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OFFICE SUPDT AND ACCOUNTS CLERKS FOR RAILWAY

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Submits explanations to salary of Office Supdt and desire of Manager that the clerks should leave before the end of the financial year. The Manager will in future submit full details with recommendations.

W. Beutler

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be made in this Dept. that a  
definite statement shd accompany  
recommendations to the effect that  
money is available to meet the  
cost.

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Sir G. Hides.

In both cases the Manager was at  
fault in not explaining fully how matters  
stood, & in both cases his Dept. was right in  
refusing to extend go beyond the approved  
provision as shown by the Ests.

I would say so definitely in  
replying or answer otherwise as Mr  
Parkinson proposes. Mr Currie virtually asks  
us to swallow anything he proposes in  
blind reliance on his opinion.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

March 28th 1912.

No. 226

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 85 of the 13th instant respecting the engagement of an Office Superintendent and seven Accounts Clerks for the Uganda Railway.

2. The Manager regrets that in asking for the appointment of the former at a salary of Rs. 250-400 per mensem, the amount provided in the estimates for 1912-13 being Rs. 300, he did not make it clear that the sum so provided did not represent the maximum salary of the post, but only the requirements for the year in which the estimate actually referred. He would therefore to express a hope that the salary proposed by him will not in future be altered without his being given an opportunity of explaining any apparent discrepancy.

3. Similarly in the case of the Accounts Clerks he had wished that they should leave at once, as they are urgently required, and did not desire their departure deferred till the close of the financial year. Vacancies already exist for some of them and means would have been

found

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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found to provide for the salaries of the rest. He admits that this should have been explained but had not anticipated the delay actually involved which makes it difficult to keep the Railway Accounts up to date.

4. In future he will endeavour to elucidate fully any recommendations he may put forward at the time of their submission and trusts that he may be assumed to have made arrangements for providing any funds necessitated by their adoption.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

  
ACTING GOVERNOR.

G.D.  
28 APR  
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Downing Street,

27 April, 1912.

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ST. AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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MINUTE.

Sir,

- Mr. Acland
- Mr. Butler 25/3
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- Mr. Harcourt

I have the honour to acknowledge

the receipt of your despatch No. 22 of the 26th of March, *relating to the engagement* and to inform you that I regret that ~~it is a pity that~~ there was a misunderstanding, as to the salary

on which the Office Superintendent for the Uganda Railway was engaged, but that I do not yet understand what sanction there is for a maximum salary of Rs 400 per mensem.

In the event of a similar case occurring, an opportunity will be given to me to explain any apparent discrepancy between the salary proposed by



him and those provided in the approved

Estimates. I must, however, observe that

as regards the engagement both of the

Office Superintendent and of the Accounts

Clarks, <sup>it was incumbent on</sup> Mr. Currie was at fault in not

explaining fully how matters stood, and that,

<sup>absence of such explanation, the proper</sup> in the circumstances this department was right

<sup>course was followed in adhering to</sup> in refusing to go beyond the approved provi-

sion as shown by the Estimates.

3. With regard to the last paragraph

of your despatch, I <sup>have not</sup> ~~am unable~~ to accept

the suggestion that it <sup>always</sup> may be assumed in this

department that Mr. Currie has made arrange-

ments for providing the funds necessary for

the adoption of any recommendation which he

may put forward and I have to request that

<sup>it may be definitely stated in connection with each</sup> in every instance, a definite statement may

necessary recommendations to the effect <sup>whether provision</sup> that

has or has not been made

money is for or not, <sup>and the amount may be</sup>

<sup>to meet the expenditure involved,</sup> available to meet the cost.

I have ho.,