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15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Last previous Paper.

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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 co-operation between Treasurer & Ch. Sec. over trivial affairs, leaving it open to the Audit Dept. to query the transactions by whomsoever the writing off was authorized. Practice of referring all cases to Ch. Sec. has been remarks to work continuing in absence of modification of S/S's decision.

Mr. Stephenson

*H. J. R.*

29/11/15

W. Read

I consider that the procedure laid down in Col. Rep. 277 should continue to be followed.

*Inf: the Govt accordingly.*

*at once.*

*H. J. R.*

1/1/16

*Chas. G. Spang*

Next subsequent Paper.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 786

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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5th November 1915.

Sir,

33782

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 264 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, I may explain that the intention was, in some cases, to cover the cancellation of accounts due by particular individuals to the Government and (generally) the power to write-off small irrecoverable amounts, or 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 BONAR 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.3.00

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,

*Alonzo B. ...*

GOVERNOR.

Gov. 57/37/1915,  
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5 January 1916

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Gov. Sir H.C. Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper, 4 Jan 1916 -

Mr. Bottomley, 4 Jan 1916 -

Mr.

Mr.

Sr G. Fiddes.

Sr H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

done  
H.C. Belfield

with the receipt of  
your letter No. 486  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> of November  
~~referred to you~~ 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  
seen

P.D.D.

from except as to the points  
mentioned in your despatch, but I am  
of opinion that it will  
would be <sup>desirable</sup> preferable for that

the procedure laid down

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

continue to be followed.

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**END**

**TOTAL EXPOSURES →**

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