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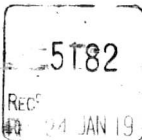
The Secretary,

War Office,

London, S.W. 1.

to the following number quoted.

General No. / 6732 G.M.C. 40



WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

29

January 1919.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 3430/1919 dated 18th January 1919, I am commanded by the Army Council to say that there are a number of mares in Egypt from which no doubt those required for East Africa could be selected and put aside as soon as the class and limits of age and height are made known to this office.

The President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries is strongly opposed to the repatriation of any animals from Egypt, for fear of introducing disease into Great Britain, and in the absence of shipping facilities the only alternative is to sell locally such animals as are suited to and required by the inhabitants, and to destroy the remainder.

The Council therefore welcome this opportunity of disposing of a number of valuable mares to the Imperial advantage, and I am to suggest that the most expeditious course will be for Viscount Milner personally to obtain the sanction of the Treasury for the mares to be handed over upon whatever terms may be decided. Meanwhile on receipt of an intimation as to the class of mare required, the Council will direct the Commander-in-Chief, Egypt to reserve a selection pending the arrival of the Protectorate's officials.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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Downing Street,

28 January, 1919.

DRAFT.

THE SECRETARY TO  
THE TREASURY.

*Ans'd 7/6/19*

Sir,

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bottomley, 27/1/19
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. G. Pindar
- Mr. Lambert
- Sir H. Ross
- Sir G. P. Fisher
- Mr. Hewins
- Mr. Long

I am etc. to transmit to you, to be laid before the L.C. of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of corres. with the W.O. regarding the proposal to obtain a number of mares from <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ surplus now on hand in Egypt for use for breeding purposes in the E.A.P. T.L. will observe that the question of the terms on which the animals should be obtained is left to their decision.

2. Lord Milner understands that arrangements have been made in similar cases in this country for surplus mares to be disposed ~~of~~ to farmers without charge, and he trusts that T.L. will be prepared to agree to a similar arrangement being made in the case.

W.O. 18 Feb 1920  
From W.O. 23 Jan 1919

case of the mares required for the E.A.P. He would point out that as expenditure must be incurred in the selection of ~~the mares~~ shipping facilities and the charges for freight and insurance, it will not be possible, in any case, to arrange for a gratuitous distribution to farmers in the E.A.P.

2. Lord Milner is anxious that the opportunity should be taken to replenish the breeding stock in U.A. as fully as possible, and for this purpose to give stock owners every encouragement to make use of the opportunity. In these circumstances he trusts that T.Ls will be willing to agree to the animals being handed over in Egypt free of charge.

4. If this is not possible he would be glad to be informed what figure T.Ls consider should be decided upon.

I am, etc.

50 Pall Mall,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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27th January 1919.

Reference Mares for British East Africa

Dear Bottomley,

Herewith the description of the animal required.

Class:- Light Cavalry or Mounted Infantry Cob.

The mares should be practically sound, free more especially from hereditary unboundness or vice, and as well bred as possible, possessing good bone, feet and short backs.

Age:- Under 10 years.

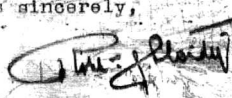
Height:- Up to 15.2

If mules are going begging I would plead that the Remount Department be asked to set aside a shipload for us. A good home can be found for them in B.E.A. and the country is in urgent need of the transport animal, and could absorb many hundreds. I need not dwell on the very important Imperial aspect of this request.

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to you on January 22nd., recommending Mr. Fitzgerald to you.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,



W.C. Bottomley Esq., U.V.O.,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street.

50 Pall Mall,  
London, S.W.1.

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22nd January 1919.

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

Should the 500 acres prove available, I would recommend  
Lieut. C. B. Fitzgerald to help in selecting and shipping them.

Mr. Fitzgerald has had a long experience in East Africa, was  
employed for some time in the Veterinary Department, and for 2 years  
served as a Remount Officer during the German East African campaign.  
His judgment of horses is sound as is also his knowledge of the class  
of animal required.

If his services in conjunction with Major Neave be secured,  
I feel sure that the interests of the Protectorate would be well  
looked after.

The following address will find Mr. Fitzgerald:-

Lieut. C. B. Fitzgerald,  
South Irish Horse,  
Oahir,  
Co. Tipperary.

I sincerely hope that we shall not be able to obtain the  
animals.

Yours sincerely,

(SD) R. J. STORDY.

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*12/5/19*

Downing Street,

January, 1919.

Sir,

**DRAFT.**

The Secretary,

WAR OFFICE

MINUTE.

Mr. Bottomley, *28/1/19*

- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
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I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd of Jan. No. 115/ General No./6732 (C.M.G. 4), and to request you to convey his thanks to the A.C. for their offer to reserve a number of mares in Egypt from which a selection can be made of the animals which it is proposed to obtain for E.A.

3. Lord Milner is in communication with the L.C. of the Trade, regarding the charge, if any, which will be made for the mares, but he will be glad if, in the meantime, the Council will take steps, as they suggest, for the reservation of the animals to be carried out. The particulars which they desire are as follows:-

Class. Light Cavalry or Mounted Infantry, COB.

The mares should be practically sound, free more especially from hereditary unsoundness or vice, and as well bred as possible, possessing good bone, good legs and short backs.

Age. Under 10 years.

Height. Up to 15.2

3. With regard to the selection of someone who would undertake the work of

*from the animals usually of selecting*

*Those which are*  
selecting the animals to be sent to E.A.,  
it has been suggested to Lord Milner that Lieut.  
C. B. P. Fitzgerald, South Irish Horse, Cahir, Co. Tipperary  
should be a suitable officer for this purpose. He has had  
long experience in E.A., was employed for some time in the  
Veterinary Dept. there, and for 2 years served as a Remount  
Officer during the campaign in G.E.A. Before proceeding  
further in regard to Lieut. Fitzgerald, Lord Milner will be  
glad to be informed whether the A.C. would be prepared to  
release him for this duty if he is willing to undertake it.

I am, etc..

Signed G. GRINDLE



E. A. DePaol  
Copy

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Downing Street.

18 February, 1919.

Dear Lord Middleton,

In reply to your letter of the 12th February, I write to say that Lord FitzGerald's name will have every consideration for the duty of taking charge of a number of horses to be taken over from the Egyptian Regiments and taken to East Africa for the East Africa Protectorate Government. At present, however, we are not in a position to make final arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) H.B.

34, PORTLAND PLACE,  
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12th February 1919.

Dear Sir,

In Lord Milner's absence I venture to ask you whether you could note the name of Lieut. B. Penrose Fitzgerald for the charge of a number of mares to be taken over from the Egyptian Remounts and taken to East Africa for the East African Protectorate Government.

Lieut. Fitzgerald ~~has~~ returned from East Africa where he was engaged in ranching in order to join the army. He knows the country well and is a good horse manager and recommended by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the East African Protectorate. I can state on personal knowledge that he is thoroughly reliable and could be quite equal to the charge. It will be found possible to employ him.

*Yours faithfully*  
Middleton

Colonial Secretary to Lord Milner,  
Colonial Office,  
Whitehall, S. W. 1