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(Subject)

Survey Dept.

Reports as to exemptions of Customs
Duty allowable in respect of personal baggage &
stores & fuel transport of messes on railway for
local officials. Cost of carriage of Survey Stores should
continue to be charged to Survey Vote.

(Minutes)

Mr. Read

? Copy to Capt. Smith
for info & guidance.
[Should like a copy of para 3 for
reference]

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Nairobi,

April 27th 1906.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 202

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 150 of March 14th respecting various matters of detail connected with the formation of the reconstituted Survey Department in the East African Protectorate.

2. With regard to paragraph 3, it is not the practice in this Protectorate to charge customs on goods imported for the public service: a declaration of the value of such goods is however required by the Customs Authorities for statistical purposes. Duty is likewise not levied on personal baggage, but it must be paid on the stores supplied by the Crown Agents and afterwards sold to the members of

the

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

the Survey Department. It would, I consider, be unfair
to exempt such stores from duty in the case of one
Department when no other Department enjoys a similar
privilege.

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3. - I have the honour to report, with reference to
paragraph 7 of your Lordship's despatch under reply, that
the private effects of all persons are exempt from duty
when brought by the owner into the country. Government
employees are allowed five hundredweight of luggage
free when travelling in country on the Uganda Railway and
three hundredweight when returning to the Coast. Any-
thing in excess of this weight has to be paid for. The
free transport of goods is restricted to certain classes
and does not include liquor, trophies or ammunition. In
addition to the five hundredweight of luggage allowed
on the railway, officers receive fifteen loads per annum
transported free to any station in the Protectorate.

4. The cost of the carriage of the Survey Stores
on the Railway has already been charged against the
Survey Vote as the Transport Department Vote of the
Protectorate was not estimated to include the cost of
the survey transport. I am of opinion that it will

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be best to continue to charge these expenses against the Survey Vote, though I agree with the views expressed in your Lordship's despatch No. 147 of March 21st that it is desirable that as much money as possible should be available for actual surveying operations. If Colonel Smith finds as the financial year advances that further expenditure is unavoidable, he can submit a supplementary estimate, on which I shall be able to decide how the additional expenditure should be met.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

Henry Miller

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5th June
5th July 1906

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Lt Col. E. S. M. R. R.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, for your info. and guidance, the accompanying copy of a despatch which has been received from the Comd. of the C.A.S. on the subject of the various points of detail connected with the reconstitution of the Survey Dept. which were raised in your last minute taken receipt at the office of the

MINUTE.

- Mr. B. H. ... 3/1/5
- Mr. Read
- Mr. Antrobus
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir H. Osmanney
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

[Handwritten signature/initials]

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