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G.E.A. Currency - Funds.

Nat. Bank of India cannot in future supply necessary funds unless Government to them to do so. - Will continue to supply funds for bona fide military requirements as formerly. Mil. Auths. have been met.

Ans. tel Cairo 13 July 17
 Copying above to WO 14 July 17
 See reminder tel 31 July 17 7899-17 B

Mr. Read.

See also W.O./34736/G.E.A.

I do not understand the position. The military authorities in German East Africa used to be able to unload at the National Bank of India at Dar-es-Salaam any German local currency that they ^{wished} ~~like~~ having given the Bank a guarantee that they themselves would ^{accept} ~~accept~~ that currency from the Bank ^{at its face value.} ~~at its face value.~~ We have now authorised Mr. Byatt by telegraph to give the Banks operating in the occupied territory an assurance that, even after the withdrawal of the military authorities the Government will continue to recognise the German local coin as legal tender at its full face value unless and until it is replaced by British currency at par. This assurance ought to be enough to guarantee the free circulation of the German local coin in German East Africa itself. This being so, the National Bank of India ought to have no difficulty in giving the military ^{in G.E.A.} ~~authorities~~ credit at Nairobi for German local coin deposited by the military authorities with the

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branches of the Bank in the occupied territory. It is difficult to believe that there has been any question of shipping German local coin to the National Bank of India at Nairobi and asking for a credit there in Indian currency.

The National Bank is the bank of military authorities. The civil administration in East Africa employs the Standard Bank as its bank. It is just possible that the National Bank is not aware of the assets recently empowered Mr. Byatt to the future of the local

The first step to Mr. Bowring as in the enquiry it is difficult situation is. And

a copy of this letter that we will send replies

J.P.B.

13/7/47

at once.

H.S.R.

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Telegram.

The Officer Administering the Government of the
East Africa Protectorate

(Dated 9th July,
(Received, Colonial Office, 4.55 a.m. 10th July, 1917)

No. 361 8th July National Bank of India state
that in future cannot undertake to supply necessary
funds for purpose exchange of German East Africa
currency unless convenient to them do so. Will
continue to supply necessary funds for bona fide
military requirements as formerly Military
authorities have been informed.

BOWRING.

10 JULY 1914

No. 4/200
The following TELEGRAM received
From Nairobi
Foreign No. Ag
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Doubtful words should be officially repeated. See Rule Book.
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13 July (1917)

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Your telegram 9th July No. 381,

terminals

position not clearly understood.

affairs

Byatt has been authorised to give assurance

DRAFT TELEGRAM

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to Banks that German local coinage will

respond

be recognised by Government as legal

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tender in German East Africa at its

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by British *currency* ~~or Indian coin~~ *padulite* *silvered* at par

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This assurance should enable military

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Governor

Nairobi

MINUTE.

Mr. Butler

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Steel-Maitland

Mr. Long.

for London

we said British in our telegram to Mr. Byatt meaning it was explained in the minutes to include the possibility of Indian

Copy to Mr. Butler

Mr. Butler

Letter to London 9/13/17

Telegraph

strengthen
Telegraph whether this relieves difficulty.
outline *exceptless*
If not telegraph explanation of position and
state the *verbally*
your recommendations after consultation with
Byatt.

LONG.

DRAFT.

The Secretary
War Office (7736)

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 13.7.17
- Mr. Bottinley 14.7.17
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Reel.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Stee-Matland.
- Mr. Long.

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of file OAS 13. 9 July 1917
date OAS 13

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14 July 1917

See
I am to ask the rest of
your letter 015 (7452 (F.I.B.))
of the 10th of July, and to
transmit to you, for the info
of the A.C., the acc. of the
tele. comm. with the Gov. of the
E.A. with subjects of German
local currency in G.E.A.
2. A further letter will
be sent to you with the subject
on the receipt of a reply to
the S.A.S. tel. of the 13th of
July.