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(Subject.)

1907

Five engines and plant for Nairobi

27 March

What is wanted is a site to house the
engines & to provide appliances. Suggests
Govt contribution of Rs. 5000

Last previous Paper

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(Remarks)

Mr. Reed

Meeting minutes on 42079
have expended £20,000 this year
on the construction of Works, and
I think an effort must be made
to get more money in rates from
the towns people. I should recommend
to Treasury that the Govt. contribute
Rs. 5000 towards the building for
repairing the five engines out of
yearly savings & provide a
note on the understanding that
next year all ordinary expenses
of the municipality are defrayed
out of the rates, including of
course a contribution from the Govt

out of
the
of the Post.

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in respect of public buildings. Govt officials
and of course treated like other public buildings
in respect of the quarters at they occupy

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So proved

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be used for Township funds.

While fully appreciating the impropriety of appropriating the public funds of the Exchequer for the

purpose of purchasing fire arms I would observe to suggest that the cost of a rifle is a heavily burdensome

to the towns and districts. It is an

unpleasant task to be carried out in a

direction in general and the voice of the Committee as well as a

Moreover, the purchase of arms by officials and an even larger proportion of the

property belong to Government which would consequently be the greatest sufferer in the event of a serious fire.

5. Your parish must not suppose that the public are idle in the matter or that they are content to wait for

us to do the work for them. A Committee has been formed, many subscriptions promised and entertainments are to be

given in support of the fund. But the community is still

and

and not over-seeing and I venture to think that, in view
of the extent to which its interests are involved the
Government should contribute the sum of \$4,000 above
mentioned in support of this most important object.
I may mention that the rate of Government for the
year and class have been publicly reviewed and it
would not therefore be possible to raise it as suggested
in the concluding paragraphs of Mr. Lardner's statement
independently.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

Your loyal and most obedient,

humble servant,

J. J. Falkner

Acting Commissioner.

Comm
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The Sec to the
Treasurer

MINUTE

- Mr. Allen 29/4
- Mr. Brad 29/4
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Ambrose
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

1 May 1907

Sum directed by the
bank of Upper
- sent to you to be laid
before the L.C. of the Treas.
- may the accompanying
copy of ^{a further bill} ~~insert~~ on
the subject of the provision
of a fire engine for the
in the E.A.P.

2 I shall be remembered
that the original proposal
that the Govt. had provided
the sum required for
the purchase of the engine
was disapproved by Lord
Elgin on the ground that

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such a large sum, to be borne
by the inhabitants of Mauritius,
and not by the Protestants,
and that the sum of £593
provided for this purpose
was struck out of the Estimates
for 1921-2.

I am aware of the
reason urged by the
Hon. Secy that the
Govt has a pre-occupied
interest in obtaining
security for the
that the general public
have made considerable
efforts to raise funds for
the purpose, but I give
preference, if T.L.'s concern
to appear of the Govt.
providing a suitable site under
to some the request, & out-
sourcing of a man of

No. 5000 towards the cost
of a building for the
purpose, the latter to be
provided out of savings
on the gross cultivated
surface for the current
year.

If I would however
attach the condition
that next year the
value of the ordinary
crop of the municipality
shall be met from
local resources which shall
include reasonable contri-
butions by the Govt in
view of rates on public
buildings, & also the
provision of rates levied
on Govt offices, & also at
public offices to be particularly
correct, in respect of the
houses or quarters occupied
by them.

R.R.A.