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Volunteer Reserve  
Region of Frontiersmen

4 apr.

Last previous Paper.

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8095

Inasmuch as official sanction has already been given for the constitution of this unit, we have no further observations to offer.

Copy to the O.A.S. for info. in  
conf: 27. W. H. B. and G. H. B.

at once  
H. J. R.  
10/IV

~~Col. Steadman~~  
~~Mr. Fairbank~~  
Mr. Butler

O.D.  
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I suppose that we must now take action as regards 3477/11. As the W.O. have taken it sitting down, perhaps it will be doing too much to do allow the ordinance -

? sanction of 13, but observe that

Butler to Col. May

Subsequent Paper

7/123

that in § 1 of the Vol. Res. Ord. 1910 should  
be the "East Africa Volunteer Reserve  
Advances 1910".

[I don't like "along with" instead of  
"as" or "with" ]

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22/4

It seems to me a great pity that this matter  
was rushed through without any reference  
having and I question very much whether  
under the Ordinance the Governor had the  
power to raise a Unit of The Legion of  
Frontiersmen which, if called out for  
service, would undoubtedly serve in one  
most important point, viz the selection of  
their own officers, under different conditions  
to those of the rest of The Volunteer  
Reserve. From para 2 of The Governor's  
Despatch of the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb he seems to be  
clearly of the opinion that this is not so,  
and that each unit would serve under  
its own elected officers. Although of course  
every consideration would naturally be  
given to the wishes of the members in  
the appointment of officers, paras 36 & 37  
of the Ordinance of Aug 1910 (28872) clearly  
lay down that the Gov. appoints them, &  
might even appoint officers not even  
belonging to the Unit. This is a very different  
thing from Units selecting their own officers,  
which is a course entirely opposed to the  
basis on which the forces throughout the  
Empire are organized and so I believe contrary

It is probable  
a misprint.  
Point it out.  
HAB

Ord. n<sup>o</sup> 7 of  
specifically for  
him the power  
HAB

\* But see  
36 of the Prin  
Ord.

I can't see the  
Ord. n<sup>o</sup> 7 of 10  
confers any special  
privilege on  
Legion of Front  
iersmen Unit in  
respect. HAB

to the practice of every civilized nation.  
 We are now placed in a somewhat awkward  
 position and one which would have  
 delighted The Pleasurers of old - For if  
 we disallow the Ordinance it will be  
 looked upon as throwing cold water on  
 the voluntary principle which of course  
 no one wishes to do, on the other  
 hand to allow the Ordinance as it  
 stands would create a most dangerous  
 precedent and one that in the future  
 will probably raise most awkward  
 questions. I would recommend taking  
 the line that we wish to encourage  
 in every way the voluntary movement  
 and fully recognize the value of such  
 men as comprise The Legion but in view  
 of the decision taken by The Government  
 in dealing with The St. of Frontiersmen it  
 must be clearly understood that  
 officers can only be appointed subject  
 to The Governor's approval in the same  
 way as other units of the Force and  
 that although there is no reason  
 against them calling themselves, The  
 Legion of Frontiersmen Unit: this  
 designation cannot be officially  
 applied (see W.O. Letter 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 8075

as well as  
 following Ord.

of 1911

W.B.

~~107~~ 4/27<sup>th</sup>  
 As I understand the matter of the  
 Legion of Frontiersmen Unit will  
 be in exactly the same position  
 as any other Unit with the

following exceptions.

- i. all its members will be members of the legion
- ii. all its members will be field service members.

The only result of these two differences will be

- i. that (subject to s. 37 of the code of 1910) the unit will always be commanded by a member of the legion
- ii. that the unit will not be confined for service to any particular district of the Protectorate.

As the units whatever their nature have the right, subject to the approval of the Governor, to elect their own officers, see s. 5, 9 & 36. And the L of 02. Unit, not less than any other unit, would have to submit to the same rules and regulations which the former part was then under s. 37. The force it may be desired, appears to command his powers under the s. rather narrowly - see para. 2 of his despatch on 10/5/10 but this makes no difference on the general question. I cannot see that the conditions with regard to election of officers under which this unit will come are in any material way different from those under which other units come. The only difference is that its members instead of being recruited from one district or a group of districts (as the latter unit) from one organization.

... in accordance with the Volunteer Reserve & subject to the terms of Ord. 100 & 101

I think the W.O. have misinterpreted the code & the Acting Comm. has no right to will to them the same of the code. C.F. 29/10

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\* himself necessarily a member of the Volunteer Reserve & subject to the terms of Ord<sup>n</sup> 1910

I think the W.O. have misunderstood the order & the Acting Comm. has reported it will be the same as the Law of the

W. G. Fiddle

I would not  
pay anything  
to the  
W.O.  
H. J. R.

I agree with Mr. Deenyson. I  
doubt whether it is worth while  
~~to make it~~ ~~worth~~ ~~while~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~the~~  
W.O. ~~some~~ <sup>any</sup> further explanations, ~~which~~  
as they do not wish in any case  
to offer further observations.

I would signify non-disallowance  
of the ord<sup>r</sup>.

H. J. R.

April 30.

H. J. R.

30/IV

To the best of my recollection the Imperial  
light horse selected its own officers and if  
after most trial they didn't give satisfaction  
they advanced to the ranks. ~~Others~~ were selected  
in their place - to the entire contentment  
of everyone including the degraded ones. And I  
don't think that that Regt. was accused of  
inofficiency.

I agree with Mr. Butler.

above  
H. J. R.

Pa. 1/5



Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to--

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.



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War Office,  
London, S.W.

20/General Number/2962. (C.I.)

4<sup>th</sup> April, 1912.

Sir,

*for 8075*

I am commanded to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, No: 8075, covering copies of correspondence which has passed between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Government of the East Africa Protectorate on the subject of the formation of a Legion of Frontiersmen unit in the East Africa Volunteer Reserve, and to inform you that inasmuch as official sanction has already been given for the constitution of this unit, the Council have no further observations to offer.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*R. W. Wade*

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

Wof 10279 East



*[Handwritten signature]*

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only

*[Handwritten mark]*

3 May 1912

MINUTE.

Sir,

- Mr. Alder 2/5
- Mr. Butler 3/3
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

(10279)

With ref. to my confidential dispatch  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> of April previous  
correspondence, I have the  
honour to inform you that  
H.M. will not be advised to  
exercise his power of  
disallowance with respect  
to the ~~proposed~~ ~~provision~~  
~~because~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~  
~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~provision~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~  
to Ordinance No. 7 of 1911  
the Legislature of the East

Pol. Manager  
to see afterwards. *[Large X mark]*

4/11/12 May 24/12



East, entitled "The  
East Africa Volunteer  
Reserve Amendment  
Ordinance, 1911"

2. I have however  
to observe that in Section  
1 the words "East  
Africa" should be  
inserted before the  
words "Volunteer Reserve  
Ordinance, 1910"; &  
that it would be an  
improvement if the  
words "as one with"  
were substituted for  
the words "along with".

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