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PRISONS' INDUSTRIES ACCOUNT

1913

26th February

Last previous Paper

D.C.A. has recently raised question of propriety of present method of disposal of monies. States practice at present in force and what D.C.A proposes and recommends adherence to the former.

W. H. B. B. B.

in the first instance send this to the D.C.A. for his opinion.

Accd 24/3/13

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It is not so much that I object to the existing rules regarding sale of Prisons' Industries Account as that I have considered myself bound to agree to its continuance until the committee of the House of Commons report on the subject of the sale of the Prisons' Industries Account. I have been informed that the House of Commons have decided to refer the subject to a committee of the House of Commons.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

February 26th, 1913.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that the Director of Colonial Audit has recently raised the question of the propriety of the present method of disposal of the monies received from the "Prisons' Industries Account".

2. These earnings have for some years been recorded in a Suspense account, whereas Mr. Stephenson is of opinion that in accordance with the provisions of Colonial (Office) Regulation 307, the whole of such receipts and payments should in the absence of special sanction to the contrary be accounted for to the Treasurer, and their total amounts exhibited in his monthly and annual accounts, and therefore in the Protectorate estimates.

3. Apart from the disadvantages which would accrue from the adoption of this course, owing to the operation of the half-and-half principle,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

principle, sound reasons have existed for the continuance of the present method. The Suspense account has now worked very satisfactorily for some years, during which the scheme for the establishment of Prisons' Industries has been on its trial, and as the strict observance of the Regulation referred to would be well nigh impracticable, and certainly undesirable so long as provision for any fresh expenditure is contingent on the reduction of present expenditure or on an increase of revenue to double the amount, I have the honour to recommend adherence to the present system and to request your sanction to the relaxation of Colonial (Office) Regulation 307.

4. I may add that it has recently been decided to curtail in some considerable degree the scope of Prisons' Industries at Nairobi Gaol: as far therefore as that institution is concerned the Suspense account will henceforth be of a restricted nature, but as it is not contemplated to extend this curtailment to Mombasa Gaol, it will still be necessary to keep open a Suspense account in order that the profit and loss may be accurately ascertained.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your humble, obedient servant,

[Handwritten Signature]
 on the behalf of the
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DEAR

Mr. Conway Belfield.

Yours

28 March 1913.

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Mr. P. J. ...
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Hi,
Please be known to all: the receipt of Mr. Pownings' Disb. No. 128 of the 26th of Feb. as to the property of the present method of disposal of the monies received from the 'Misses' Industries Account'.
I have consulted the D.C.A. in this matter and in view of the credit obtained in Mr. Pownings' Disb.