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For Governor

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DEATH OF CAPT AYMER

The copies of further reports received from the Northern Frontier District.

Last previous Paper.

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See also ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{report}
Asks: may that Mr. Harcourt
has noted with pleasure & terms
& which Capt. Bennett refers to the
falling of the troops under very
trying conditions - send copy of
concep^t to the G.O. for info?

I do not think that it is necessary
to say anything more to Col. Dykes.
Capt. Bennett says that he has written
to Mr. Dykes.

See the marked passages on last
page of one.

Capt. ~~Wendell~~ ^{Wendell} H. J. R.
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Governor that as from the
1st of April next the Central
Government is to be
yearly
of the Govt's finances will
pass from the Treasury
to this Dept. & that
future budgets may be
framed on the lines
indicated above.

6. In order that a
reply may be sent to
Mr. Gunning's dispatch on
this subject as soon as
possible, I am to request
that an early answer
may be returned to
this letter.

Yours etc

For the Secretary of State

for special expenditure.
As regards loan charges,
there should be no difficulty
~~whatever~~ in meeting from
the revenues of the P^{te}
the interest & sinking fund
charges on the loans which
have been ^{already} made. It has
happened, however, for various public
works, ~~that the debt~~
~~charges on the Uganda Railway~~
~~are being paid off by~~
~~assessments levied from~~
~~the P^{te} revenues, so that~~
~~the ^{in the} ~~possibility~~ of the P^{te} finances~~
~~be ~~not~~ in any way affected~~
~~the payment of these~~
~~charges.~~

In this case, however,
it is of the opinion that the P^{te}
should not be regarded
as self-supporting ~~when~~
~~other~~

the self-supporting Colonies
P^{te} should be allowed to
frame its budget in the
ordinary way, subject to the
maintenance of a reserve
fund which he considers
should for ~~some~~ ^{some} years to
come be fixed at not
less than £50,000. 169

5th of ~~the~~ ^{the} P^{te} is no
prospect of the P^{te} having
to ask further financial
assistance in the form of
grants-in-aid from Imperial
funds. There is no adequate
reason, so far as his Honor
is aware, for continuing
the present practice of
submitting the P^{te} Est^s
for the consideration & approval
of the L^d of the Treasury,
& subject to their concurrence,
he proposes to refer the
Governor

preparing the Est. to provide for expenditure up to the full amount of the estimated revenue for the year.

3. To appreciate the ~~beneficial~~ ^{steady} improvement which has been effected in the financial position of the Est. since its administration ^{by the Dept.} ~~was entrusted~~

to the S. of the ~~fact~~, it appears to permit the fact that whereas the grant in aid for the year 1905-6 was no less than £214,000, no grant in aid at all has been required for the last two years to meet expenditure connected with the ordinary ~~services~~ ^{services} of the Est. ~~to suppose that any~~

any set-back is likely to be experienced in the ^{year} 1908-9 of this country which ~~would~~ ^{will} make it necessary to ~~reconsider~~ ^{reconsider} have ~~reconsidered~~ ^{reconsidered} the ~~grant~~ ^{grant}

It is true that a special grant of £20,000 was made from Imperial funds for the expenditure last year, but it is not probable that the Est. will not be disposed to depart in the future year from the altitude which they have taken up in this year's estimate as regards ^{particular} this expenditure, in which case it will appear that no further grants will have to be made to the Est. ~~from~~ ^{from} by Parliament either for ordinary or ^{extraordinary}

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The Com. of the Treasury

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- Mr. Peel 16/13
- Mr. Add. 15
- Mr. Lambert 18/13
- Sir G. Fiddes 18
- Sir H. J. J. 18
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- Mr. Harcourt

Li. 20 August 43.

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to forward to you for the Com. of the T. C. of the Treasury a copy of a despatch from the Secy. Gen. of the Est. relating to the preparation of the Est. for the financial year 1914-15.

It will be seen that the suggestion that, as an alternative to the "half-way" principle on which the Est. have hitherto been framed, the Secy. Gen. should be permitted in future when

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Estimates

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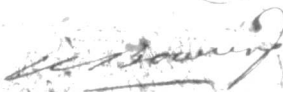
especially on personal emoluments, would not be increased in any year to such an extent as might tend to cause difficulties in future years should there, for any reason, be a decrease in Revenue.

4. I should be glad if your decision on this point could be communicated to me at as early a date as convenient, for the reason that the 1914-15 estimates will before long be coming up for consideration locally.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,


In the absence of the
GOVERNOR

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In the name of the
GOVERNMENT



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

July 9th 1913.

No. 525

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that it has already become apparent that when the estimates for the year 1914-15 come up for consideration it will be found that the application of the modified "half and half" principle will have the effect of producing a budget showing a considerable surplus. In other words the increase in the Revenue will be appreciably more than twice the amount of the deficit on the estimates for the current year.

2. I have the honour to enquire whether the "half and half" principle is to be maintained under these circumstances. The effect of doing so would be to add each year to our accumulated balances one half of the increase in Revenue over the previous year.

3. The alternative would appear to be to abandon the principle which has guided us in the preparation of our estimates during the past few years and to prepare budgets providing expenditure up to the full amount of the estimated Revenue. Care would be taken that recurrent expenditure, especially

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ordinary way, but as Africa is full
of unpleasant surprises I think that
we should insist on a Reserve of (say)
£50,000 being maintained at any
rate for some time to come.

There seems to be no reason why the
Estimate should be referred to the
House in future, the debt charges
on the Uganda R^o are not being
found from the revenue of its Port^o
but are being paid off by committee &
the prosperity or otherwise of the Port^o
does not affect the question. I gathered
in conversation with Mr. Robinson of this
House that he concurred in this view.

Send copy of this despatch to the
House & write on the same of
the foregoing.

I agree
H. J. R.
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14.8.13

And?
H. 15.8.13