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Governor 13
Secretary

Date
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HORSE ALLOWANCES FOR GOVERNORS AT DES-DE-CAMP

Asks that further facts may be taken into consideration and the allowance of £3 per month asked for sanctioned.

Previous Paper

to Butler

I think that the Governor has made out a case and the plan is being
1) to be made in Camp - have to help too
2) to be made personally the amount of
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Subsequent Paper

Send copy of all in to Secretary
then to handle part of horse allowance to the

Andes de Camp at ten miles off per hour

Sin G. Frances

Yes

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI, KENYA
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

January 8th 1912.

No.13

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 679 of the 21st of November 1911, I am pleased to observe that, subject to Treasury sanction, you are prepared to approve of my Aides-de-Camp drawing a horse allowance. I note however that you can see no reason why they should draw this at a higher rate than other Government officers.

2. I beg to bring the following facts to your notice. The approximate cost of keeping a horse in Nairobi is Rs. 38 per month and is comprised as follows :-

	Forage	Rs	20
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	Shoeing		4
		Rs.	38

The pay of officers on my staff is Rs. 312 per month, which means that the upkeep of one horse costs one-eighth of their salary. I have already pointed out

however

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

however that it is essential that my aides-de-camp should have two chargers each, which means that one-fourth of their salaries goes in upkeep of horses alone, without considering the high initial cost - £35-40 - of a good animal or the price of saddlery.

3. I beg to bring to your notice the material ^{existing} difference between my staff and other officers in the Protectorate service, which I regret I failed to point out to you in my former despatches. As you are aware, other officers in the service receive when on tour a travelling allowance of Rs.5 per day and 50 cents allowance for boys' rations. In most departments this means a large increase on yearly salaries. It is essential that my staff should be mounted while on tour, and yet they receive no allowance of any sort. I may also add that, in most departments where it is necessary that an officer should be mounted, animals are provided at Government expense. My staff on the other hand have to purchase their own horses, which means that a considerable risk of loss is incurred on account of the prevalence of horse sickness, one of my aides-de-camp having already lost two valuable animals.

4. I feel sure that taking these facts into consideration you will readily agree that the allowance asked for - £5 per month - is quite reasonable, and that you will be able to accede to my request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,


GOVERNOR.

