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 ZANZIBAR  
 No. 23896

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Office of Indications

(Subject.)

1907

Zanzibar Slavery Abolition

Agrees to proposals, but will not undertake to supply to British the Prop. Grant since it may be that British balances will suffice this year, but if not all considers how deficiency should be made good.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Antrobus

See also H. of C. 23427 - H. of C. 23428

A copy of the [unclear] with a copy of 23427 & an [unclear] should go to the [unclear] with refer to previous [unclear] & his attention should be drawn to the [unclear] which has been given that the legal status will be abolished on the [unclear] of [unclear]. The [unclear] should be inserted in sec. 2 of the [unclear] [unclear] of the [unclear] [unclear] on [unclear] 22790

Copy made to [unclear] 12/2/07  
 Mr. E. [unclear] (Secretary) 24/2/07  
 Mr. [unclear] 27/2/07  
 Mr. [unclear] A.D. [unclear] 27/2/07

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the temporary appt referred to is the  
one from the country?

Hasnt he prepared  
a budget for the year?

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but I would like the  
Government that the Secy of State  
accepts the suggestion as to a  
maximum amount of Compulsions  
and ask what amount should  
his opinion be fixed

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has been  
preparing  
the budget

in introducing, I understand that it is now proposed  
to ask Parly to vote at once the whole  
of the £40,000 required as compensation to  
glass owners. The Treasr has been consulted  
privately & seems so sufficiently & treating the  
£40,000 as supplementary to the grant  
for the general purposes of the Treasr &  
providing that the respective portion shall be  
allowed for year to year until the  
has been satisfied.

the a/c's kept to include the sum  
of £40,000 in the Supplementary Estimate  
preparing for the year

to supply  
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Copy 23896 of our letter to  
the Treasury 22790 to be  
supp. L.F.  
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In the reply to the letter the following  
number should be quoted

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,

6 July 1907.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Antrebus's letter of the 1st instant (22790/1907), further respecting the proposed abolition of slavery in the mainland dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar, and I am to request you to submit to the Earl of Elgin the following reply.

2. My Lords have no desire to offer any objection to the proposal submitted, which represents the policy of His Majesty's Government, and under which

- (1) the legal status of slavery will be abolished in September next, and
- (2) the abolition of slavery in toto will follow within the next few years

at an estimated total cost in respect of compensation to slave owners of £40,000, of which it is anticipated that about £10,000 will be required during the current financial year.

3. Nor have Their Lordships any observations to make with regard to the machinery proposed for carrying this policy into effect, except to suggest that in order to ensure economy on the part of the Compensation Courts, a maximum amount of compensation for any one slave should be fixed

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office

fixed by the Administration beforehand.

4. My Lords sanction the appointment of an officer to prepare a register of existing slaves at a salary of £500 a year for three years, but They think that power should be reserved to terminate his employment at (say) three months' notice, if the work progresses more rapidly than is now anticipated.

5. My Lords authorise the payment out of the general revenues of the East Africa Protectorate of any sums which the Court may award to the owners of slaves, and agree that such payments may be regarded as independent of and additional to the authorised expenditures of the Protectorate.

But They do not think it necessary, at the present stage, to give any undertaking that They will apply to Parliament for a supplementary grant to provide the necessary funds, since it may be that Protectorate Balances will suffice to meet any payments of compensation during the current financial year.

If however it appears towards the end of the year that cash is not available for this purpose, Their Lordships will consider how the deficiency shall be made good.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Walter Lawrence*

Treasury  
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Gov. Col. Paddock

July 24

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- Mr. ~~Whe~~ 9/7
- Mr. Read 10 22790
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Antrobus 10 f
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. H. Hopwood.
- Mr. Churchst.
- The Earl of B...

See  
 With respect to my  
 conf. des. of the  
 instant, I have the  
 honor to transmit  
 to you for your info.  
 the accompanying spec.  
 of corresp. with the  
 Treasury on the sub-  
 ject of the currency  
 notes for the abolition  
 of the legal status of  
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2 I should be glad to hear  
from you on

of your opinion

the propriety of the  
of the tax

minimum amount  
of compensation to be  
granted in respect

of any one who should  
be found by the Court

of fraud, and I should  
be glad to hear your

opinion on whether you  
wish to appoint a local officer

to fill the temporary  
office of register of  
deeds, or whether

a candidate should be  
selected in the country

I take the opportunity

I should be glad to hear  
what you should in  
your opinion be found

of the meeting  
of two questions on 272  
the subject which

has been addressed to  
the U.S. in the  
House of Commons, or  
of the subject which I  
cannot take returned

You will observe  
that a pledge has been  
given that the legal  
status of having  
will be abolished on

the 1st of October next  
and that the Act  
consequently be inserted  
in the 2nd section of  
the Act as amended

in accordance with my  
wishes of the  
4th inst.

(23427)

(23428)

(reply on 23427)