~the~~
~~large excess over~~
~~the provisions made for~~
military expenditure
during the current year
~~the only possible~~
~~to that~~ ^{the only possible} ~~provision~~
about my savings
which must otherwise
have

have been available for
the rifles, etc., required
for the Volunteer Reserve ^{inasmuch as} from several

I. I am to request that
in replying to this letter
you will state your views
as to the usefulness
of the Volunteer Reserve
for the internal needs
of the P^o & the necessity
of the expenditure proposed
by Mr. Bowring at the

same time. It has been
suggested that you would be glad
carefully and ^{to consider} ~~to~~
your views upon the ~~question~~
~~suggested~~ ^{result in} Colonel Thesiger's

arrangement ^{in the circumstances of the S.A.P.}
it is desirable to substitute
~~of substituting~~ for the Volunteer
Reserve a properly-constituted
Volunteer Force.

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16 July 1866

Sir,
I am to enquire what
you can now furnish a
reply to the l^r. from this
Office of the 25th of June
relating to the Volunteer Reserve
of the C.A.P.

Yours
James

DRAFT.

Sir W. G. Stewart
Knt., Secy. of St.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Keenan 12/7
- Mr. Butler 12/7
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Mr. Read
Mr. Bottomley

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Read 247
- Mr. Boulton 24
- Mr. G. Fiddes 24
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Present to ask the receipt of your draft No 529 of the 9th of May in the subject of the Volunteer Reserve of the East and to transmit to you, for your convenience, a copy of a minute by the

Minute by Lt. Morgan
15 June

Belfield to see
Officers

copy of a minute by the
Lt. of the R & R.

~~on the subject~~
generally for your
~~consideration~~

I, as regards the
cost of £ 2251 which
you propose. Now to
ascertain that, so far as
I am concerned, there is no
probability of its being
undertaken during the
current financial year.
You remark that no funds
can be found to meet it
from the Military Estimates
for the year & that in these
and a special grant
would be required. There is
no doubt that the War Office
Petrol will add largely

to military expenditure
during the current year,
& this additional expense
will presumably absorb
any savings which
might otherwise have
been available for the
rifles, etc. required for
the Volunteer Reserve.

But, as you are aware,
there can be no question
of approaching the
Chief of the Treasury
for a special grant
unless it can be clearly
shown that the case
is a matter of urgent &
vital necessity, & this
does not appear to be
the case from your report.
I have to request
that

that ~~any~~ ^{with} ~~being~~ ^{the}
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~notice~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{Board}
~~Board~~ ⁱⁿ ~~his~~ ^{arrival},
and ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~sent~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{Board}

in replying to their Disps,
state his views as to the
usefulness of the Volunteer
Reserve for the internal needs
of the State & the necessity of
the ^{exp} which you have
proposed. At the same time,

I should be glad if ^{he would} ~~you~~
~~would~~ ^{consider} ~~carefully~~ ^{and}
~~submit~~ ^{his} ~~views~~ ^{opinions} upon

the suggestion made in
Col. Menegus' ~~minutes~~
that in the event of the fact,
it is desirable to substitute
for the Volunteer Reserve
a properly constituted
Volunteer Force.

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I understand
to mean that
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the papers in
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a question
be made
Beechell &
his Board
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