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War Office

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Last previous Paper.
for
37287

Capt Salkeld's accounts.

Sends Capt Salkeld's reply to Budget
Inquiry

Copy sent for 702 on 23 Sept 15

~~The Division~~
to. Read.

On this I think that all the
items ought well be allowed, but
we can simply send copy to
Gov. for ~~become commensurate his~~
comment - & point out that
C.A. are not issuing any pay to
Capt. Salkeld. WWS 20/9/15

Capt Salkeld does not give us any idea
whether his illness was such as to render
medical attendance necessary, or any
desirable. The record for this captures
as to this point suggests that if the
point stands a Med. Board will be
constituted. After as proposed by
the Budget

Next subsequent Paper.
for
450987

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to

The Secretary,
War Office,

London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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London, S.W.

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COL OFFICE

16th September, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter 37287/15 dated the 24th August, 1915, I am directed to forward to you the replies of Captain R.E. Salkeld, 3rd Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, District Commissioner East Africa Protectorate, to the observations on his accounts *which were* forwarded with your letter under reply.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. Paterson

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.

SUBJECT: EXCESS PAYMENTS WHILST SERVING WITH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.



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Headquarters,
61st (South Midland) Division.

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With reference to your No. 780 A of 5th instant, I beg to forward the following report: -

BRITISH EAST AFRICA. PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION,
PROVINCE OF JUBALAND. LOCAL TRAVELLING.

- (1) It is a little difficult after this lapse of time, 15 months, to remember exactly what happened, but I presume these queries refer to my march to Serenli and beyond in the North of Jubaland.
- (2) On April 26th, 1914, when at Kismayu, I received a telegram from H. E. the Governor of British East Africa to proceed to make peace with the Marrehan Somalis in the North of Jubaland. I was to leave at 24 hours notice. This I did.
- (3) It was impossible to foretell what the length of the march would be and how much time would be necessary. Actually about 600 miles was traversed and the journey lasted about 2 months. It was necessary to march as the Government Steamer "Rose" had been kept by the Inspector General, King's African Rifles too far up the river, and there had to remain until the following floods. Between the Northern edge of Gooka, the river district & Serenli, the forward base of the troops employed against the Marrehan, lay the Anlihan Somalis through whose country it was not safe to pass without an escort.

(4) It will be evident that I was not employed on ordinary inspection work. As Serenli had no food or supplies to spare extra Government loads had to be carried in the shape of food, ammunition, etc., for the escort, and I had to make arrangements to carry at least 2 month's supply for everyone.

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- (5) When I arrived in the hinterland of Alexandria, owing to incessant rain flooding the country I was unable to move my camels - who had got very weak - any further in a Northerly direction. I therefore lightened loads as much as possible, directed my caravan to march inland to dry country and rejoin me if they could at Jabir.
- (6) It was necessary that I should not delay, and I collected Porters, marched through the forest to the river and proceeded by canoe - which was the only possible method as all Gusha was also flooded -. I had double crews and travelled day & night to Jabir where I re-organized my caravan and proceeded. I had collected Porters at various places which I had to take on to Serenli as my camels were now dying off.
- (7) I was accompanied by Lieutenant Richmond, 3rd King's African Rifles, whose loads formed part of my caravan.
- (8) I encountered great difficulty in this march owing to the bad going, and I venture to submit that it was an urgent matter to get forward somehow. I beg to request that these charges may be passed. I suggest that this was properly a portion of the Warrehan patrol movements, to which account the money could have been correctly charged. It was, of course, common knowledge what the object of my journey was, and I do not understand why this was not pointed out to the Auditor at the time.



PAYMENT Vr. No. 63/38. Re. 60/- PAID FOR
MEDICAL ATTENDANCE FEE ON CAPTAIN SALKELD.

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I fell sick at Gobwin. The Italian Government Doctor came across from the Italian Station of Guimbot. I paid the bill direct to the Italian Commissario Regionale. In point of fact I did not expect him to make any charge; up to then the Medical Officers of each side had given their services free.

I submit such a course might, at any time, have to be followed in the event of the sickness of any Officer. There is only one Medical Officer available in the Southern part of the province, and he might well be away in Gasha or elsewhere. I beg to request that the charge may be passed.

R. L. Salkeld

Boreham House,
 The Masford.
 1915.

Captain,
 D.A.A. & Q.M.G.,
 61st (South Midland) Division



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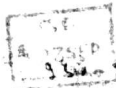
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Sir,

DRAFT.

EAR
No. 702
for Sir H.C. Balfour.

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MINUTE.

Mr. Wagner 22/9/15 -
Mr. Bottomley 22.9.15/7

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland

Mr. Bonar Law.

your 537

15 July

~~reference to that~~ transmit

to you for your answer

the acc. copy of a letter

from Capt. R.E. Salkeld,
District Commr.,

on the subject of the
queries raised by the

Audit Dept. with

reference to his accounts

I have to

Ear Salkeld 5/10/15
(Cash in 43150)

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Sir,

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your despatch N^o 537
of the 15th of July and to
~~inform you that~~ transmit
to you for your action
the acc. copy of a letter
from Capt. R. E. Salkeld,
District Commr.,
on the subject of the
papers seized by the
British troops with
reference to his accounts

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E.A.P.
No. 702

for Mr. W. Selfield.
(37287)

MINUTE.

- Mr. ~~W. P. 22/9/15.~~
- Mr. ~~Bottonby 22/9/15.~~
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
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- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

W. Salkeld 5/10/15
(Ames 43150)