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FROM
GOVERNOR GOWERS.

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DATE

7th November 1925.

FOR CIRCULATION

Mr.
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1st U.S. of S.

E.A. WAR EXPENDITURE.
INCIDENCE OF CHARGES.

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The memo by Treasurer, Trusts Army Council
has had the matter investigated, and the furnish
figures in support of payments Uganda is called
for.

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Secretary of State.

Provided Paper

Cap. 55274

MINUTES

Mr. Bolla

in the question dealt with in

Rs 34770/15 and the 34470/15
Kaira
Kaira
Uganda

Please see your minute on 34470 &
telegram sent to Kaira - for repetition to
Uganda on that point.

The Treasurer of Uganda does not
so far as I can see, adduce anything new
but merely goes over the ground again,
saying that the item covered by
Uganda's payments shd. be investigated.

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Subsequent Paper

1) B. B. 237
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charged to Uganda may be deleted and no amount paid to Uganda fund

... is not responsible in any case as the E.A. War Expenditure Clearance

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had to be appropriate & incorrect as regards details

(6) That the question of the allocation

of E.A. War Expenditure between the

Colonial Govts & the U.K. has generally

been dealt with in broad lines

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ENGLOSURE TO DESPATCH

No. 462

OF 7.11.25

No. 1355/2619.

The Treasury,

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Entebbe, Uganda.

26th September, 1925.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary,
Entebbe.

I have the honour to refer to despatch No. 9968/10/3 dated the 21st May, 1925, from the Governor of Kenya Colony and to the Secretary of State's decision conveyed to this Government in the copy of Kenya's telegram dated the 14th August last.

2. You will remember that when the lump sum of £86,000 was paid in 1922 on account of Protectorate War Expenses it was agreed that the details of the account would not be called for provided the Director of Military Audit gave a certificate as to the correctness of the charges. This was considered a satisfactory arrangement in view of the fact that the bulk of the vouchers on account of the Protectorate War Expenses actually passed through this office. During my absence on leave in 1923 the Acting Treasurer, Mr. Taylor, paid further debits to the amount of Shs. 186,160/39 for War Expenses on an Audit certificate that the charges had not been previously referred and on my return from leave, when the matter came under my notice, I discovered that some duplicate vouchers in support of one claim for Shs. 17,107/72 had actually been forwarded to this office. The vouchers relate to payments made to Captain Greenwood and Lieut. Colonel Kiddick which are not certainly chargeable to this Protectorate, for, in the case of the former, the disbursements were on account of command pay when

Captain

Captain Greenwood was temporarily in command of a Reserve Company of the King's African Rifles - a debit against common charges, and in the case of the latter, payment was made to Colonel Riddick as a Lieutenant Colonel, whereas he held no military post under this Government which entitled him to the pay of that rank.

The Officer-in-Charge Clearance Section has also informed me that a sum of £125 on account of war gratuity to Mr. M.A.M. Van de Velda (late Auditor of Uganda) has been debited to this Protectorate. The sum appears to have been paid after this Officer left Uganda and I am at a loss to understand by whose authority the payment was made as no other officer of the Audit Department has drawn such a gratuity. In any case I believe that all such war gratuities are debitable to Common Charges. I have called for a copy of the voucher but the Officer-in-Charge Clearance Section has not yet acceded to my request.

As a result of my protracted correspondence with regard to the abovementioned specific debits it has come to my knowledge that among other units the expenses of the following have been debited to the Uganda account:-

1. Hand Scouts;
2. Taxing;
3. Uganda War Office List;
4. E. Lake Border Police.

As I am quite unable to trace any grounds on which the cost of such units should be charged against Uganda, I consider that the general question as to these allocation must now be raised. It is also a fact that certain officers were gazetted to Uganda Protectorate units as a matter of convenience and for practically the whole of their service they were seconded to organizations

organizations, the expenses of which were debitable to the Common Charges or to the accounts of other Colonies and I submit it is clearly improper that the pay of such officers should be debited to Uganda.

Briefly then, as a result of the recent receipt of vouchers and other information elucidated in the course of correspondence, it is now clear to me that the Protectorate has been called upon to bear expenses for units and officers with which it has no connection and I consider that the matter cannot be allowed to rest at this. It is common knowledge that such units as the Nandi Scouts and East Lamb. Coy. Police were not organized by the Government of Uganda but relate entirely to Kenya and if the allegations of the Chief Paymaster are fundamentally wrong,

I think the matter must be rectified notwithstanding the lateness of our discovery of the error. My review of the above referred to vouchers first directed my attention to this state of affairs and as I have not had an opportunity of scrutinizing the expenditure the certificate of the Auditor will no longer meet my requirements entirely: It is in consequence of this and my request for details that Officer-in-Charge Clearance Section has referred the correspondence to the Army Council. As I have vouchers in support of

Shs. 17,101/72 of the total sum of Shs. 186,169/39 paid, I am unable to say to what extent the Protectorate has been overdebited but I consider that the Secretary of State should be acquainted as early as possible as to our views generally on the matter while the attached copies of the correspondence forwarded by the Governor of Kenya will explain fully, I think the position with regard to the isolated debits which have already come to my notice.

6. I wish to emphasize that I am not asking for the expenditure to be re-audited; my contention is that various charges made against Uganda are wrongly allocated and should be debited against the Common Charge account, there is no question of a re-investigation which might increase the amount payable by Uganda.

G.W. 55401/25
E.A. Uganda

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- Mr. Jewell 28.1.26
- Mr. Madhoo 28/1/26
- Mr. Bottrall 28/1/26
- Mr. E. J. Harding
- Mr. Strachey
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
- Sir G. Grindle
- Mr. C. Davis
- Mr. S. Wilson
- Mr. Crosby-Clegg
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30 Jan 1926

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt

of your despatch No 462 of the 7th inst. The

last, enclosing a copy of a memorandum by the

Treasurer regarding the ~~workings of~~ certain charges upon
Uganda ^{in African}
charges in respect of the war expenditure

in East Africa.

I have carefully considered the 2nd paragraph of paragraph 3 of your despatch and I would observe that again be referred to the A.C.

but I feel that it is not possible to ask the

Council
to institute an examination of

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Uganda
No 59
E.A. Uganda

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para 2 of 27/1/26

records, at very considerable cost, on this

particular matter in view of the number
of the questions which it has been
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Such an examination could not be limited

to the particular points raised by the
Treasurer, and the possibility that claims

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3. I consider that, if ~~there~~

~~not already received~~, the final claim

for Sh. 19,803 should and be

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paid, and that the whole matter should

thus be held over for consideration as

one of the factors to be borne in mind

in assessing the amount ultimately

to be paid by Uganda in respect of

war expenditure ~~the cost of~~

cost of the Campaign against

P.E.A. as a whole.

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

UGANDA PROTECTORATE

Downing Street,

No. 29

30 January 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 462 of the 17th January 1926, enclosing a copy of a memorandum by the Treasurer, regarding certain charges upon Uganda in regard of ~~not African~~ ~~the~~ ~~Government~~.

2. I have carefully considered the proposal in the third paragraph of your despatch that the matter should again be referred to the Army Council, but I feel that it is not possible to ask the Council to institute an examination of records, at very considerable ~~expense~~ ~~in~~ this particular matter, in view of the number of other questions arising out of East African war expenditure which it has been necessary to settle by accommodation. Such an examination could not be limited to the particular points raised by the Treasurer and the possibility that claims might be raised against Uganda amounting to more than the sum now in question is a real one.

3. I consider that, the final claim for sh.19063 should now be paid, if this has not already been done, and that the whole matter should then be held over for

consideration

Yours,

W.F. GOVERN, M.D., K.C.M.G.,

Ac., B.C., Ac.

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the act in regard to the act of the Senate against
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I have the honor

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Yours most obedient

servant

Charles L. S. Adams

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