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Outfit for newly appointed officials

Two copy of a despatch + two enclosures  
from Mr Hobley regarding

Mr. Read.

(Minutes.)

With regard to uniform, which was  
the cause of the minutes in 1892 being  
incomplete, as I was obliged to hold the matter  
up for some further work, I believe you  
mentioned to Mr. Hobley that you thought the  
Protectorate uniform required some simplification.  
But of course we should not draft  
new regulations without taking the Commissioner's  
opinions.

I have not been able to find out anything more  
about the Protectorate uniform, except that the  
total cost is about £10.

As regards Driffers, the new tropical  
and uniform referred to in the circular of  
1892 which will be introduced into  
East Africa, the word should, I think,  
certainly be dropped from the Protectorate

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uniform, as the two are very much alike  
in appearance.

Yours, W. Hamilton

Sent out copies of the circular to K.E.A.P.  
and Wanda for <sup>suggestion</sup> ~~consideration~~, & say that it  
~~would be~~ desirable that the new  
uniform should be adopted, those Protestants  
& say that some simplification - especially  
regards the word - seems desirable in  
the Protestant uniform - asking who  
wears it & on what occasions, & for the  
views of the Comtee as to how it might  
be modified, pointing out that the  
expense of outfit is being worked out -  
and, pending a reply, have Dr. Hobbie's  
name put into type (it will require  
a little alteration in proof)

W.H.

1878

Yours

M.H.

Sir W. Hamilton

J  
K.R.

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Yours. But it must be pointed out that the  
new uniform can only be worn if there are  
a will in a little ~~change~~ the ordinary civil  
uniform.

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Commissioner's Office,

Mombasa,

June 30th 1905.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 374

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a despatch with enclosure which Mr. Hobley, the Assistant Deputy Commissioner, has addressed to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of outfits for newly appointed officials.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Siobla servant,

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON.

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June 22nd, 1905.

Sir,

6.2.

In continuation of my reply to your NO. 11214/1905 I have the honour to submit a M S S containing a few concise hints on outfit suitable for officials newly appointed to East Africa. In accordance with the local usage I am passing the papers through His Majesty's Commissioner's Office for transmission to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant.

*L. W. Hobbie*

Asst. Deputy Commissioner.

His Majesty's Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

London. S. W.

PLANS ON OUTFIT FOR BRITISH EAST AFRICA  
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Introduction.

The choice of outfit is in a great measure a matter of temperament; what one man will consider a necessity another will despise; every country again has its own traditions as to what is essential and very heated discussions often occur on this subject when men meet together at home from various Colonies.

The most important point to remember in considering the question of outfit for a foreign country is to avoid confusing the uninitiated it is also ridiculous to give an elaborate list of outfit that would be necessary say for a Sub-Commissioner, or a head of a department; for all these officials are old residents, and moreover are doubtless all convinced that they know more about the subject than the present writer.

The clientele that these hints are expected to appeal to are newly appointed Assistant Collectors, Medical Officers, Assistants in the Treasury, Audit, Customs, Survey Department, Public Works, Forest Department, Police, etc. A special list will also be appended for the guidance of lower grade officials such as Forest Guards, Park Assistants, etc.

One of the difficulties to be encountered is due to the fact that some of the appointees are of such a nature that the holder can be sure of never leaving one of the principal towns in the Protectorate. Other officials say by the nature of their duties expect to travel a great deal and spend a large part of their family savings in camps and temporary accommodation.

Generally speaking those enumerated in list A consider themselves liable to travel a great deal and those in list B. as fairly stationary.

H. H. Ousef, Secretary of State  
 for the Colonies.

Inclosure No. 1

to Sir D. Stewart's despatch

No. 374 of June 30th 1908.

A.

Assistant Collectors

Assistants in Survey Department

-do- in Forest -do-

-do- in Agricultural -do-

All military Officers should of course be prepared with campaigning kit.

B.

Treasury Assistants

Audit -do-

(Assistant Auditors have occasionally to travel, to conduct local audits, but the greater part of their time is spent in the Office).

Public Works Assistants

Customs Assistants

Medical Officers

Railway Officials

Officers of Lake steamers

Quarters & Furniture allowed.

(1). Free quarters are given to all officials of the Protectorate, the extent of such quarters varying with the seniority of the official. The minimum may be considered to be a bed room and sitting room, or may be a bedroom with the spare of a sitting room; kitchen accommodation is also provided.

As funds allow these quarters are gradually furnished on a minimum scale, the furniture allowed being roughly as follows:-

1. Bed complete with curtains, etc.

1. Wardrobe

1. Chest of drawers

1. Dining table

1. Long chair

4. Ordinary chairs.

- 1. Dressing table
- 1. Commode
- 1. Bedding lamp
- 1. Table lamp
- 1. Hurricane Lantern
- 1. Washstand complete
- 1. Filter
- 1. Mirror
- 1. Bucket
- 5. Rolls matting (675 sq. feet.)

Camp equipment supplied.

(2). Officers travelling on Protectorate service can draw from the Transport Department a certain amount of camp equipment consisting roughly of the following:-

A. Officers.

- 1. Tent complete 9 x 7 feet with bath room and ground sheets
- 1. Chair
- 1. Table
- 1. Camp bed only
- 1. Mosquito net

B. Subordinate staff.

- 1. Small tent 6 x 6 feet
- 1. Chair
- 1. Table
- 1. Camp bed only

Such equipment issued is the property of Government and cannot be considered the personal property of Officers, or subordinates.

All camp equipment will be taken in store at the different Stations, and issued to Officers when proceeding on tour, not otherwise.

(3) Clothings

This is one of the points upon which the newly appointed

appointed Officer is most exercised, and one which will repay a little care and forethought.

Good woollen underclothing is I consider essential, it should not be too thick, and the material should be well shrunk before it is made up.

White drill or khaki suits are worn a great deal; white at Mombasa, and khaki up country. They should be made in Mombasa to measure, where there are several fairly good tailors who also have branches in Nairobi, and who will cut them in accordance with uniform regulations.

An abundant supply of thin wool or merino socks is essential, navy blue or black are the best colours, the dye should be fast colour for in case the wearer changes to become footsore after a long march, a cheap deleterious dye may poison the feet.

#### Boots:

Good fit is essential and to ensure this it is well to have a "last" made to the exact size by a good boot-maker at home, one can then write for boots made on this last and be sure of their fitting.

The following list of necessary clothing has been drawn with some restraint and can be relied on :-

#### Clothes.

Flannel suits (with waist coats) preferably some grey mixture or stripe

Suit for evening wear of thin tropical weight serge

Tweed suit. This will be found useful in the evening if one travels in the highlands

Black dinner jacket with dress waistcoat and trousers ( of a thin twill material )

Breeches 5



Breeches (Bedford cord or some similar material)	1. pr.
Breeches, khaki cord made in Mombasa from English pattern	1. or 2. prs.
Shooting coat Norfolk pattern, cloth, or gaberdine lined with flannel (optional)	1.
Flannel shirts (with linen neck band and no collar)	6.
Loose flannel collars for above ( 3 for each)	18.
Merino vests	4.
Thin woollen vests	4.
Woolken sweater	1.
Jaeger cholera belts (for occasional use)	2.
Pyjamas not less than (thin flannel or wigell)	4 suits
White shirts not less than	6 to 8.
Print shirts	3 or 4.
A few light Oxford knit shirts are useful. They are cheaply made in Mombasa.	
Dress ties (black & white; black & white)	8.
Narrow silk ties	
White Collar	1 doz
Handkerchiefs silk	6.
-do- white linen	1 doz
socks thin woollen or merino not less than	1 doz
Crinoid bandages 6ft. long & 6 inches broad	2.
Braces	2. prs

Cambric helmet or Ellwood helmet; these can be purchased quite well in Mombasa. 1.

Broad brimmed felt hat, single thickness 1.

A Panama hat is useful, or the cheaper white straw hat is almost as good. 1.

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Two ordinary woollen caps should be taken.  
A single felt hat with broad brim is very useful.

### Boots.

Shooting boots brown leather, grain hide.	1 or 2 prs
Ordinary light, brown boots or shoes	2 "
Patent leather dress shoes	1 "
Fanny shoes	1 "
White canvas shoes with leather soles	1 "
Boot trees	2 "
Slippers	1 "
Gaiters brown leather	1 "
Putties blue or khaki	1 "

If much camping out is expected a pair of loose rubber boots, usually termed "gum boots" are very useful. They should only come half way up the leg.

### Miscellaneous.

Buttons, pins, needles, etc.	
Boat laces	1 doz. prs.
Boat brushes	2 "
Hair sponges	2 "
Sponge bag made of green Willenden canvas 10 x 12	1
Tooth brushes	2
Hair brushes, shaving brushes	2
Soap tin	1
Tooth powder box	1
Supply of tooth powder (these can be purchased locally but a supply will be needed for voyage & while travelling to one's post.)	
Toilet soap	
Fountain or stylographic pens	
Writing case & stationery	
Travelling clock	
Hot water bottle of best rubber	
Pig skin belt	

Field glasses, (prismatic binoculars are best, these are not essential but very useful if one expects to travel about or shoot)

Towels rough Turkish	6
-do- white -do-	6
Slip on rain coat of berberine not rubber	1
Austrian rug	2
Travelling rug	1
Pillows 3-4 and covers	2
Sheets if required	4
Serviettes	6
Table cloth 6 x 3	2
-do- 5 x 4	2
Lord's patent lantern in tin case with reservoir of spare oil only required by officials in list A.	1
Coarse dish cloth	1 do
Glass clothes	1 "
Folding chair Elliot pattern for back use	1
Water bottle aluminium or vulcanite for Officers in list A.	1

For Officers likely to be generally stationary the following articles will prove of great value for household use.

One chest containing following articles of cutlery and plate:-

1. Pair game carriers
6. Table knives
6. Small knives
6. Large knives
6. Large forks
12. Dessert forks
6. Soup spoons
6. Dessert spoons

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*Lewis*

2. Table spoons,
2. Salt cellars & spoons,
2. Mustard pots,
2. Pepper pots,
2. Serviette rings
6. Tea spoons.

also

1. Sugar basin
1. Jam dish with cover
1. Butter dish with cover
1. Milk jug
1. Stone ware tea pot
1. -do- coffee pot
2. Table lamps with copper or brass receivers
4. Aluminium cooking pots nested
1. Iron tea kettle
1. Dinner service for six (plain white is best as it is easily matched.)
6. Tea cups and saucers
6. Plain thin tumblers
6. Port glasses
6. Sherry glasses
- Decanters optional
- Water carafe & glass.

2. Enamelled iron jug capacity about 1 quart

Surveyors and others who may expect to spend the bulk of their time in the field may not consider it worth while to burden themselves with crockery and complete table gear, and can manage with the following:-

3. Table knives
3. Small knives
3. Large forks
6. Dessert forks
6. Dessert spoons
3. Table spoons

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2. Tea spoons
1. Travelling salt cellar
1. -do- pepper pot
1. -do- mustard pot
2. Enamelled iron dishes
6. -do- plates
2. Small -do-
2. -do- cups and saucers
- OR
2. Enamelled aluminium tumblers
1. -do-
1. Tea pot
1. Cooking pot
1. Enamelled washing basin, soap dish, tea & sugar
2. Kettle
1. Frying pan

It is recommended for convenience of travel that the articles within brackets be fitted in one box in partitions.

Articles can be procured cheaply in Bombay, both for home use and when travelling, 2 at least are needed.

#### Boxes.

All clothes should be packed in tin uniform cases, A. S. N. or Silven's pattern, 56" long. About 3 of these will be needed. If the Officer possesses a suit case or kit bag he should take it, it will be very useful on railway journeys.

A green canvas sack with loops should be taken, this will be irreplaceable for carrying bedding, boots, etc. when travelling. Black japanned case for uniform basket.

#### Bath.

An oval travelling bath not too big is most useful both in a house and in camp. Some however prefer a green canvas folding bath for camp use. Each pair of boots should be carried in a strong calico bag this

will prevent their soiling clothes, &c. with which they may be packed.

A light dressing gown, made of Turkish towelling is a useful article to have in a Station, but is of little use in camp life.

Medicines and Medical attendance are supplied free to all Officers of the Protectorate, it is well however to have a few simple medicines of one's own e.g. Sulphate of Soda, Kutnow salts tabloid of quinine, Dover's powder, Calomel, Chlorodyne, Boracic lint, a few bandages, and a clinical thermometer; these items are quite essential.

The Searles Co's Soda Syphon is a very useful thing for camp use on account of its portability, in many of the principal Stations however, ordinary bottled soda water is easily obtained.

A Keltroch is a very economical machine for making soda water, as the ingredients viz. Carbonate of Soda and Tartaric Acid are ordered in bulk. The cost of the soda water is about one half that of sparklet soda. The Searles Co's Syphon is the most useful.

#### Saddlery.

As it is difficult for a novice to select a saddle to tell whether he will be able to get good riding, it is not recommended that saddlery should be taken on in the first instance, second hand saddlery can also be often picked up cheaply from sportsmen and travellers who have finished their trip.

The best saddles are the colonial pattern with two separate padded panels leaving an opening for the animal's spine, soft leather lining is recommended, and a good felt girth should be used. The stirrup leathers should be wide enough to accommodate a wide haired shoeing foot.

As most of the animals are ponies, large sized saddles are generally useless. As the saddle will probably have to undergo rather rough handling, and at times careless packing, a strong iron arch is essential. Bits should not be too heavy and cumbersome, a double ring snaffle will generally be found sufficient.

A crupper is a useful adjunct to possess, and do not forget a comfortable headstall, and about 30 feet of 1 1/2" rope (circumference) also a light horse rug and a curry comb and brush.

Kit suitable for Foremen, Mine Assistants, etc.

Clothes

Suit of European clothes dark faced or blue serge of a light material	1
Coronet knickerbockers	1 pr.
Flannel suit grey	1
Cotton shirts of collars	4
Flannel shirts	5
Thin woollen vests	3
Pyjamas thin wool or mixture of wool & cotton	4
Wool sweater or Cardigan jacket	1
Flannel bandages 6 feet x 6" wide with tapes at one end	2
Woven Gholera belts	2
White collars	6
Sliz ties	4
Old ulster or thin overcoat	1
Rain coat or oilskin coat	1
Handkerchiefs white or coloured	1 doz
On arrival at Wombani order from a local tailor -	
Khaki drill suits, the coat to button to the knee, no waistcoat	

White matt shirts with collars 2  
Socks 6 or 12 prs.

Boots.

Steady working boots brown 2 pairs  
Light boots brown 1 "  
Slippers 1 "  
Leather 1 "  
Putties 1 "

the latter should be bought in Mombasa

Leather belt good quality with watch pouch

spas 2 pairs

Hats.

Campore or Ellwood helmet to be bought  
in Mombasa on arrival 1

Wide brimmed felt hat for use on voyage 1

and also in the country in early morning  
or late afternoon 1

Clot. caps 1 or 2

A deck chair for use on the voyage should  
be taken

Miscellaneous

Blankets or striped Austrian rugs 2 or 3

Pillow with spare pillow cases 1

Sponge and sponge bag 1

Soap tin 1

Tooth brushes 3

Tooth powder box 1

Towel pouch 3

Handkerchiefs 3

Body lozes 1 box

Boot brushes 2

Hair brushes military pattern 13 case 3

Clothes brush 1

Writing case, stationary 1

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White matt shirts with collars 2

Socks 6 or 12 prs.

Boots.

Strong working boots brown 2 pairs

Light boots brown 1 "

Slippers "

Leather shoes "

Putties 1 "

The latter should be bought in Mombasa

Leather belt good quality with watch pouch

Spaces 2 pairs

Hats.

Campore or Elixood helmet to be bought

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Wide brimmed felt hat for use on voyage

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or late afternoon

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be taken

Miscellaneous

Blankets or striped Austrian rug 2 or 3

Pillow with spare pillow cases

Sponge and sponge bag

Soap tin

Tooth brushes

Tooth powder box

Towel pouch

Combs

Body lozes

Foot brushes

Hair brushes military pattern in case 2

Clothes brush

Writing case, stationary

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Boxes preferably	2
Tin uniform cases	2
Green canvas sack with lock	1

On arrival at Mombasa consult the Assistant Transport Agent and he will advise with regard to cooking gear, table gear, etc.

#### Provisions:

Newly appointed Officers are not recommended to take out any provisions, there are numerous shops in Mombasa and Nairobi which supply all kinds of provisions and liquors at fairly reasonable rates, there are also shops at most of the other Stations where absolute necessities such as sugar, tea, flour, etc. can always be obtained.

If however an Officer finds that he is permanently stationed at any one place it will repay him as soon as he gains experience as to his actual requirements to order certain stores in bulk from England; if two or three men club together and give a joint order through a reliable firm of London Agents considerable economy may be effected.

#### Arms & Sport.

Officers in list A. should take out a small bore rifle and a shot gun, those in list B. will not require any arms, but if they are keen on sport will probably be able to find opportunity of obtaining shooting.

The small bore rifles most recommended are .263 Lee-Enfield sporting pattern, .256 Mannlicher rifle sighted by a good English gunmaker, or .275 Mauser rifle sighted by a good English gunmaker.

A 12 bore shot gun is recommended as ammunition can always be obtained locally wherever cartridges for 16 & 20 bore guns are not actually procurable.

About 200 rifle cartridges and 400 shot cartridges

is a reasonable allowance to start with.

With regard to the rifle cartridges purchased 50 with solid bullets and 150 with lead pointed bullets.

The most useful size of shot is NO. 6 but it is good to take 100 NO.4's.

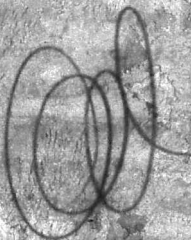
It is essential for health in the tropics that regular daily but short exercise should be taken, particularly by the porters whose work is of a sedentary nature; thus new comers should upon arrival find out what form of exercise or sport is most suited to their temperament; at Mombasa and Nairobi the European residents play cricket and football; there are tennis courts at Mombasa, Nairobi and some of the country stations. At some of the more favoured spots good shooting can be had within easy reach. At nearly every station in the Protectorate there is some branch of natural history research that will repay a man, which will give one a never failing interest in the country, and will divert one's thoughts from what is often rather lonely and monotonous life.

(This heading has not been touched upon as I have verbally informed at the Colonial Office that new uniform regulations were being drafted.)



In Sir D. Stewart's deposition  
No. 376 of June 30th 1895.

Inclosure No. 2



September  
August 1905

DRAFT

Sir, India

Ref. Prot. no. 397  
Canada no. 193

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a circular despatch addressed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March last, to the Officers administering the Forts of all Colonies and Protectorates on the subject of the adoption of a new white and red uniform which may be worn by officers of the Colonial Civil Service in tropical countries, and to

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bostomby 3078
- Mr. Ellis
- Mr. Andrew
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. Dumassey
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Dittellon

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suggest that it may  
be found desirable  
to that the new  
uniform should  
be adopted in the  
East India Protectorate.

3. You will observe that  
the new uniform can  
only be worn by those  
who are or will be  
entitled to wear the  
ordinary civil uniform  
and that, therefore,  
it would not generally  
replace the existing  
Protectorate uniform.  
There is, however, some  
similarity between  
the two uniforms  
which might possibly  
lead to confusion,  
especially if the new

tropical civil uniform  
304  
is in some respects the  
simpler of the two.

3. Apart, however, from  
the question of the  
similarity of the two  
uniforms, I should be  
glad to be informed  
whether there are  
any modifications  
which might be made  
in the Protectorate  
uniform. The cost is a  
serious item in the heavy  
expenditure which the  
less highly paid officials  
have to incur in the  
matter of outfit, and  
it appears to me that  
some modification  
in the uniform  
might usefully be  
made and that, for  
instance, the sword

might be omitted  
altogether

4. There is next  
information as to the  
regulations on the  
subject of this uniform  
and I have to request  
that you will inform  
me what officers  
are required to wear  
it and on what  
occasions, and that  
you will furnish me  
with your views on the  
simplicity and  
whether there are any  
classes of officials who  
might be exempt from  
the necessity of providing  
themselves with it.

5. A similar despatch has  
been addressed to the  
Commissioner of the

Uganda Protectorate  
East Africa

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Mr. [unclear] 588

Col. Sastres

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- Mr. [unclear] 2/2
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]

Verbal instructions

Ans d 10 55

Sir, I have the honor to  
inform you that I have,  
from the "Hunt on  
Outfit" compiled by  
W. Hobley and enclosed  
in his Donald Stewart's  
despatch no. 374 of  
the 20th of June last,  
that the camp equip-  
ment issued to officers  
of the Protectorate  
includes a mosquito  
net, but that no  
mosquito net is issued  
to the subordinate  
staff.

2. I consider that

of great importance  
that all persons  
in the employment

of the Govt. should  
be provided with the  
means of protecting

themselves against  
natural infection  
while travelling, and

I have therefore the  
regret that you

will cause instructions

to be given for the

issue of prophylactic notes

to the subordinate staff

with the other camp

equipment.

3. The regulations with

reference to the

of Subordinate camp

equipment. The

pamphlet of Hints on  
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Outfit which is

being printed from

the Hobbys notes.