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Last previous Paper

17196/109

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT  
UNALLOCATED STORES

Submits report on amount of unallocated stores during last financial year. Suggests £75,000 be fixed as limit for amount of stores in stock.

W. Road  
J. P. Stephenson

The estimate in P. W. Extraordinary has given as follows -

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| 1909-10 | £34,684 | ] - method of grouping P.W. estimates varied. |
| 1910-11 | 30,455  |   |
| 1911-12 | 38,567  |   |
| 1912-13 | 46,814  |   |
| 1913-14 | 65,551  |   |
| 1914-15 | 105,989 |   |

In the view there could never be a good reason for increasing the permissible balance beyond the £40,000 fixed in 1909.

But there can be no doubt that £75,000 represents a good deal more than the six months reserve contemplated in 1913/14. In addition to the £106,000 P.W. (of which a great amount must represent labour) but in the only about £7000 from the P.W. & R.W. Recurrent loss can be for stores.

vertical text on left margin: since 500,000 cons. 28 Aug. 14  
you recorded 100 31 Dec. 10 95

Subsequent Paper

13515/15

Now, if the amount of purchase for  
the stores for loan work is <sup>as far as</sup>  
materially less than included  
they are sure that loan work stores  
should be excluded from the general  
account, but if they are to be included  
a very elastic limit must be set.

I agree  
B.N.  
1/11/14

The S.P.O. & the Governor seem to  
think that it doesn't matter how  
much the maximum is exceeded  
during the year so long as there is no  
excess <sup>at the end of</sup> during the year. Surely  
this is wrong?

I agree  
B.N.  
1/11/14

Included & included to lay down a  
maximum of £60,000 at any time,  
exclusive of loan <sup>work</sup> stores, & to ask for  
a statement of the position of the balance  
at the end of each month since April  
1913. [We shall then know the  
maximum figures, which ought in  
theory to be very small about the  
time when the stores under new  
contracts began to come in.]

I agree? Proceed as proposed

W.C.F. 6/8/14

B.N.  
1/11/14

at once  
H. J. R.  
18/8/14

Remind to  
W.C.F. 9.2.15 at once

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 680

JULY 1909.

28506

Sir,

*Recd  
12/13/09*

I have the honour to refer to your predecessor's despatch No. 268 of the 18th of May 1909 and to inform you that the Director of Public Works has reported that the amount of unallocated stores on hand at the end of the last financial year was approximately £47,000 or £7,000 more than the amount specified as admissible in the despatch under reference.

2. Mr. MacGregor Ross states that the stores of various descriptions which were on hand at the end of last year were not in excess of requirements, but that a portion of the stores ordered for the present year arrived in the Protectorate more quickly than usual and was thus included amongst those on hand last year.

3. It was very necessary that work on new Government

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
HENRY CHARCLOTT, F.C., F.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, W.

Government, but allows shortly the material to be loaned after the beginning of next April, as possible. It was also very doubtful whether these houses could be built by contract and therefore desirable that material should be ready to hand to commence the works in the event of contractors failing to tender or being unable to procure in the local market the materials required for construction.

4. Mr. Ross further points out that the highest total yet reached in this respect was in October, 1910 when the value of the stores amounted to £178,684. The extent of the increase of work which the Public Works Department has to undertake at the present time is very considerably in excess of the programme when the limit of £10,000 was fixed in 1909 and it is clear that further considerable enhancement must occur when expenditure of loan funds commences.

5. The Director of Public Works has urged that the limit be raised, as I consider it essential that he should be placed in a position to undertake new works promptly at the commencement of each financial year, I suggest, in support of his request, that the amount be fixed at £75,000 for the present, and trust that you will approve this proposal.

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

*A. G. B. B. B.*  
GOVERNOR

Govt 28608/1914  
E.A.P.  
W

28 August, 1914

Ans'd 13515/15

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge  
the receipt of your despatch  
No. 666 of the 10<sup>th</sup> of July,  
~~and to inform you that~~ on  
the subject of unallocated  
stores on hand in the

DRAFT.

E.A.P.  
No 806

for Sir W.C. Belfield

MINUTE.

- Mr. ~~Keppel~~ 19/8/14
- Mr. ~~Bottomley~~ 27.8.14
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Frides.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

P.W.D

2. I recognize that the <sup>present</sup> ~~exception~~  
~~I regret that I am~~  
of the work of the P.W Dept. during the  
~~not able to approve of~~  
last few years accretions a virtual  
the ~~maximum limit~~ being  
increase in the amount of <sup>allocated</sup>  
raised to £75,000 but  
store, and it

I am prepared to  
agree to <sup>the</sup> ~~an~~ maximum  
of the stores on hand at any time being raised to  
£60,000, at any time

W.C.B.

exclusive of stores for  
loan works, which will be the  
subject of a separate account.

I have to request

that you will furnish me  
with a statement showing  
the <sup>amount</sup> position of the balance  
at the end of each  
month since the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
April 1913.

You will observe that  
this figure of £60,000 is  
referred to the nominal  
limit of any store. The  
fact that the value of the  
<sup>stores</sup> stores allowed to  
amount to £75,000 in  
Oct. 1913 leads me to  
suppose that a serious  
misapprehension may be  
entertained as to the  
limitation  
of the expenditure and  
that no longer the value  
of the stores on hand at  
the end of the previous  
year. The Board of Examiners  
presented  
the plan and the B.P.W.  
considered it necessary to  
referred to the fact that  
that is explained that other  
- from the Board of Examiners  
3. If there is any apprehension  
recognition  
costs if should at once  
be removed; and I  
should be glad if

(Signed) J. H. ...