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Last previous Paper.  
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Lieutenant, Treasury & Customs Dept.

urges appl. for Mr. Bowring as Col. Sec. £1000,  
Mr. Major as Treasurer £800 and Mr.  
Harrison of Barbados as Ch. of Customs  
£700. Messrs. Mason & Hollis to be Assist.  
Col. Secretary.

Mr. Read,

The "cypher wire" is no doubt our private and  
confidential telegram of 27th January on Nov./3040/9. It  
is not so certain what Sir Perc. Girouard's "secret despatch"  
is. Possibl<sup>y</sup> he refers to his confidential despatch of  
the 13th November, to which our cypher telegram was a reply.  
Just as possibly he may mean some further <sup>and really</sup> secret despatch  
which has not yet reached us and which may contain the  
details asked for in our telegram.

The present position in regard to the offices  
mentioned in this telegram is as follows:

Office.	Holder.	Salary.
Lieutenant-Governor.	F. J. Jackson.	£1,000.
Secretary for Native Affairs.	A. C. Hollis.	£700.
Secretary to Administration.	W. J. Conson.	£650.
Treasurer	C. C. Bowring.	£700 + £100 (personal)
Chief of Customs.	F. W. Major.	£700.

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Chief of Customs.	S.T. Harrison.	£700.

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the Report in 39400 the Treasurer of the Protectorate would have no place. Perhaps he means that Mr. Major would strengthen the Council pending the full reconstitution, which would eventually eliminate the Treasurer.

I can speak from personal experience of the excellence of Mr. Harrison's work as Treasurer of Northern Nigeria, though I know nothing of him since he became Controller of Customs in Barbados. It is possible, ~~however~~, that the Patronage Committee may desire to have some opportunity of making recommendations in regard to this and the other posts. ~~though~~ But great weight should be attached to Sir Percy Girouard's personal wishes in the matter.

Another mail is due in two or three days. I think we had better wait until it comes to see whether it contains any secret or other despatch which will throw more light on these proposals. If it does not, we had better tell Sir Percy by telegraph that, if these proposals depend, as they seem to <sup>depend</sup> ~~do~~, on the transfer of Mr. Jackson, they cannot be proceeded with until it is possible to effect such transfer, and that the Secretary of State does not at present see his way to doing this. We should at the same time point out the respects, in which these proposals do not appear to ~~com~~ tally with the recommendations made in 39400 and provisionally agreed to by the Secretary of State. I think we should also add that in matters of such importance and complexity the Secretary of State finds it very difficult to act on a request conveyed solely by telegraph.

I fear that this telegram imports <sup>a</sup> somewhat undesirable elements into the question of reorganizing the administration of the East Africa Protectorate. It is very regrettable that the Governor should feel

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solution way of doing  
the thing  
W. J. R.*

explanation has come by this mail.  
I therefore submit a draft telegram

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Feb. 28

Sir J. Hopwood

? Telegraph as proposed. I do  
not see how action can be taken without  
knowing what is proposed as to Mr Jackson's  
position —

You will notice how materially this all  
differs from the recommendations in  
the report. This suggests a need for caution.

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C. I. III

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

(Received Colonial Office 3.31 pm 1910 February, 1910)

With reference to your cypher wire of 21st  
secret despatch, I propose to appoint Mr. Bowring as  
Colonial Secretary, Mr. Major as Treasurer and I ask  
for Harrison or someone as Chief of Lists. I  
would ask your Lordship's approval to these proposals.  
I am having much difficulty in getting forward now and  
there is being introduced secret and I fear official  
opposition. Bowring's ability and knowledge are un-  
questioned, his appointment will be popular with element  
I ask for Harrison as I must have a thoroughly reliable  
friend at home. I have very high opinion of Major  
in every way and he is not an old hand here. He will  
strengthen Council. Houston and Hollis to become  
Assistant Colonial Secretary (sic). Bowring should  
have £1,000, Major £800, Customs £700.

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- Mr. Butler. Feb. 28
- Mr. Read. 28
- Mr. Fiddes. 28
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Mr. F. Hopwood. 1.3
- Col. Seely. (away)
- Lord Crewe. C / III

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London 2 March

With reference to your  
cypher telegram of  
19<sup>th</sup> February do I  
rightly understand  
that explanatory  
despatch is coming?  
I find considerable  
difficulty in dealing  
with proposals of such  
importance solely by  
telegraph.

Proposals appear

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Also Treasures  
would have no place  
in Council reconstituted  
as proposed on  
page 50 of that report  
Drawn.