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W.O.

Date.

Volunteer Reserve Order.

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Previous Paper.

States as to position of Legion of Frontiersmen
& suggest further consideration of question of recording
recognition of such a special character to a
unit of this organization.

34778

W.O. riddle.

I don't much like going counter to the
W.O. attitude towards this organization.
At the same time he does not wish to
refuse any offer of disciplined contribution
to the military resources of the E.A.P.

Send the Col. in a conf. resp., a
copy of our letter to the W.O. on 34778 &
his reply for his observations, & ask
how many members of the Legion there are
as the Pt. ~~seems~~ ^{seems} many. Whether he has yet
sanctioned the formation of the Legion of
Frontiersmen Unit under Ord. 7 of 1911.

272 200 any other...
Sho. copy above sent. 20th 12/18/99

48,142, 71,000, 11,000, 11,000
next subsequent Paper
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#, of 50, how many have volunteered.

JNB

Dec 28

Alonso

Yrs. 2.0

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to

The Secretary,

War Office,

London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

Confidential.

War Office,

London, S.W.

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20th December, 1911.

20/General Number/2948. (C.I.)

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Fiddes' letter, No. 34778 of the 29th ultimo, with which was forwarded a copy of a despatch with enclosures from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate relating to the East Africa Volunteer Reserve Ordinance.

As the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be aware from previous correspondence on the subject, the Army Council have had occasion recently to make clear their attitude towards the Legion of Frontiersmen concerning whose incorporation as a separate unit in the East Africa Volunteer Reserve their views are now sought.

It would appear from a memorandum by the Acting Crown Advocate on the Ordinance that the members of the unit do not desire to serve under any officers other than their own and have, therefore, been made Field Service Members, although they are stated in the third paragraph of Mr. Fiddes' letter to be amenable to the full discipline of the East Africa Volunteer Ordinance, 1910, when serving with the separate unit in which they have been registered. In this connection the Council would draw attention to the possibility of difficulties arising from this division of command.

On the wider question the Council have found it necessary to dissociate the Legion of Frontiersmen from the

Military

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Military Forces of the Crown under their administration, being constrained to adopt this policy by the unsatisfactory character of its organization and methods. This, therefore, the Secretary of State for War has formally taken note of the existence of the Legion as a purely private organization in no way connected with any department of State but one which, should a suitable occasion arise, he may be able to utilize, it has not been considered desirable to give any pledge of such employment either to units or individuals.

The Executive Council of the Legion have been informed that this limited recognition is not to be regarded as legalising, or condoning, the constitutional illegality of, raising an armed force without due authority from the Crown.

The Army Council, therefore, desire to suggest to Mr. Secretary Harcourt the advisability of further consideration being given to the proposal to accord recognition of such a special character to a unit of this organization, enrolled under the conditions laid down in the correspondence now before him.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. Wade

~~Mr. Butler~~

has had well to answer
to the ordinance

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all
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~~Mr. Parkinson~~

We had better have the extract
attached to $\frac{W.O.}{40903/11}$

2/13
March 14.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1912

Legion of Frontiersmen.

Meeting in Nairobi.

Legion Receives Official Recognition.

Proceedings were opened before a score of Frontiersmen in uniform at 2.45 p.m., on January 24th in the Buffalo Temple.

The O. C. R. W. Humphery was in the chair, and was assisted by Trooper Powell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Sgt. Finch proposed and Tpr. Robertson seconded that they should be passed as read. Proposal carried unanimously.

Extracts from the correspondence received from Headquarters since last meeting were read by the chairman, who reported to the meeting that after some delay and strenuous efforts they had succeeded in getting official recognition—a great honour, since theirs was the first command thus recognised, and a short Ordinance, which still needed the sanction of the Colonial Office, had been passed, enabling the Legion of Frontiersmen to continue under the term of the Volunteer Reserve Ordinance of 1910, whereby Frontiersmen would retain their organisation, rules and identity, but come under the Volunteer Reserve as a Field Service Unit, the only one in B. E. A. In return for this privilege they would be allowed arms and ammunition for which each member would be responsible, and would be inspected by some Government officer appointed for the purpose from time to time. They would also be expected to do a certain amount of musketry each year.

Lieut. Col. Driscoll, D. S. O., Executive Office, Legion of Frontiersmen, had written to Commandant Humphery, complimenting the B. E. A. Command upon getting the Government to recognise them, at the same time strongly recommending that their Hon. Sec. be given the rank of Lieutenant in view of the excellent services rendered to the Command by that Frontiersman.

The letter from Lieut. Col. Driscoll, D. S. O., was then read. The Chairman stated that he himself was a very hard-worked man, and did not think he could find the time to continue in the rank of Commandant. He thanked the members for the honour they had done him in electing him, but if they could find someone else to take his place, he would like to resign. This did not meet with the approval of the members present, who unanimously requested Commandant Humphery to retain his position.

A letter from Dr. T. Osborne, Capt. R. A. M. C. (I. C. F.) was read stating his inability to attend.

Lieut. W. C. Powell, stated it was desirable to elect a Committee for the management of Legion affairs, but that he thought this Committee was unnecessary, and the thoughts of the Legion should be along the lines of the Command and the Officers.

The O. C. stated that the Legion needed a representative Committee, and that a representative Committee would be more satisfactory. It was then proposed to form a committee, to be elected and constituted as hereafter.

At Tpr. Coates's request the Roster was read, and the following Members were proposed and seconded for the election:—First, Tpr. Raphael proposed the O. C. to retain the Chair, and the proposal was unanimously carried.

The Committee was then elected.

Tpr. Powell proposed by Lieut. Powell, seconded by Sgt. Finch, S. M. Rowe proposed by Tpr. Robertson, seconded by Lieut. Powell, R. S. M. Blunt, proposed by S. M. Rowe, seconded by Lieut. Howitt, Tpr. Mitchell proposed by Tpr. Jacobs, seconded by Tpr. Coates, Lieut. Sgt. Benson, proposed by Lieut. Powell, seconded by Tpr. Mitchell, Lieut. Howitt, proposed by R. S. M. Blunt, seconded by S. M. Rowe, Sgt. Finch, proposed by Tpr. Webb, seconded by Tpr. Mitchell.

The Commandant and Hon. Sec. to be ex-officio members.

The Committee was appointed by members, and approved of by the O. C.

Tpr. Raphael proposed, seconded by Tpr. Mitchell, that Committee consists of only O. C., Troop Leaders, and Hon. Sec. S. M. Rowe moved an amendment, seconded by Lieut. Howitt, that Committee—stands as elected. The amendment was carried.

A short discussion arose on the above and other matters.

Then the Auditor's report was read, discussed and passed, the O. C. particularly calling attention to the tremendous difference in the financial affairs since the taking over by the then Tpr. Powell.

The O. C. then proposed an adjournment, a later meeting to be called by the Committee at their discretion.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed, and carried unanimously.

[Handwritten signature]

Ans'd 20/12/11

Downing Street,

4 *[Handwritten signature]*
December, 1911

DRAFT.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Governor
COLONEL SIR PERCY GIROUARD, K.C.M.G.,
D.S.O., R.E.

MINUTE.

Mr. Butler. 29/12/11. *f.3.*

Mr.

Mr. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson. (34778)

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknow-

ledge the receipt of your despatch

No. 543 of the 29th of September

forwarding copies of the East Africa

Volunteer Reserve Amendment Ordinance

1911, and to transmit to you, for your

consideration, a copy of correspon-

dence with the War Office on the

subject.

2. I have to request that you

will furnish me with your observations

upon the War Office letter, and that

you

~~To War Office. 29th Novr.
(34778)~~

~~War Office. 21st December.
(40903)~~

Ans'd 20/12/11
by Mr. Lanchester

Will inform how many members of
the Legion of Frontiersmen there are in
the East Africa Protectorate, whether
you have yet sanctioned the formation
of the Legion of Frontiersmen Unit
under Ordinance No. 7 of 1911, and, if
so, how many members of the Legion
of Frontiersmen have joined the Unit.

I have etc.,

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FROM	DATE	SUBJECT
Treasury	3 Jan.	Pensions & gratuities.
"	11 "	Rly. special expro. 1911-12.
"	16 "	Expro. on N. Frontier Dist.
"	20 "	Police & prisons Estimates 1911-12.
"	21 "	Police Order.
"	21 "	Coast Land settlement.
"	26 "	European blocks.
"	27 "	Medical Staff.
"	31 "	Visit of Sir P. Girouard to England.
"	31 "	Aluminium subsidiary conveyance.
"	31 "	Leave & passage rules.
"	4 Feb.	P. W. D. Ests. 1911-12.
"	6 "	Coast Land settlement.
"	7 "	Pensionable ports in Survey Dept.
"	7 "	Police & Prisons Estimates 1911-12.
"	8 "	Jinja - Kakinda Rly.
"	14 "	Suppl. Ests. 14/1910-11.
"	14 "	Redemption of Somali Slaves.
"	14 "	Rly. rates.
"	14 "	Subsidiary conveyance.
"	16 "	Ests. 1911-12.
"	18 "	Gratuity to Mrs. Saxton.
"	18 "	L. Meagadi scheme.
"	20 "	Leave & passage rules.
"	23 "	Educ. appls.
"	25 "	Bombay Agency.
"	28 "	Motor cars for board use & duty.
Shew.		Reverts to Customs Office.
"	20 "	Rly. passenger rates.
"	31 "	Security, N. Boko.
"	31 "	Administration Staff.

FROM	DATE	SUBJECT
Treasury	31 Aug.	Installation of private-let. H. lines
	6 Oct.	Mr. Zaphiro
	8 "	Rinderpest
	13 "	Gratuity for widows of A.D. Talati
	13 "	U. C. Line
	2 "	Mr. Zaphiro
	13 Aug.	Gratuities to G. Reel & C. bin Abdulla
	12 "	Ad. Secy. & Treasurer
	16 "	New leave rules
	14 "	Police Order
	25 "	Court land settlement
	15 "	Mr. Casper
	2 "	Loan £ 250,000
	31 "	U. C. Line
	4 June	Take of godown & office plots, Kelina
	2 "	Officers transport facilities
	26 "	Med. Dept.
	1 July	European clerks
	4 "	Exemption from burrows duty
	18 "	U. C. Line
	19 "	J.R.W. Knight
	2 "	New leave regs.
	20 "	Loan £ 250,000
	25 "	Reduction of railway rates
	24 "	Zanzibar Quarantine Station
	28 "	Survey Dept.
	31 "	Masai reserve
	Aug.	Case of Mrs. Bailean
	2 "	Personal allow. to Rly. staff
	2 "	Probationers Postal Clerks
	4 "	Rly. rates - wheat

FROM	DATE	SUBJECT
Treasury	11 Aug.	Mr. Zaphiro
	12 "	Med. Staff
	15 "	P.W. material for Thika Framing
	24 "	Colton grants - in aid 1911-12
	24 "	Additional clerks in Rly. Audit Office
	25 "	Exchange of currency notes
	1 Sept.	Mr. Zaphiro
	4 "	Steamer service to Victoria
	8 "	Pension J.R.W. Knight
	15 "	Headmaster "6" School, Mombasa
	19 "	Survey Dept.
	3 Oct.	Block for Land Board
	11 "	Govt. Analyst
	13 "	Prov. Admin. Staff
	16 "	Rly. staff allow.
	17 "	Street legitims report, Nairobi
	2 "	Headmaster "6" School Mombasa
	20 "	Rly. hospital acct.
	23 "	Addit. Cost Auditor
	26 "	Pension D. Wilson
	30 "	Female Telegraphists
	31 "	Nurses Pension rights
	31 "	Govt. bonded warehouse, Nairobi
	17 Nov.	Judiciary
	23 "	Rly. Provident Fund
	20 Dec.	European clerks
	27 "	Disposal of balances at 31 Dec. 1911
	28 "	Currency
	30 "	Suppl. Cost 1911-12