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East Coast Fever. - Expenditure

Reports serious situation. Requests approval of further
expenditure of £5000 to be met from savings 1910-11 for
purchase of mules & establishment of post station on
Fort Hall Road, & introduction of branding and configuration
and systematic cleaning & fencing of infected areas. Proposed
to form an Advisory Committee composed of farmers to act with practical

W. Read.

The expenditure of £5000 in the current
financial year was approved by our
telegram on Gov. ¹⁴⁷ sent off about a
couple of hours before his telegram
was received.

In the memo on the Estimates which
for 1910-11 which has gone to the Treasury
we remarked that the Govt had made
no special provision in those Estimates
for combating stock diseases, and that
if he wished to recommend expenditure

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of this nature in 1910-11, he would have to show the source from which it could be met. He now offers in effect to do without expenditure already recommended for 1910-11 to the amount of \$5000, if he can have that amount for stock diseases.

As the matter is very urgent, I submit a draft to the Treasury for consideration.

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Paraphrase of a telegram from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received, Colonial Office, 6.36 p.m., 2nd February, 1910)

East Coast fever, I greatly regret to report, has now again become a serious menace to the Protectorate and, unless serious measures are taken to combat it, the consequence may be a general setback to the whole country which is at present impoverished by drought and general depression. The Fort Hall road after being closed for over a year to ox transport was reopened in September only to be closed in December again for probably two years. This season's crops along the road are best we have ever seen, but the closing of the road will absolutely spell ruin to farmers unless transport can be obtained. If oxen are prohibited the only available transport is steamer or motor belonging to Swift and Cranworth. This will be entirely monopolized for their own requirements as exporters, their crops being very heavy. The purchase of mules and establishment of Government transport is imperative if we are to attempt seriously to combat disease. In the Ukamba province in addition compulsory branding

branding and confiscation for illegal movement must be introduced and systematic cleaning and fencing of large infected areas. Unless such action be taken there is every reason to fear a spread of disease to the highlands, a contingency by which the whole of the country would be thrown back indefinitely. I have every confidence in the measures based on South African experience proposed by Macdonald but I fear it means expenditure. I have asked for a grant of £5,000 to be met from savings this year and now ask for a second £5,000 to be met similarly next year. After taking into account all supplementary estimates the saving in expenditure this year is estimated at £3,000, surplus on revenue £13,000. Next year, apart from general saving, I safely anticipate a reduction in expenditure of £15,000. You can understand my great anxiety in the matter and its urgency. Every old question and trouble has been raised by this sudden collapse and deputations and representations are coming to me from all parts. If I can meet them, explain conditions, and show a reasonable policy, I hope for practically unanimous support. In order that the factious opposition and criticism of the past should in a measure be alleviated, I propose appointing an Advisory Quarantine Board from the farmers to act with Macdonald. Reply by telegraph is requested if possible before 15th February when general meeting with all bodies of public opinion is to be held.

GIROUARD,

Gov.

E. A. P.

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The Secretary
to the
Treasury.

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Mr. Butler. Feb. 3

Mr. Read. 3

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Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

X Sir F. Homeood. *J.H. 2*

Col. Seely. *H.*

Lord Crewe.

In answer.

Gov. tel. Feb. 2.

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ans at 3860

Sir,

I am directed
by the Earl of Crewe
to transmit to you
to be laid before the
L. C. of the Treasury
a copy of a telegram
from the Govt of the
E. A. P. relating to
the necessity for
expenditure on

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permission to spend
an equal sum on
the same service in
1910-11. No provision
of the amount
required has been
made in the Estimate
for that year, which
are now before their
Lordships, but Sir
Percy Girouard
offers in his telegram
to find the amount
from savings on the
expenditure for 1910-11
recommended for
their Lordships' approval.
Lord Crewe therefore
proposes, with the
concurrence of the

is to meet bodies
 representative of
 public opinion on the
 15th instant, and
 it will no doubt then
 be necessary, ^{to} if
 the public
 confidence is to be
 restored to state
 definitely what action
 the Gov^t are prepared
 to take. Lord Ouse
 there are trusts that
 their Lordships will
 had it possible to
 make a very early
 reply to his letter.

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Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seale.

Lord Ouse.

5. The Gov^t will ~~be~~
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 to explain in

detail on what
lines he is acting
and how the funds
provided are being
applied

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