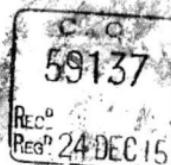


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For  
Belfield Tdo

1915

16 Nov.

Last previous Paper.

for  
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Question of writing off of stores, refund  
and acceptance of explanations in reply  
to Audit Queries.

Explains that intention was to avoid copies between  
Treasurer & Ch Sec. over trivial affairs, leaving  
it open to the Audit Dept. to query the transaction  
by whomsoever the writing off was authorized. Refuta-  
tion of referring all cases to Ch Sec has been marked to our  
concern in absence of modification of S/S's decision.

Mr. Stephen Lenson

A. J. R.

29/12/15

W. Reed

I consider that his procedure laid down  
in Ad. Rep. 277 should continue to be followed.

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Next subsequent Paper.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 786

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

59137

REC'D

Reg'd 24 DEC 15

5th November 1915,

Sir,

*33782*  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 564 of the 31st of July regarding the authority delegated to the Treasurer to deal with all questions concerned with the writing-off of stores, refunds, and the acceptance of explanations in reply to Audit queries in cases wherein sums not exceeding Rs. 50 are involved.

As regards the other classes of items referred to in paragraph 1 of your despatch, it may explain that the intention was, in some cases, to cover the cancellation of amounts due by particular individuals to the Government. In general, the power to write-off small irrecoverable amounts of money to abandon claims for refunds when a satisfactory explanation had been afforded.

The following examples will show more clearly what I mean:-

A. Interest on electric light installation due by deceased officer ... ... ... ...

Rs. 3.10

B.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BOLAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

B. Medical Examination fee due by deceased Indian clerk . . . . .	Rs.10.00
C. Trolley line fees due by an officer who had left the Service . . . . .	Rs.5.51
D. Advance of pay to a camel driver who had deserted in Jubaland . . . . .	Rs.8.00
E. Advance of pay to porters who had deserted in Northern Frontier District . . . . .	Rs.12.00
F. Excess over scheduled Transport Allowance due by an officer who had left the Service . . . .	Rs.5.00

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of your despatch, it was never intended to suggest that the acceptance or non-acceptance of the explanations received rested otherwise than with the Audit Department. All that was desired was that, if the explanation offered by an officer was deemed satisfactory by the Treasurer, the latter should have the authority to write-off the amount in question or give instructions to abandon the claim without having to enter into correspondence with the Chief Secretary on a somewhat trivial affair. It will, of course, be equally open to the Audit Department to query the transaction whether the writing-off was authorised by the Chief Secretary or by the Treasurer. I may state that the Annual Account rendered to the Audit Department is accompanied by a statement of all claims abandoned and of all losses of cash and stores which have been written off within the year.

4. Since your despatch was received the practice has been reverted to of referring all these cases to the Chief Secretary, and this practice.

practice will be continued unless you see fit to  
modify your decision.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

*H. Conway Bayliss.*

GOVERNOR.

Govt. 59137/1915.

C.A.P.

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5 January 1916

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E.R. No. 4

Govt. to Mr. Belfield -

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper, 4 January 1916 -

Mr. Bottomley, 4 Jan 1916 from of the 15<sup>th</sup> November ~~1915~~

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

Dear Sirs,

your despatch No. 786

of the 15<sup>th</sup> November ~~1915~~

~~inform you that on the~~

~~subject of questions~~

~~concerned with the~~

~~writing-off of stores,~~

~~refunds, & the acceptance~~

~~of explanations in reply to~~

~~audit queries in cases~~

~~wherein the sums~~

~~involved do not exceed~~

Rs. 50. I have

I have

P.D.D.

given consideration to the points  
noted in your report, let me  
express my opinion that it will  
be <sup>desirable</sup> preferable for that

The procedure laid down

in Ad. Reg. 277 ~~to be~~ should

continue to be followed

**PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE**

**C0533/156**

**END**

**TOTAL EXPOSURES ↗**

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ORDER NO. →162

CAMERA NO. →23

OPERATOR. →OS

REDUCTION. →12

EMULSION NO. →291021

DATE. →30/7/70

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