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Mr. Belfield Conf 140

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Last previous Paper.

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Administration of H. Frontier District, Taland, & Jubaland

Had to note general approval. Submit further report as to (1) recruitment of additional troops, (2) Communications, (3) roads (4) animal transport, (5) rifles, ammunition &c. (6) Juba River transport, & (7) financial arrangements. No objection to increasing salary proposed for officers in charge

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And Conf cars }  
To all Conf - copyative and - 25 Nov 14 45855

Col. H. J. R. Fielder

Will you please, make any remarks that you wish, especially as regards paragraphs 4, 6, 7, & pass on the papers to Mr. D. Stowley.

Para 3. See action as to Somali's proposed on C/7 24/6/14 herewith

Para 7. Capt. Barrett, from what we know of him, should (I think) be able to run the Coastguard satisfactorily.

Yes? H. J. R. | ? approve recommendation

Para 9. The war exp<sup>ts</sup> will, I fear, be a heavy drain on Col Barrett's balances, but I don't see whether it wd be wise to refer

Next subsequent Paper

See Wireless 4420 for 31173 (Addl Kalk) Nyasa

90/3/113 (Lund)

carrying out the proposals approved  
on 20/2 08/11. In any case we  
shall not be able to do so very much  
this year: the crop is sure to be  
spread over some considerable  
period.

Para 10. Letter from C.O. / 24113/11a  
that <sup>(the)</sup> ~~the~~ appt. of Chief Civil  
Comm. of N.F.D. is to be  
reconsidered at the beginning  
of October. In view of the  
situation in Abyssinia it seems  
desirable not to delay the  
appt. longer than is absolutely  
necessary.

Accel 17/9/11a

Would you kindly place on record also  
the result of your interview with  
the C.S. as to  $\frac{w}{t}$  in N.F.D. - see  
letter to C.A. 3 Aug. or 20/8/11a.

Mr. B. Rowley  
Mr. Read

Accel

Para 3. The Govt can now be given the data which  
we have as to recruiting the additional  
troops and should proceed to obtain them  
as soon as he is in a position to make  
the necessary arrangements.

Para 4. ? express a hope that the existing  
abnormal conditions are all pretty  
relating to the improvement of communications  
as to Jowti, it is certain to be an important  
military centre and possibly the H.Q. of the  
Sudelayn Troops. Colonel Peckham with

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the Govt from  
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5<sup>th</sup> level  
being with  
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What? The and it is to him to for? shall  
look for such design or advice as  
his 50 troops and all to the 19.

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para 5. I have heard in Adj. Staff  
and this time the new counter office in  
Southern Abyssinia should be informed  
that the requirements in arms are  
likely to be considerably increased in  
the near future, so that the way was  
then persuasive powers with the  
Abyssinian authorities to let them do  
when the time comes.

para 6. I think that the police might use  
the 300 rifles which are now becoming  
available & that the matter of supplying  
bajajine rifles be left in Abyssinia until  
we are sure that the police have  
sufficient training and fire control  
adequate to warrant their being armed  
with a magazine rifle - it would be  
readiness to give them such a weapon  
at the present moment -

para 7. I suspect, judging from what  
I have heard, that Captain Dewett is  
the best available <sup>man</sup> at present to command  
the Constabulary - He is impulsive & will  
probably require the strategic influence  
of the senior administrator of the district in

to be left  
undoubtedly  
H. J. R.

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the for? to do?  
H. J. R.

Certainly  
H. J. R.

on p. 1  
H. J. R.

from the appointed  
para 8. The Gov? does not seem to realize  
that he has certainly one of the two officials  
in the Uganda Railway Steamers Service  
competent to give advice as to river transport.  
It seems to me to be most important  
that all river, and perhaps lake, & steamer  
services should be under some one  
department with experts in it. As it is  
any other official, myself included, who  
happens to go up or down a river and is  
asked for advice on a very technical  
matter - such advice is little or  
no good & perhaps harmful - it usually  
belongs to the post-ponement of action -  
para 9. It is not for me to say so, but it  
seems hard if any war expenses are to  
be debited to the P.M., and a thousand  
pounds if they necessary military  
and administrative re-organization  
and repairs are to be delayed  
or curtailed -

para 10. It is clear that the Gov? places  
great stress on the necessity for this  
official - he evidently feels that he himself  
has not the knowledge - which must be  
close and first-hand, particularly with the  
many questions which are arising both East  
of the Tana.

Ad. H. 17.8.14

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Mr. Reed

Re  $\frac{w}{T}$  I had a consultation with Mr. Preece and described to him the country and the difficulties of transport in B.E.A.

He was of opinion that 1 1/2 kw stations would be sufficient and came to the conclusion that a rough estimate might be based on £3000 per station with a recurring expenditure of £2500 ~~per station~~ for six stations.

He thought a liberal estimate. He suggested that the CO. ask his firm to prepare a report on the subject.

The question - of course was one for experts. Mr. Preece thought the source of the expert was creating the hydrocarbon plant might be utilized for these smaller stations.

W. Reed  
along with 17.12.14

Do this?  
H. J. R.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

CONFIDENTIAL No. 140.

August 4th, 1914.

Sir,

*20665*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 3rd ultimo and note with great satisfaction that you approve generally of the recommendations put forward in my Confidential despatch No. 90 of May 8th with the object of establishing the future administration of the Northern Frontier District, Tanaland and Jubaland on a sound basis.

2. I have consulted the Acting Chief Secretary, the Acting Treasurer and the military authorities as to the measures which can be taken forthwith to give effect to the various proposals and as a result of our discussion would make the following observations.

AS

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

3. As regards the recruitment of the additional troops which will now be required I am advised that no adequate local sources exist from which they can be obtained and I propose therefore to await the further information which I shall doubtless receive in due course as a result of the enquiries which you have addressed to the authorities at Adis Ababa, Aden and Berbera. In the meanwhile I have instructed the Officer Commanding the Troops to prepare indents for the necessary arms, ammunition and equipment on the lines laid down by the Inspector General, King's African Rifles, in his memorandum of the 15th April 1914.

4. So far as communications are concerned sums of £3,830 and £5,650 are provided in the current year's estimates for Northern Frontier District Transport and Captain Meave is organizing the necessary services required and is at present paying special attention to the Nyeri-Archer's Post-Wajheir-Moyale route.

In Jubaland the Director of Public Works has been instructed to take immediate steps to complete the Kismayu-Gobwen road for motor lorry transport and to carry out a reconnaissance for its continuation to Yonte in case the Jubaland Military Detachment is to be stationed there. This is a point on which the Inspector

General

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General has not as yet expressed a final opinion and I should be glad if an early decision could be arrived at and communicated to me.

5. With reference to paragraph 5 (1) of your despatch my information respecting the class of animal most suitable for mounting the Constabulary is not as yet complete and I propose to consult Captain Barrett, who will be arriving shortly, on this point. The Consular Officer whom it is proposed to appoint in Southern Abyssinia will doubtless be able to render material assistance in obtaining the mounts required.

6. As regards rifles I am advised by the Officer Commanding the Troops that some 300 will be available towards the end of the year when the new armament for the King's African Rifles arrives. These according to Mr. Hope's estimate should suffice for present purposes unless it is decided that the force should be armed with magazine rifles, as proposed by Mr. Theisger. I am personally of opinion that this might be deferred for the present but if the Inspector General considers it essential I should like to be informed as soon as possible in order

that



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that the necessary indent may be submitted:

7. I would recommend that Captain Barrett be placed in charge of the Constabulary and propose to instruct him immediately on his return to prepare indents for ammunition, clothing and equipment.

8. In connection with the Juba River Transport, vide paragraph 6 of your despatch, I am consulting the Port Officer as to the most suitable class of vessel and I also propose to take advantage of the Admiral's approaching visit to ask him whether he can advise me on the subject or depute one of his officers to do so. I will submit indents when I am in possession of the necessary information.

9. As regards the financial aspect of the proposed arrangements it is as yet too early to forecast with any degree of accuracy how far it will be possible to meet special expenditure from current revenue. It is not however my intention to recommend that any part of our surplus balances be trenched upon unless I find that the necessary charges cannot be entirely defrayed from revenue without decreasing expenditure imperatively required in connection with the more closely administered

administered districts, which ought not in my opinion to be made to suffer for such a purpose. You may rest assured that every effort will be made to meet all recurrent expenditure from revenue.

10. In conclusion there is one point to which I would wish to refer. The salary of £1,000 per annum for the officer-in-Charge is a more or less tentative suggestion and should it be necessary to offer more in order to attract a suitable candidate I should not have the slightest objection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*A. Conway Bejised*

GOVERNOR.

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Gen. Sir W. C. Balfour

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- Mr. A.C.P. 27/9/14
- Mr. Bottomley 28/9/14
- Mr. Read 28
- Mr.
- X Sir G. Fiddes 28
- Sir H. Just.
- X Sir J. Anderson 28
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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*[Large handwritten flourish]*

Mr. Balfour has received an receipt of your conf. disp. no. 160 of the 4<sup>th</sup> of August on the subject of the future administration of the Northern Frontier District, Somaliland & Jubaland.

2. In reply I have to offer the following views:-

Para 3. I have not yet received information from the authorities at Adis Abeba ~~re~~ as to the possibility of arranging



in the Uganda Railway Marine,  
which would be competent  
to advise you as to means  
to transport in Jubaland as  
well as the Post Office at  
Mombasa. It would seem to  
be desirable that the river  
services <sup>of the port</sup> should be controlled  
by one department in which  
there are experts who have  
the necessary technical know-

ledge & experience to ensure  
satisfactory maintenance of  
services. I should  
be glad if you will give this  
matter your consideration.

Para 10. I have not yet  
selected an officer for the  
post of Chief ~~Com~~ Commissioner  
of the N. F. D., but I hope  
to do so shortly.

PM 30 Sept 1914

Ans'd 44237

S. J. Anderson

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- Mr. Harcourt.

With ref. to the letter from this Dept.  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August (No. 20665/14)  
on the subject of wireless telegraph  
stations in Jubaland & the  
Northern Frontier District of the  
East, I am etc. to inf.  
you that Colonel Haskins has  
discussed the question with  
the C. E., & to request  
that you will now ask  
the C. E. to prepare a  
report on the subject based  
on

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on the inf<sup>n</sup> supplied by  
Col. Watkins.

2. The report should  
of course include as  
close an estimate as  
possible of the capital  
& recurrent expenditure  
involved.

3. It is desirable  
that this matter should  
be dealt with <sup>at an</sup> ~~as soon~~  
~~as possible~~ early date.