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RAILWAY SPECIAL EXPENDITURE
UNSPENT BALANCES 1911-12

States items are all of an urgent nature and cannot be postponed without grave inconvenience. Sends letter from the Acting Railway Manager. Cannot guarantee to find money needed from savings but expdure could be met from balances. Thinks this would be reasonable.

Mr. Ross

There can be no doubt that the expenditure should be treated as permanent expenditure. All the conditions laid down by the Treasury in their letter of 18 Nov 1910 (35257) have been fulfilled. I send copy of despatch sent to Treasury (omitting para 5th of despatch) and ask them in view of the information laid before the Committee the expenditure being laid down

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.



October 22nd 1912.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

(No. 744)



Sir.

In reply to your despatch No. 595 of the 16th ultimo relating to the revoting of unspent balances on the Railway Department Special Expenditure subheads for the financial year 1911-12 amounting to £12,988, I have the honour to report as follows:-

2. The items in connection with which this provision is required, are all of an urgent nature and cannot be postponed without grave inconvenience. Most of them represent buildings in course of construction and to suspend work upon them would entail the loss of money already laid out. The Railway estimates for the current year were framed on the supposition that these works would have been finished by March 31st last and the votes will not bear the burden, which would be imposed upon them by a refusal to revoke the expenditure still required, which of course constitutes a saving on last year's provision.

3. I attach a copy of a letter from the Acting Manager which shows how serious the situation

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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situation is from a departmental point of view.

4. I cannot guarantee that we shall be able to find the money needed either from specific or general savings this year, nor do I think that it would be equitable to expect it, but there is no doubt that it can easily be met from balances, and this would appear to be only reasonable, as the latter have been swelled to an equivalent extent by the failure to spend the amounts provided in 1911-12.

5. Moreover the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have themselves commented on the magnitude of the sums which the Protectorate holds in reserve, and would not therefore, I presume, be adverse to depleting them in the manner suggested.

I have ^{etc} the honour to be,
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway Beyiad

GOVERNOR.



21st October /12.

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Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office despatch No. 595 of the 16th September 1912 forwarded under cover of your No. 988 of the 18th. instant. The explanation invited in Para. 2. of the despatch encourages me to hope that the refusal to ~~sanction~~ sanction the revote of £18,988 unspent balance of Railway special expenditure 1911-12 may not be final, for if irrevotable, it places us in a most unfortunate position in carrying out the current year's programme.

The whole of the works under notice were in hand in a partly finished state and to have shut down and stopped all expenditure on them on 31st March 1911 would have exposed the Railway to grave inconvenience and Government to considerable loss. It is inevitable and unavoidable that in a continuous business like the working of a Railway many works shall from the nature of the case be always in progress, and some of these works from a number of causes may be delayed; material, cement, stores etc. of all sorts may very often be held up in transit; labour difficulties are common, all of which combine in delaying completion of works.

The Hon'ble
 The Chief Secretary
 to the Government.

NAIROBI.

The incomplete works in question are but examples of similar unfinished works which occur with regularity each year, and from the nature of the case I predict will always continue to recur. Hitherto they have done so and the unspent balances have been revoted and I venture to hope that a more elastic view of the case may be allowed in 1911-12.

By the refusal to revote this £12,000 unexpended capital balance so energetically prejudicial business is that if insisted on, a large proportion of the Revenue provision to meet works in 1912-13 will have to be trenched on and leaves us in a poverty stricken condition for the rest of this year. As it is, we are greatly hampered for want of funds. I look at the expedient of meeting charges incurred on estimates of a previous year from funds provided in the following as fraught with great inconvenience; more particularly so when enforced for the first time.

etc
I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. Saniford

Acting Manager,
UGANDA RAILWAY.



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The Secretary
to the
Treasury

Sir,

I am with reference to
your letter, ~~no. 16427/12~~,
of the 3rd of September, I
am directed by Mr. Secy-
Harcourt to transmit to
you, for the consideration
of the Lords Comrs of the
Treasury, a copy of a
dep.† from the Gov. of the
S.A.P. relating to the
re-voting of
unspent balances on the
Railway Department
Special Expenditure overheads
for the financial year

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- Mr. Hargreaves 26 Nov
- Mr. Read 26
- Sir G. P. Fisher
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- Mr. Harcourt

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1911-1912, amounting to
£12,988.

2. In view of the
information now supplied
Mr. Harcourt trusts that
Your Lordships will see
their way to sanction
the expenditure being met
from balances.

3. I am to request
that an early reply may
be returned to this letter
as the items in connection
with which this provision
is required are of an
urgent nature.

I am etc
Yours
H. J. Read
for the Under-Secretary of State