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Weights & Measures Order

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~~Mr. B. B. B.~~
Mr. Z. Z. Z.

Send copy of this (2nd + 1st Spec.)
to the Gov^{ts} with refer^{ence} to Gov
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instructing him to re commit the
bill to the Council with a view
to introducing such of the amend
proposed by the Brd of T^o as are
considered desirable + with a view to
amending sec 52 as proposed by the
C.A. (see para: 6 of C.A.'s report 17465
with refer^{ence} to para: 5 of that report.)
The Brd of T^o suggest
that the subject of section 29 should be
dealt with by an amend E.g. sec: 52)

Copy given to Gov Uganda 25/3/11
From the Gov of 10 June 1912
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be very subject to the ord^{ce} -

1. send copy of it? - 2. one: to the fin:
of Uganda with refer^{ce} to $\frac{100}{3000}$ / 09-10.

Enclosing a copy of the draft +
one: to the fin: of the S.A.P.

+ telling him to make the necessary
amend^{ts} in the Uganda ord^{ce}
in the light of those which are
made in the S.A.P. ord^{ce} ?

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A copy of the Warrant Business Negotiations
1907 referred to in the first inclosure sh^d
also be sent - otherwise

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BOARD OF TRADE
(STANDARDS DEPARTMENT)

OLD PALACE YARD,

WESTMINSTER, S.W., 11th July, 1911.

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In replying to this communication, the following letters and numbers should be quoted, and marked plainly on the outside of the envelope, viz.:-
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Sir,

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With reference to your letter of the 7th June (17465/1911) transmitting for the observations of this Department copies of despatches from the Officers administering the Government of the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates enclosed with a despatch relating to weights and measures in those Protectorates, I am directed by the Board of Trade to forward for the information of the Secretary of State the accompanying Memoranda marked (1) and (2) which have been prepared in this Department relative to the above Ordinances respectively.

As regards the provisions of Sections 35 (second paragraph) 40 and 41 in each of these Ordinances under which Inspectors of Weights and Measures are subjected to penalties for breaches of duty, I am to state that while there are similar provisions in the Lagos Weights and Measures Ordinance (1889) on which these two Ordinances appear to have been based, it seems doubtful whether such provisions are, altogether desirable. The Weights and Measures Acts in force in the United Kingdom impose certain penalties on Inspectors for misconduct, but in this country the Inspectors are appointed by the various Local Authorities and are not officers of the Government. Apparently they will be in the two Protectorates. I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

L. F. Curwood

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,

S.W.

Memorandum on East Africa Protectorate
Weights & Measures Draft Ordinance.

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Section 6, line 5. - "Of" should read "or".

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 & 15. - There is no provision similar to Sect. 8 (paragraph 3) of the Weights & Measures Act, 1878, for legalising new denominations of weights and measures from time to time. The Department observe that the recognition of apothecaries measures (40 fl.oz. to 1 min.) which are legal in the United Kingdom is not at present contemplated in East Africa, and that there is no definition of the denominations of apothecaries weights, the use of which is permitted by Sect. 16 of the Ordinance.

Section 10, line 2. - The title of this Act is the "Weights and Measures (Metric System) Act, 1897".

Section 11 (and Schedule F). - (1) It is suggested, for consideration, that the following standards might be provided in addition to those at present specified in Schedule F:-

Avoir. weights:- 2 oz., 2 dr., 1 dr., and $\frac{1}{2}$ dr.

Measures of capacity:- $\frac{1}{2}$ gill and $\frac{1}{4}$ gill.

Yard.- The yard specified in the Schedule might be described as graduated "into feet and inches throughout, the end inches being divided into eighths, tenths, and twelfths of an inch respectively".

(2) 112 lb. might be omitted. There is no Board of Trade standard of higher denomination than 100 lb.

(3) The Department observe that it is not proposed to obtain standards of troy weights and grain weights (e.g. 500 oz. to 0.001 oz.tr. and 4000 gr. to 0.01 gr.), the use of which is permitted by the Ordinance.

(4) The Ordinance should perhaps contain a clause sanctioning the provision of standards of other denominations as occasion requires?

Section 14, line 8. - "standard department" should read "Standards Department".

Section 15, line 7. - "weight, the measure" should read "weight or measure".

Section 20, line 1. - insert "a" before "Protectorate measure".

line 2. - "striken" should be "stricken".

Section 25 (2). - The words "Subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Ordinance" might be inserted at the commencement of this paragraph.

Section 26 might be omitted. The matter referred to therein could be dealt with by any Rules to be prepared under Sect. 52(2)(a).

Section 27. - The word "to" is omitted after "weights" in the marginal note.

Section 29 makes no provision as to weighing instruments, but it is suggested that the subject of the whole Section might perhaps better be dealt with by an amendment of Sect. 52 (as was apparently proposed in the first place) viz., an addition as follows:

"(d) the limits of error to be allowed on verification and to be tolerated on inspection either generally or as respects any trade".

(The limits allowed in this country are specified in the Weights and Measures Regulations, 1907.). ~~weights and measures~~

The word "permissible" in the margin is mis-spelt.

Section 42 should be omitted, having regard to Sect. 52.

Schedule A. - "Hundredweights" should read "Hundredweight". "Quartern" should read "quarter hundredweight".

Schedule C. - "Protectorate" should be substituted for "Imperial" in the heading.

Schedule D. - "Chain" might read "Chain (100 links)".

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Memorandum on Uganda Protectorate
Weights and Measures Draft Ordinance

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Yard.- The yard specified in the Schedule might be described as graduated "into feet and inches throughout, the end inches being divided into eighths, tenths and twelfths of an inch respectively".

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(4) The Ordinance should perhaps contain a clause sanctioning the provision of standards of other denominations as occasion requires.

Section 14, line 2. - "standard department" should read "Standards Department".

Section 20, line 6. - The comma after "all" should be omitted.

Section 25 (b). - The words "Subject to the provisions of Sect. 2 of this Ordinance" might be inserted at the commencement of this paragraph.

Section 26 might be omitted. The matter referred to therein could be dealt with by any Rules to be prepared under Sect. 52(2)(a).

Section 29 makes no provision as to weighing instruments, but it is suggested that the subject of the whole Section might perhaps better be dealt with by an amendment of Sect. 52 (as was apparently proposed in the first place) viz., an addition as follows:- "(d) the limits of error to be allowed on verification and to be tolerated on inspection either generally or as respects any trade".

No errors in deficiency are tolerated. Such errors are tolerated in the United Kingdom on measures of length. (The limits allowed in this country are specified in the Weights and Measures Regulations, 1907, - copy attached).

"Per cent." is omitted after 0.5 in line 3.

Section 33. - No provision is made similar to Sect. 42 of the Weights & Measures Act, 1878, for attendance by the Inspector to verify in situ such weights, measures and instruments as cannot be brought to him for the purpose. Provision is made for this in Sect. 33 of the East Africa Ordinance.

Section 42 should be omitted, having regard to Sect. 52.

Schedule A. - "Quarter" should read "quarter hundredweight".

Schedule D. - "Chain" should read "Chain (100 links)".

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- Mr. Penning 18
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- Sir O. Lucas

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- Mr. Harcourt

Sir,
I have the honour to
ack. the receipt of your
desp. No 224 of the 3rd of May
& to transmit to you the
accompanying copy of a
let from the Boft with a
memorandum on the East

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the Bill to the Leg. Council
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such of the amendment
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Section 52 of the Bill as
proposed by the Crown Advocate
in paragraph 6 of the
memo. which accompanied
your despatch.

3. When the Bill was
again passed the Council
you may assist to the Order.

Yours
W. G. G.

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27 July 1907

Uganda
No. 253
Gen. Jackson

Ans. 16988

Sir,

With ref. to Mr. Boyl's despatch
No. 357 of the 3rd of December, 1907,
I have the honour to transmit
to you the accompanying copy of
a letter from the P.T. with a
memorandum on the Uganda
weights & measures Order & the
L.A.P. weights & measures Order.

2. I enclose also a copy
of a despatch which I have
addressed to the Gov. of the S.A.P.
& I have to request that
you will cause the necessary
amendment to

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~~BT - 11 July~~
~~weights & measures Order 1907~~
~~CO. L.A.P.~~
~~(S.P. = L.A.P.)~~

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Pennington,
- Mr. Butler of S.
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

With ref^e to my des^p. No 206
of the 27th of July last, there
the honour to enquire what
steps have been taken
the present position of work
regard to the legislation resp^g
weights & measures in the U.K.

Yours
Thames