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November 24th, 1911.

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 858

(Inc. 6)

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of correspondence which has passed between the Local Auditor and the treasurer on the subject of subsistence allowances formerly paid to officers employed by the Crown under second class agreements. The amount of such allowances which amounts shortly to £1,000 per annum including expenses include allowance for the Director of Colonial Administration on the subject of his private answer to the Local Auditor's report on the subject of the allowances and the consequent amount to be submitted for the Local Auditor's ruling. It has been pointed out that there is a distinction between Local Auditor's allowances and such allowances as recognized in Colonial Office regulation No. 234. It has further been the practice in this Protectorate since the Government assumed control from the Imperial British East Africa Company to pay subsistence allowances to

HONOURABLE
MR. HARGREAVES, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON S.W.

to all officials travelling on duty, irrespective of whether they were on the permanent and pensionable or temporary establishment, unless it was expressly stated in the terms of their appointments that such allowances were not to be paid, as in the case of officers of the King's African Rifles and of the Trigonometrical and Topographical Branch of the Survey Department; and the mere fact that it is generally stipulated that these officers are not to receive subsistence allowance when travelling makes it reasonable to surmise that the practice of paying such allowances to other officers is in order.

2. A somewhat similar query in the present one was raised by the Audit Department in 1907 with the result that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs approved in the despatch of November 4th 1907 of a maintenance allowance of Rs. 5/- a day being paid to officers when travelling on duty. In the same year Sir A. Hardinge, the Commissioner, placed on record that a subsistence allowance of Rs. 5/- a day would be paid to members of the subordinate staff, but so far as can be traced there is no actual authority for the payment of this allowance.

4. In some of the more recent agreements entered into between the Crown Agents and the Assistant Junior Staff Surgeons it is specifically stated that a subsistence allowance of Rs.

Rs. 3/- per diem will be paid, but in other agreements this paragraph is omitted.

5. If this substance allowing yet to be abolished it would cause great discontent, and the Survey Department as concerned we should have even greater difficulties in obtaining the necessary experience than now.

In view of your concurrence I have provisionally sanctioned the continuation of this allowance and I trust my action will meet with your approval.

Yours truly,

A. J. C.

Secretary, Government of India

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IN CLOSURE

In Despatch No. 655 of 22/11/1914

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Audit Office, 213

Nairobi, 30th August 1914

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of correspondence with the Director of Colonial Audit on the subject of subsistence allowances of officers engaged by the Crown under various agreements.

It is observed that the allowances have been paid in accordance with the provisions of the regulations.

It would be desirable that the provisions of the regulations should be strictly adhered to unless the sanction of the Secretary is obtained for any special case; and that reference should be made to the Secretary of State to ask whether payments made in the past should be admitted.

I have, etc.

Sd. W. A. ...

Acting Auditor.

The Hon. Ag. Treasurer,

Nairobi.

Copy.

no. 137

Colonial Audit Department,

11 Charing Cross,

London, S.W.

1st July 1911.

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 18/1/11 of the subject of the above-mentioned matter in certain of the accounts being audited, and in reply, to inform you that I have endeavoured to understand the paragraph referred to, in consultation with officials engaged by the Comptroller, and I am sorry to be obliged to make it clear that we have no claim to such an allowance. It is considered in certain cases, by way of special circumstances, that an allowance should be made in such cases, but it is not indicated in the regulations, and it would be necessary to refer the sanction of the Secretary of State.

I have, etc.

Ed. A. F. STEPHENSON.

The Acting Auditor,

Barbados.

COPY.

Audit Office,
Nairobi,
20th May 1944.

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Nd. 48/141/58.

C. O.
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Sir,

I have the honour to ask for a ruling on the following question in connection with Travelling Allowances.

Para 5 of the form of agreement for officials engaged by the Crown Agents Class 2 reads:-

"When travelling away from his station, the person engaged shall be provided with transport at the usual and necessary expenses."

Local transport including porters and camp equipment is provided at Government expense and the question now arises whether this agreement is intended to grant, in addition, to persons engaged under it the Subsistence Allowance which is granted to officers of the permanent establishment.

I have etc.

Sd. W. A. KEMPE

Acting Auditor.

The Director of Colonial Audit,
11 CHARING CROSS,
London, W.C.2.

The Treasury,
Nairobi, 4th September 1911

C. O.
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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 257/58 of the 30th August in regard to Subsistence allowances to officers engaged by the Crown Agents on class 2 agreements.

I observe that the Director of Colonial Audit is of opinion that such officers are not entitled to subsistence expenses, but would point out that paragraph 6 of a class 2 agreement is identical with paragraph 5 of a class 1 agreement, and would therefore conclude in the Director of Colonial Audit's opinion extends to officers on class 1 agreement.

I have, etc.

Ed. H. P. ESPIE

Acting Treasurer.

The Acting Auditor
Nairobi.

Ed. H. P. ESPIE
Acting Treasurer,

The Director of Colonial Audit's ruling has been given on "the Agreement with officials engaged by the Crown Agents" which clearly includes officers engaged under both classes of agreement.

Will you please amend my letter No. 257/58 of 30-8-11 to apply accordingly.

Ed. H. A. KEENE

Acting Auditor

5-9-11.

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No. 281/8

Audit Department,
Nairobi,
23rd. September 1911.

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I have the honor to call your attention
 to a letter dated 30th August
 from the Director
 of the Kenya
 Government
 in which he requests that you should
 be pleased to be pleased in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Yours faithfully,
 J. V. M'CHARDY,
 For Acting Auditor.

The Hon. Mr. J. V. M'CHARDY,
 The Acting Auditor,
 Nairobi.

The Treasury,
Nairobi, 29th September 1911.

Public No. 3/71.

C O
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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 281/58 of the 23rd instant in regard to travelling allowances to officers engaged by the Crown Agents.

On the receipt of your letter of the 30th August I immediately caused travelling allowances to cease in accordance with the expression of the Director of the Department of the Colonies, aware of the question of "Travelling Allowances" as it has been a subject of very considerable discussion with the Colonial Office, and I was unaware of the existence of any ruling to the effect that temporary officers were to be treated differently from permanent officers in regard to travelling allowances. I shall take an early opportunity of going into the matter.

I have signed,
sd, Henry P. Espie
Acting Treasurer.

The Acting Auditor,
Nairobi.

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