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(Subject.)

Transport for Officers

Suggests that Officers be allowed free transport of 20 cents on first off, return from leave, or transfer, & also for family & household.

(Minutes.)

*Head
Mr. [unclear]*

The regulations are as follows.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<i>on 1st off</i>	<i>17 cents</i>	<i>20 cents</i>
<i>transfer</i>	<i>17 "</i>	<i>20 "</i>
<i>return from leave</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>20 "</i>
<i>free annually</i>	<i>8 1/2 cents</i>	<i>Nil</i>

It is added that the Gov. will in special cases allow further quantities to be carried at Gov. rates.

It is also proposed that free transport on the Railway shall be given to an officer's family on 1st off from leave or transfer.
The amounts

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proposed appear to me inexplicable
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I think would not be enough to
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the purpose of the Gov. ^{visiting} the
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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

February 21st 1948.

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No. 77

(Incl. 1.)

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MAR 08

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that during his recent visit Mr. Winston Churchill raised the question of the free transport, especially by rail, of the personal effects of officers on transfer and I understood from him that he was of the opinion that officers should be put to no expense when transferred on duty.

2. Under the existing local regulations an officer is allowed 30 loads or 17 cwt. on 1st appointment or transfer, and 15 free loads every year. It has, however, been the custom to grant special concessions in special cases.

3. I am of opinion that this system of "free loads" is open to objection as it entails a considerable amount of additional labour to the staffs of the Railway and the Transport Departments. To replace this system I have the honour to recommend that officers should be allowed 20 cwt. on 1st appointment, return from leave or transfer. I am of opinion that this allowance would meet the ordinary cases of movements of officers, but I venture to propose that I should

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

be allowed to deal with any special case, on its merits, the additional number of passengers being carried at Government rates.

4. In this connection I would refer to the question of railway fares for an officer's family, and have the honour to suggest that, as long as the Railway remains a Government Department, there would be no objection to allowing the privilege of free transport to an officer's family and household on 1st appointment, leave or transfer.

5. A copy of the Treasurer's letter on the subject is attached.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,



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In Despatch No. 77 of Feb. 11, 1908

The Treasury,

Mombasa: 23rd January 1908.

Govr. No. 279/13

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Recd
Per 9 MAR 08

Sir,

On the occasion of the recent visit of Mr. Churchill to East Africa, his private Secretary, Mr. Marsh, requested me to raise the question of the free transport of the personal effects of Officers on transfer more especially by rail.

2. I understood from Mr. Marsh that Mr. Churchill held the opinion that Officers should not be put to any expense when transferred in the interests of the service.

3. Connected with this question is that of the "free loads" at present allowed to Officers of the East Africa Protectorate (though not to those of the Uganda Protectorate),

4. Under the existing local regulations European Officers are allowed 30 loads or 17 cwts each on transfer or first appointment and 15 "free loads", equal to 8½ cwts., every year. It has,

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however, been the custom for His Excellency to grant special concessions in special cases of transfer, though such concessions have usually been confined to Heads of Departments whose headquarters have been changed.

5. The Manager of the Uganda Railway objects to the system of "free loads" which are carried at the Government Rate as it entails a lot of additional labour to the Railway Staff in keeping records of the number of loads forwarded at the Government rate for each Officer. It also undoubtedly causes a lot of extra work in the Transport Department.

6. Mr. Currie suggests that a rule be brought in definitely stopping the system of "free loads" and that instead the quantity of personal effects on first appointment or return from leave be increased to 10 cwts and on transfer to 20 cwts.

7. I am inclined to agree with him that this would be a more satisfactory arrangement except that on first appointment the same should be allowed as on transfer, viz: 20 cwts. Such a regulation would meet the usual cases of movements of Officers, but I would suggest that His Excellency should still continue to deal with any special case on its merits and in the event of his making any special concession

the additional quantity should be carried at the Government Rate.

8. I have accordingly the honour to recommend this arrangement for His Excellency's consideration.

9. The question of Railway accommodation is already under consideration by the Executive Council, but there remains yet another question which is constantly being brought up and that is Railway fares for members of an Officer's family.

As long as the Uganda Railway remains a Government Railway I think the Colonial Office would probably allow the privilege of free transport for an Officer's family and household on first appointment, leave or transfer and I have the honour to recommend that this question be referred to the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

(SD) C. S. BOWEN

Treasurer.

21 Aug 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to ack. the recd. of your desp. no. 77 of the 11th Feb., the subject of the free transport of the personal effects of officers of the E.A.P.

The amount of free transport that you propose to allow seems to me to be excessive. In Northern Nigeria, for example, the amount allowed in the case of officers drawing salaries of £250 and upwards is about 8 or 9 cwt. I think that 10 cwt. should be sufficient in the E.A.P. Prot., and with this modification I am prepared to approve of your proposals.

H.R.C. 19/8

Mr Ellis.

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