

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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BRITISH EAST AFRE

BAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

April 4th 1912.

No. 237

Sir.

In reply to your despatch No.29 of 19th
January, I have the honour to recommend the
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(c) That the Fund be the for making good loss of, or damage to, vessels arising from fire or other risks and to replacing worm out or obsolete vessels. The Fund shall not be used for ordinary upkeep or maintenance of vessels.

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new vessels forming an addition and not a replacement, shall not be charged to the fund but
shall be provided under a special vote.

- (e) That the amount to the credit of the fund shall never exceed the book value of the flotilla. Should it ever attain this figure the annual charges shall cease and the interest on the investments shall be credited to the General Account of the Protectorate.
- (?) That the control of the fund shall be in the hands of the Governor for the above purposes.
- (g) That in calculating the total book value of the Flotilla the original value of a vessel which has been replaced be written of and the value of the new vessel substituted therefor.
- 2. I have suggested that 5% of the porvalue of the Floticia be deducted for the fundbecause I e-timate that the average life of our steamers may be taken as 20 to 25 years of high on the average 7.76 years has already expired as regards our steamers and 16 years as regards our tug and lighters. The tug and lighters were originally in use at Kilindini.
- 3. We have therefore to fix a rate of insurance that will accumulate until it equals the total capital value within the remaining life time of the vessels. The present book value of the flotilla is approximately 1100.000 and after the new carse book will amount

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an annual sum of 69,500 which invested in socurities yielding 3.54 will amount in 16 years to approximately £190,000 i.e., assuming that in the interim only small deductions for lighters have to be made, the fund will attain the full book value of the fleet at about the time when the existing vessels are becoming worn out and heavy replacements will have to be made.

I have the honour to be.

Your humble, obedient servent.

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