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## REUTERS NEWS AGENCY

Reports further as to the proposed payment of £100 P.A. Trust that this will now be approved. Provision was made in draft estimates for 1912-13.

*(Minutes.)**for Butler*

I cannot say that I think that Sir P. Girouard has made this at all clear even now. I gather that he justifies the proposal that the E.A.P. should subscribe £100 against Uganda's £50 on two grounds.

(1) the E.A.P. has to pay nothing for these copies of Reuter's telegrams except the expense of "taking copies by carbon process for which the charge at public rates would be approximately £35 per annum", while Uganda has to have the news telegraphed up to Entebbe which Sir P. Girouard says at public rates would cost about £190 per annum. I don't quite follow this. The point is, not what these services would cost at public rates, but what they actually cost to the Government, and it seems to me that the actual cost in each case is practically nil. The telegraph wires are there, and the Staff is there; and it is not suggested that Uganda employs additional Staff for the purpose of telegraphing the press telegrams.

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(2) The E.A.P. derives a revenue of £225 per annum from telegraphing for the newspapers the press telegrams from Mombasa to Nairobi, whereas Uganda derives nothing from this source.

There certainly seems a certain amount of force in reason No. 2., and it should make the Treasury more inclined to sanction the grant of £100.

I see that the Gold Coast contributes £100 to Reuter's Agency, Sierra Leone £150, Southern Nigeria £250, and Northern Nigeria £125. As to Ceylon, which Sir P. Girouard quotes, I learn that the amounts of the subsidy to Reuter's for the last 3 years are 1909-10 R. 2700 ( - £180 ); 1910-11 R. 8100 ( - £540 ); 1911-12 R. 8400 ( - £560 ). The Estimates for 1912-13 have not yet arrived, so that it is impossible to say whether Sir P. Girouard's figure of £500 is correct.

On the whole, I should be inclined to ask the Treasury, referring to what was said in the memorandum on the Estimates, to sanction the grant of a subsidy of £100 p.a. from E.A.P. funds, sending a copy of the Governor's despatch and quoting the precedents I have mentioned above.

H.F.B. 22/10.

Sir G. Fiddes

2/11/10

Jan 25

Very yours, King of Swaziland

press is my friend

at home Dec 25

Ed. Dept

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

December 22nd 1911.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 706

Sir,

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With reference to your despatch No. 491 of 8th of September regarding the question of a subsidy to Reuters News Agency, it would appear that some misunderstanding has resulted from a clerical error, by which the 2nd paragraph of my despatch No. 498 of the 13th of August was not written as originally framed.

A service of news telegrams to the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates has been maintained by Reuters Agency for several years past, but until the beginning of 1910 the supply of news was meagre and dealt only with matters of first importance. For this service Reuters Agency received from Government and other sources a total payment of £212 per annum. In 1910 the service was practically trebled in extent and since then the news received has been of more general interest. It is in connection with this increase that an augmented payment is proposed to be made to Reuters Agency by Government, as the receipts of the Agency from other sources cannot, in the existing circumstances, be materially increased. It is pointed out that the South African Union have £200 per annum for Reuters news telegrams supplied to the Heads of certain Government Departments, and the

contribution

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

contribution of Ceylon, for a like purpose, which was £360 per annum before the augmented service was arranged is now, I believe, fixed at £600 per annum.

3. In comparing the payment proposed to be made by this Protectorate with that of Uganda several factors have to be taken into account. In the first place East Africa derives a revenue which now amounts to about £225 per annum from the telegraphing of the news from Mombasa to the newspapers at Nairobi. No such revenue is received by Uganda. In the second place the telegraphing of the news to the newspapers at Nairobi obviates the necessity of its being telegraphed specially on Government account, the services performed by the Post Office, for Government, in this respect being limited to taking copies by carbon process for which the charge at public rates would be approximately £35 per annum. As against this the transmission of news to Uganda, for which no payment is received, is valued at public rates at £190 per annum. Moreover this £190 for free services performed for (and by) Uganda is not purely on Government account. The general public participate but contribute only £20 per annum as per the 2nd paragraph of your despatch No. 373 of the 19th of June last.

4. A comparison between the Government support received by Reuters Agency from East Africa and Uganda respectively may therefore be placed as follows:-

<u>Uganda.</u> Government Cash contribution	£50 p.a.
Free transmission of Reuters news from the Coast	100 p.a.
Total	£220 per annum
	<u>East</u>

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Brought Over £220

<u>East Africa.</u>	Free Services (the pre- paration (for use of Government) of carbon copies of Reuters Tele- grams addressed to News- papers.)	35 p.a.
	Government Cash (contribu- tion to Reuters as already authorised)	50 p.a.
	Total	85 p.a.

It will be observed from this that the payment of the extra £50 proposed, so making the East Africa contribution (£100 in cash and £35 in services) will still leave it £85 less than the value of the money and consideration granted in the case of Uganda; and over and above this the East Africa Protectorate receives a substantial revenue from the transmission of Reuters telegrams, whilst Uganda has none.

5. In view of the foregoing particulars I trust that you will be able to concur in my proposal to grant a payment of £100 per annum to Reuters Agency from the funds of this Protectorate. The necessary provision was made in the draft Estimates which were forwarded you on the 2nd instant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
GOVERNOR.

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Jan 1912  
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With reference to the

letter from the Dept of the

of Jan submitting the

Est, draft etc for next

financial year (Note in

the Memo under head 19)

I am at the moment trying

to be laid before the

of the Treasury, the

accompanying etc of a list

from the Dept of the

reporting further on the

proposed provision of two

under head 19 as <sup>part</sup> Contributions

to the Public Health Agency.

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Mr. J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

Jan 1912

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the profits of the West  
African Colonies: Political

Contributed as present to  
Huntley's Army the following

- Franklin £87 6s
- Gold Coast £100 0s
- Sierra Leone £150 0s
- Sierra Leone £250 0s
- Northern Nigeria £225 0s

Having regard to the facts and to  
the ~~circumstances~~ <sup>considerations</sup>  
of the ~~case~~ <sup>subject</sup> stated by  
Huntley in his <sup>primary</sup>

~~report~~ <sup>regard to the proceeds</sup>

~~wherein~~ <sup>wherein</sup> ~~Mr. Harcourt~~ <sup>Mr. Harcourt</sup> desires to recommend  
that the proceeds

of £1000 be made in his  
of the E.A.P. for 1912-13  
be set off for his services

may be allowed to stand  
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[ I do not think that  
he had a right to suggest  
that he had done  
the proceeds at all  
for the fact, the case  
of the case and ending  
different ]