

1931

Kenya

No. 17257

SUBJECT

C0533/414

Nairobi Swamp.

Proposed Acquisition.

Previous

1-26-48/303

Subsequent

58006/35.

LOCAL NATIVE CHURCHES.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>Shs.</u>	<u>No. of Pupils.</u>
<u>WAKA.</u> Machakos L.N.C. Machakos.	8,500/-	164.
<u>WEST SUE.</u> L.N.C. Kapenguria.	2,650/-	33.
<u>SOUTH LINDA.</u> L.N.C. Kericho.	6,000/-	80.
<u>WASAI.</u> L.N.C. Marok. Kajiado. Loitokitok.	10,000/- 7,000/- 17,335/-	57. 45. 62.
<u>WANGI.</u> L.N.C. Kapsabet.	6,850/-	118.
<u>WAKIA.</u> Alweyo and Marakwet L.N.C. Tambach.	11,000/-	100.

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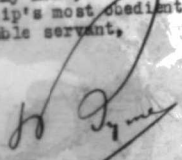
parent, but among the natives of Kenya communal responsibility is recognised and the money is voted by the Local Native Council either from revenue accruing to the Council (as in the case of the Elgeyo and Marakwet) or from the Local Native Council cess.

4. The arrangement does not apply to all pupils because it is at present only in course of development. The whole cost of boarding is borne by the Masai, by the Elgeyo and Marakwet and by the West Suk, but the Education Department is still providing considerable sums for Machakos.

5. The amount generally estimated as required for the boarding of one pupil is Shgs. 150/- per annum, but in some cases this is reduced owing to local costs and it is then possible to take more pupils.

6. If the amount voted is not expended it remains in the hands of the Local Native Council. It is anticipated, for instance, that the full amount voted by the Masai Local Native Councils may not be required, though in the case of Loitokitok the maintenance of the school may increase the cost. The money is accounted for between the Local Education Officer and the District Commissioner so that the interests of the Local Native Councils are definitely secured.

I have the honour to be,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,



BRIGADIER GENERAL,  
GOVERNOR.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.

KENYA.

No. 3/6

REC'D  
6 JUL 1931  
COL. OFFICE

7<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1931.

NO. 14 r. (6300/30)  
(estimate)

My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to Your Lordship's despatch No. 197 (Reserved) of 18th March 1931, enclosing a memorandum dealing with certain points arising on the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya for the year 1931.

2. With regard to Head VIII, Education Department, item 92, I enclose a statement showing the amounts contributed towards boarding expenses by various Local Native Councils and the number of boarding pupils in each case.

3. The position with regard to education facilities in the Native Reserves to which this arrangement applies is that the Education Department provides the whole of the educational service (as distinct from boarding) from its departmental votes. The schools concerned are in areas where Mission influence is either weak or practically non-existent, and it is considered not unreasonable that the community which is responsible for sending their children to board at school should pay the amount required. It might be argued that this is a charge which should fall on the parent ... ..

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Sir C. Bottomley:

You asked for a short statement, for purposes of comparison with the figures given in this despatch, of the boarding revenue and expenditure in the case of European children.

There is a separate division, Head VIII, of the Estimates for boarding expenditure for European children and the total expenditure in 1931 was estimated at £17,176, as opposed to £10,936 in 1930. Under Revenue, Head III, Item 17, boarding fees for European pupils are estimated at £15,400 as compared with £12,700 in 1930.

In the Memorandum on the Estimates, it is explained that if 10 per cent of the expenditure of £17,176 is deducted in respect of free places, the expenditure compares very closely with the estimated Revenue from boarding fees.

(Total expenditure £17,176 less £1,718  
= £15,458.)

The Director of Education informed the Select Committee on the Estimates that during 1929 average boarding costs, excluding interest and loan charges and pensions commitments, had been decreased from S/-218 to S/-157.

*C. Bottomley*

16.7.31

- (2) The number of Boarding pupils.
- (3) The reasons for this arrangement.
- (4) Whether it applies to all such pupils.

The present despatch is sent as a result of this request. It does not seem to call for any special comment as the system seems quite reasonable. I hardly think it necessary to acknowledge with thanks, so subject to Mr. Mayhew's orders; ? Put by.

See

Gatson  
27.31.

This is very interesting in connection with the whole question of educational provision - especially in the case of London. There is a report of the fact that the Committee of the Board of Education is now investigating this subject.

At the Dept

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see Harman  
14.7.31

Dr. Street

? Parby

Wed. 16.7.31

I am not very clear about this! I gather from the Eastwoods note that the boarding expenses of European children are met approximately by the payments by parents and that therefore there is no discrimination. I would like to think this is so but I would like this matter closely watched as there is a tendency for money to be shared by native children. I should be met out of the fund.

Put by!

Parby -

Dr. Street's minutes to be noted in Sept.

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29.7.31

at home

copy of all 1932 EOs

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No. Figure 316  
1 June  
Enclosed statement showing amounts contributed towards boarding expenses by local native Councils and states as to educational facilities in native schools, and especially as to cost of boarding

Under Head VIII, item 92 of the Estimates for 1931 (Arab and African Education) there occurs provision of £6489, as opposed to £7270 in 1930, for "boarding expenses". The explanation of the memorandum on the Estimates said:- "The vote for boarding expenses has been reduced owing to increased payments anticipated from Local Native Council funds."

The Report of the Select Committee contained the following paragraphs:-

"The Director of Education informed the Committee that the system was growing whereby Local Native Councils undertook boarding expenses on behalf of pupils being educated in Government Schools, the tuition costs being borne from public funds. He thought that this system should be encouraged as the financial commitments entered into by the Local Native Councils stimulated control over the attendance of pupils in these schools. The present rate of payment in respect of boarding expenses for African pupils in these schools amounts to £1.10/- a year."

In the memorandum of details accompanying the Secretary of State's despatch to the Governor commenting on Estimates, the following occurs:-

*pp. in circ.*  
"Head VIII Education Department, Item 92. Further information is desired on the following point:-

(1) The amount of the contributions towards boarding expenses to be met from Local Native Council Funds.