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Levy on Official  
Salaries

1. H. Com. Transport Conf (H. Mail) 14 October 34

Submits a copy of a memorandum from the Acting General Manager, K.V.R.H. requesting that the Draft Estimate for 1935 may be submitted to the Ry. Council without any provision for a Salary Levy, & states that as he feels some difficulty in expressing any arguments advanced therein he has refrained from making any recommendations.

2. Sir J. Byrnes (S.O) (H. Mail) 14 Oct. 34

States that there is no possibility of withdrawing the Kenya Levy in 1935 & considers that in view of representations on Kenya officials of K.V.R. Levy is withdrawn, the Levy should possibly stand for that year.

3. H. Com. Transport Tel 15 Conf 18 Oct. 34

Requests tel reply to No 1.

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Nos. 1 and 2. In No. 5 on 23033/34 the

High Commissioner for Transport was told that the Secretary of State desired timely warning of any proposed change with regard to the Salary Levy and that he reserved the right to defer any remission of the Levy, pending a complete extinction of the Deficit Account.

In acknowledging the High Commissioner's despatch on the General Manager's Report for 1933, the High Commissioner was informed that the Secretary of State noted that it was desired to remit the Salary Levy as soon as the financial position admits. During 1933 the deficit was reduced from £550,782 to £317,946, and the forecast for 1934 anticipates that it will be further reduced. The Acting General Manager, however, endeavours to show that in actual fact no true deficit exists, as against the Deficit

Account

see No 23  
23211/34

Account of £317,946 at the end of 1933, there is the heading "Working Capital - Stores" which is really a fixed Reserve of £442,347. The decision to show the sum of £442,347 in Capital Account was made on 16213/30. But it will be seen that <sup>Mr. Byrne</sup> ~~the Treasury~~ agrees that there is a deficit.

His difficulties in the matter are readily understandable. The majority of the Transport servants reside in Kenya, and remission of the Levy in their case and not in the case of ~~the~~ Kenya officials is bound to lead to discontentment. As it is, we have heard it said that the Railway personnel are over-paid in comparison with the Kenya officials.

Reply to the High Commissioner by telegram that the Secretary of State is unable to agree to the remission of the Levy during 1934 on the information before him but that he will be prepared to consider the matter further when the final results of the working for the current year are available. Copy forward to Treasury.

C. H. Crossin.

19.10.34.

The estimated yield of the Levy in 1934 is £25,000. We can hardly agree to its abolition without Treasury approval, which would be difficult to obtain until we have accepted their demands about Renewals contributions.

One would like to meet the view expressed by Sir John Campbell in 23211/34; but I don't think we can go further at present than Mr. Crossin suggests. If the final outcome for 1934 is better than the Estimate, there may be a possibility of abolishing the Levy as from, say, 1/7/35.

S. Fresterlin  
19/10.

I agree. While the Levy sh<sup>d</sup>. naturally be restored at the earliest possible moment, that moment hardly seems to be yet. I hope it may be as early as Mr. Fresterlin thinks, but the difficulty of differentiation as compared with the Army Staff will remain. (Stables speaks), it might not be a difficulty, as the Uganda Levy has been abolished.)

S. J. Lee  
19.

It is very satisfactory - but surprising - to learn that the U.K.R. is doing so well. But it would be very hard to disp the Levy for the U.K.R. & not for the ordinary Kenya officer. Also the railway's earnings are still precarious as abolition would be premature.

? as proposed

\* And very hard to keep S. E. W. Hurd  
it for the Railway when the time comes 2000  
then we can say that it is not needed.  
As to the Treasury and the Council, it must be remembered that the Levy is an emergency act.  
I have very sympathy with the large fund.

official but the greatest difficulty in differentiating is, I think, that the Railway's customers would at once demand a reduction of rates!

As regards the claim that unallocated stores constitute a Reserve Fund, the point is not of practical importance unless the Railway is to realize its assets. And I should expect that a good deal more is immovable than is represented by the annual writ-off of £1000. [mentioned in the Nat Revenue account].

As to Grossmith's proposal?

S.C.H.

22.10.34

J.H.  
22/X/34

1 reply

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4 To Licao.  
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4 To H.C. tel No. 10. Conf. (123 and.) 26. 10. 34

5 To Treasury. (etc 1.3 & 4) 18/10 31/10/34

H.G.

6. Governor Byre Tel 265 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 34.

States that both Budgets have been balanced on the assumption that Ordinance 57458 of 1931 will be extended for 1935 at present rate. Requests approval may be conveyed by tel.

This is equivalent to a request for permission to extend, by Proclamation, the "Levy on Official Salaries Order, 1931" and the "Levy on Official Salaries (Transport Services) Order, 1931" under the 31 Dec. 1935, with the levy at the present rates.

Am No 2

We have been told by Sir Joseph Byre that there is no possibility of withdrawing the levy in 1935 as regards the Colony, & the S.G.'s decision as regards the levy on the salaries of the Transport personnel is shown in No 4.

? Approve the proposals. A despatch should also be sent to Uganda on the lines of Para 1 of No 12 on 3065753.

C. Grossmith.  
27/11/34

B. Keating  
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W. Clapp

29/11/34

7 Tel to Governor. No 290. 28/11/34  
(6 and)

By air mail  
4/12/34

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To Uganda, 633

3 DEC 1934

C.L.P. to see

Law. G. Governor Uganda (H.S.) (Annual) 30 Nov-34

AM/10/10

S.N. 34

Seeks approval for the issue of a proclamation for the continuance of the Law on Salaries (Transport Services) Ordinance 1931 without modification during 1935.

Requests tel. reply.

Precedents  
to see

Library (Kefal)

to note notes

R. 311 to note

The approval sought by the Governor was conveyed in No. 8, which was sent by Air Mail on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, arriving in Uganda on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> December. There seems to need to telegraph

? Reply C.L.P. with 7/12/34

noted by

G. L. King 12/11/34

Yes, I think it is hardly worth telegraphing in one case.

W. L. King 12/12

J.E.K.

12/11/34

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B.M.

W. L. King  
12/12

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BY AIR MAIL. 9GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
UGANDA.

30 November, 1934.

Uganda Protectorate

No. 451

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6 DEC 1934

C. O. REGY

Sir,

No 123065/33

With reference to your despatch No. 516 of the 5th of December, 1933, in connection with the Levy on Salaries (Transport Services) Ordinance, 1931, I have the honour to inform you that the High Commissioner for Transport has notified my Government that this legislation is to continue in force without modification during 1935. I have accordingly to seek your approval, as provided in Section 8 of the Ordinance, for the issue of the relevant proclamation, and should be grateful if your decision might be communicated by telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

etc. etc. etc.

C. O.

Mr. Grossmith. 28/11

Mr. Cliffe 28/11

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.



Downing Street,

November, 1934.

5 DEC 1934

Sir,

I have etc. to refer to my despatch No.516 of the 5th of December 1933 and to inform you that I have approved the extension to the 31st of December, 1935, of the validity of Kenya Ordinances Nos. LVII and LVIII of 1931 entitled "The Levy on Official Salaries Ordinance, 1931" and "The Levy on Salaries (Transport Services) Ordinance, 1931" respectively.

2. I desire to convey to you my approval of the issue of a Proclamation under Section 8 of the Uganda Levy on Salaries (Transport Services) Ordinance, 1931, extending the effect of that Ordinance to the

31st

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GOVERNOR.

No 12.  
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