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Previous Paper.

INCREASE OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Propose to provide for an increase of
 January and our Assistant Secy. Mr. H.
 P. Charles. States Secy. Sends Statement
 in connection of ... and poll taxes.

Est. Budget

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 in the ...
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 cannot guarantee that ... will
 be able to reassemble the ...
 of these efforts until he has considered
 the Est. as a whole or that
 the C. E. will sanction

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 This was also been a case that I would
 send a copy of the despatch to the enclosure.

Subsequent Paper

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the Treasury, & ask them to approve, subject
of course to the Estimates complying with
the half & half principle.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

September 2nd 1911.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 489

(Incl 11)

SIR,

I propose with your approval to make provision for the increase of two District Commissioners and four Assistant District Commissioners in the estimates for 1912-13. With the rapid opening up of the country the present administrative staff is not sufficient to cope with the increasing work and I am often at a loss to find an officer to fill the vacancies caused by leave, sickness or any special duty which may occur. Several stations are undermanned and at stations like Turko and Ngobotok, I am unable to post more than one officer - and generally only one Assistant District Commissioner - though owing to the size of the districts and to the distance which separates them from the main railway it is most important that two officers should be permanently stationed at such posts. Other districts in which there is only one officer are Lamu, Shabani and Rayno and this necessitates either closing the station altogether when the officer in charge visits in his district or leaving the district un-supervised.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

LEWIS H. BOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

Three Assistant District Commissioners are permanently seconded for other work, one as Quarantine Magistrate, a second as Secretary to the Quarantine Board and a third as Labour Inspecting Officer. With the commencement of the Uganda Railway and the Works at Kibindini I am of opinion that it will be necessary to increase the number of Labour Inspecting Officers and as it is better to appoint for this work officers of the Administration whose previous work has proved them to be qualified for these posts, rather than men fresh from home, I prefer to include these officers under the ordinary administrative staff. Calls are also made upon the administrative staff such as one of the Magistrates, the Chief or some or least, or to assist such officers as the Administrator General, the Registrar of Slaves, etc.

I enclose herewith for your information a comparative statement of the hut and poll tax collected during the past three years from which you will observe that taken as a whole there has been a very large increase. We have not yet reached the maximum amount to be collected and large numbers of natives still evade payment of their taxes. It is only by increasing the staff that we can hope to work out the census and assess the amount of taxes due from the various tribes. When it is remembered that in a district like North Kavirondo, where on 50,000 is collected in hut tax alone by a District Commissioner with one or at two outside the Assistants, it will be realised that these officers find it difficult to attend to the multifarious duties connected with their

offices

Three Assistant District Commissioners are permanently seconded for other work, one as Quarantine Magistrate, a second as Secretary to the Quarantine Board and a third as Labour Inspecting Officer. With the commencement of the Mombasa Railway and the Works at Kilindini I am of opinion that it will be necessary to increase the number of Labour Inspecting Officers and as it is better to appoint for this work officers of the Administration whose previous work has proved them to be qualified for these posts, rather than men fresh from home, I prefer to include these officers under the ordinary administrative staff. Calls are also frequently made upon the administrative staff such as one of the Magistrates, the Inspector of Taxes, or to assist such officers as the Administrator General, the Registrar of Slaves, etc.

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offices and are unable properly to supervise the native courts, the growth of economic problems of the numerous questions which arise between employer and employee.

3. I have no hesitation in saying that the staff asked for will more than pay for itself by the increase of revenue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

Robert
ROBERTSON.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF LOT AND POLL TAX COLLECTED UNDER DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR
1908-09, 1909-10, 1910-11.

	1908-09	1909-10	1910-11
<u>Province of Seydlie</u>			
<u>Womaha District</u>	15,744. 00	12,471. 00	23,435. 00
<u>Rural</u>	15,744. 00	25,255. 80	38,573. 00
<u>Payola</u>	5,451. 00	5,712. 00	6,462. 00
<u>Marate</u>	21,287. 50	20,004. 00	25,219. 00
<u>Langa</u>	43,863. 10	11,958. 10	18,479. 00
<u>Matindi</u>	52,008. 00	47,359. 80	60,550. 06
<u>Transvaal Nomalisa</u>		11. 00	135,019. 70
<u>Wanda By. Luno-Seydlie</u>			1,077. 00
<u>Province of Finsland</u>			168,837. 00
<u>Lambi</u>	31,286. 04	2,185. 29	23,411. 00
<u>Tiga River</u>	12,072. 00	13,011. 75	13,087. 00
<u>Province of Nubaland</u>			
<u>Si-Swaha</u>	3,738. 42	6,411. 38	6,401. 00
<u>Yomo</u>	343. 24	1,207. 83	
<u>Woron</u>	2,474. 24	4,920. 15	6,733. 24
<u>Waba</u>	5,001. 00	7,338. 66	7,131. 00
	11,501. 87	15,770. 99	18,371. 60
<u>Province of Wamba</u>			
<u>Mitfoni</u>	5,541. 80	9,053. 80	12,861. 15
<u>Sachauz</u>	84,951. 00	102,830. 80	131,285. 50
<u>Mini</u>	71,427. 46	83,937. 98	98,721. 11
<u>Wamba</u>	60,474. 15	58,185. 25	97,748. 75
	225,704. 21	259,007. 83	340,628. 81
<u>Province of South</u>			
<u>Fort Hall</u>	243,283. 14	233,030. 25	234,532. 56
<u>Yeri</u>	92,878. 20	94,100. 60	104,210. 70
<u>Wan</u>	50,076. 77	75,040. 16	91,068. 35
	416,238. 20	408,170. 10	429,811. 61
Carried forward	827,435. 01	851,143. 60	1,161,020. 60

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF HUT AND POLL TAX COLLECTED UNDER DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR
1908-09, 1909-10, 1910-11.

	1908-09	1909-10	1910-11
Drought forward	827,435.01	851,143.00	1,164,023.00
<u>Province of Natvasha</u>			
Natvasha	729.00	768.90	2,670.00
Dioma Baying	3,571.51	8,616.42	11,357.00
Paringo	9,860.85	8,585.10	10,903.50
Bumirafi	9,310.80	8,923.50	9,297.30
Seong	7,270.10	6,681.00	10,910.40
Nakuch	-	2,970.00	321.00
Lasin Gishu	-	29,100.76	36,547.02
Actio	-	-	861.80
<u>Province of Nyansa (Gishu)</u>			
Gishu	102,450.63	216,201.00	228,989.00
Muing	138,435.23	207,294.00	364,304.00
Kericha	18,870.99	37,212.00	17,574.00
Nandi	17,009.79	25,173.00	28,995.00
Ell	121,780.55	564,453.10	221,580.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>11,21,288.06</u>	<u>15,96,451.53</u>	<u>20,13,001.00</u>
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- Mr. Anderson
- Mr. Butler
- Mr. Fiddes
- Sir H. Jast
- Sir L. Lucas
- Sir J. Anderson
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Houghton

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A proposed increase in
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