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Reduction of Military Expenditure

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AFRICAN PROVISIONAL

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(Incl. 1.)

General

It has been brought to notice by the Inspector General King's African Rifles that consequent on the reduction in strength of the 1st and 3rd Battalions King's African Rifles the establishment of Military Paymasters is considerably overstuffed and the question of reduction is one that requires attention.

The present strength and cost of this establishment is:-

	Paymaster	Assistant Paymaster	Clerk	Total
1st	130	250	20	£ 385
3rd	182	308	20	£ 558
				£ 943

The Inspector General is of opinion that the following establishment

Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.

Statement with for the same be ample:-

Paymaster 385

2 Assistant Paymasters 518

905

... a saving of £ 385 but will leave 1 Paymaster and
 Paymaster's Clerk unprovided for. This circumstance need
 however cause no embarrassment as it gives us an opportunity
 of dealing with a matter to which my attention has also been
 directed. The Treasurer, a copy of whose Minute on this
 subject I enclose, fully condemns the Inspector's
 suggestions for reduction and also draws attention to the
 necessity for organizing without delay a proper system of
 Police accounts. Of this I was fully aware and thoroughly
 concurred in the proposal but it would in the ordinary course
 of events have been compelled to stand over until next year's
 estimates.

I have now the store of honour to recommend that the
 Paymaster and Clerk who will thus be left unprovided for be
 immediately transferred to the Police Department; their pay
 will be borne on the Military Schedule till the end of the
 present financial year and a proper system of Police accounts

can be commenced immediately. Mr. O. Lambie, the officer affected,
 is at present Paymaster to the 1st Battalion King's African Rifles
 and has submitted an application to be appointed Pay and Quarter
 Master of the Police Force and as the Inspector General King's
 African Rifles has a high opinion of his capacity I would recommend
 him for the appointment.

I would therefore make the following proposals for Your
 Lordship's consideration:-

(i) That the staff of the King's African Rifles Pay Department
 be retrenched in accordance with the Inspector General's and the
 Treasurer's recommendations.

(ii) That the Paymaster and Paymaster's Clerk who become
 available by this retrenchment, be not transferred to the Police
 Department but that they may be borne on the Military Schedule
 till the end of the present financial year.

(iii) That due provision be made in the ensuing Police Estimates
 for the continuance of these new appointments.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servants,



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After carefully considering the matter I am of the opinion that the appointment of a Pay and Quartermaster with staff is not only desirable but necessary for the Police Department.

The reduction of both 1st and 3rd battalions of the King's African Rifles has undoubtedly left the Military Paymasters establishments considerably overstuffed and I consider Paymaster (Mr. A. Smith) and 2 Assistant Paymasters (Messrs. Stone and Cowasjee) ample.

This leaves Mr. Gamble unprovided for and I would recommend his transfer to the Police Department at his present scale of pay.

If, as is rumored, the 1st King's African Rifles is to be replaced when it returns to British Central Africa at the termination of its present term of service, one of the Assistant Paymasters could also be transferred to the Police. I would recommend Mr. Cowasjee to be transferred, leaving Messrs. Smith and Stone with the 3rd King's African Rifles.

In any event I would recommend the immediate transfer of Mr. Gamble (as soon as Colonial Office sanction has been obtained). His pay could still be borne on the Military schedule, but he could inaugurate a proper system of Police accounts to come into force on 1st April next.

Sd/- C.C. Bowring

TREASURER.

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August 1907

Secretary
Treasury

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Mr. Looe ¹⁹/₅

Mr. ~~...~~ 20/15/1907

Mr. Juel

Mr. Ansdon

Mr. Orr

Mr. ...

Sir F. Hopwood

Mr. Churohill

The Earl of Elgin

and

Sir

7th day of the
month of August
1907, to be laid before
the House of Commons
this day, the summary
copy of a report with
enclosure which has
been sent from the
Govt of the CAF
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be very considerable
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as their Lordships
will perceive,
involve no extra
charge on Post fund.
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Lordships approval,
therefore, Lord Elg.
proposes to recommend
the adoption of the
measures ~~in~~ which
Col Hayes & Co
recommend.

Vote

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