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Governor Belfield 853

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HOUSE ALLOWANCES

Submits proposals as to allowance for officers residing in their own houses.

Mr B. B. B. B. Mr S. F. F. F.

The decision that the rate of house allowance should be fixed in accordance with the reasonable value of quarters was made in an despatch of 6 Sept. in A.G./28276/09.

The rule has already been modified by the despatch of 24.8.13 approving the recommendation that the minimum rate should be £40 (see 2142/13) - in some cases only £30 was drawn.

The Gov. here points out that the decision of 6 Sept 09 penalizes the man who builds his own house in some cases, as, if the officer drawing an "allowance in lieu of quarters" (i.e. was renting quarters ~~in~~ or staying at an hotel) he would receive a larger allowance.

E.g. Under the present rule house allowance for a Class I Officer drawing salary at £400 is £40 (see sec. 285 of Code annexed) whereas an allowance in lieu of quarters for all

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all Class I Officers in Lbs (see sec 190 of Code annexed)

The Govt recommended therefore that the rates of House Allowance should be the same as rates of Allowance in lieu of Quarters.

Class I Officers Lbs 100 }  
" " " " Lbs 400 }

The Govt has been granting House Allowance at the above rates by an arrangement, and the arrangement under legislation is irregular practice.

I think that the proposal is fair and that we may approve, but the amendment should cancel the ruling made in our Dep. on 28/7/19, and not sec 191 of the Code, which we do not recognize as an official document, as we do not undertake to review it and authority for the various rules is not quibbled.

I acknowledge and say that the Govt approves the proposal to make the rates of house allow the same as the rates of allow in lieu of quarters, or instead of equivalent to, condition that the value of quarters

In pension purposes as laid down in (28/7/19) Dep. of 6 Feb 19, on the understanding that the value of quarters for pension purposes is not affected.

H. F. D. 3.11.14

I am not sure that the Govt is right in saying that the man who hires a horse and wife, or the man who builds a house should be treated alike. Usually a man hires a horse for economy's sake.

There can however be no doubt that officers  
help to solve the general housing problem  
in this way & we may agree or propose?

W.C.D.

3/11/14

H. J. R.

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W.C.D. 7.11.14

*See also  
M/S  
of 11/13 Ref*

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 858.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

September 26th, 1914.

Sir,

*See  
2142  
B-1  
34894  
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I have the honour to refer to my despatches Nos. 994 of December 23rd 1913 and 732 of the 4th ultimo respecting the allowances payable to European officers residing in their own houses and to amplify to some extent the recommendations made in the former despatch with a view to the establishment of a general principle governing all such cases.

2. Under the existing Regulations, vide Government Code Chapter V Miscellaneous Nos. 190 and 191, it is laid down that 1st class European officers entitled to quarters may be paid house allowance at the rate of £60 per annum irrespective of salary, whereas, if they occupy their own houses they can only receive an allowance,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

allowance, which is, though not stated to be so, calculated on the value of quarters for pension purposes, i.e. a sliding scale varying from 140 to 180. As a matter of fact no officer on a salary of more than 1700 per annum is residing in his own house, so that in no case is more than 160 per annum being paid, but in several cases officers drawing less than 1500 per annum are occupying their own residences and are therefore entitled to 140 or 150 only instead of the 160 which they would receive if they were renting quarters.

3. I would submit that it is undesirable to penalize officers who build their own houses. It is a practice which I should like to encourage as it relieves Government of a large amount of capital expenditure and makes it easier to arrange for the accommodation of the staff. Moreover the existing arrangement as laid down by regulation appears to me to be anomalous, as there would seem to be no reason why an officer living in a hotel or in a rented house should be more literally treated than one who erects his own residence.

4. I would therefore recommend that Section 191 be amended to read as follows:-

"European



the necessity for exacting refunds from  
officers who will bitterly resent having to  
make them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*A. Comar, B. S. J. S.*

GOVERNOR.

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12 November 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your despatch No. 53  
of the 26 of Sept. and  
to inform you that I  
approve of your  
proposal to make  
the rates of house  
allowance <sup>in</sup> to  
officials occupying  
their own houses the  
same as the rates of  
allowances in lieu  
of

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C.A.P.

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For Sir H. J. Austen

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Mr. H. J. Austen 9/11/14

Mr. Bottomley 9/11/14

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Sir G. Fildes.

Sir H. J. Aust.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott - Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.



quarters, instead of their being  
equivalent to the value  
of quarters for pension  
purposes as laid down  
in Lord Jeffrey's despatch

No. 535 of the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sept  
1909.

2. It must be  
understood that the  
value of quarters for  
pension purposes will  
not be affected.

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(sd) L. H. H. H. H.