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RE  
RE: 10/10/21

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS

DATE  
9TH DECEMBER 1921

CIRCULATION:-  
Mr. Machig 14/2/22  
Mr. B. [unclear]  
Mr. Grindle  
Mr. H. Lambert  
Mr. H. Read  
Mr. J. G. Masterton Smith.  
Mr. Wood  
Mr. Churchill

SUBJECT  
PENSIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Submits observations on proposal that all corres. with pensioners and E.A. authorities should pass through C.O. and be discussed at conference at M/P next week to discuss matter.

Previous Paper

CO/35548

MINUTES

If we are going to have a conference there seems no need to minute at this stage.

? Mr. Liesching might try and arrange a time with someone at the M of P

C-J-J-10-12-21.

When Mr. [unclear] reached me I rang up the appropriate person at the M of P. with ref. to the last paragraph & explained that a memo. on the general question

Ans'd 15 Feb 22

Subsequent Paper

## MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN  
ON THIS SIDE.

The Administration of  
 Law in N. Africa was  
 a preparation which will  
 affect the subject of  
 his letter & that we will  
 therefore probably be some  
 time in replying.

The general memo.  
 proposing inter alia, the  
 appointment of a N. of P.  
 representative in E.A. has  
 now been approved & has  
 gone to N. of P. (Co  
 5966/22 (22/2))

I think we shall now  
 reply to his N. of P. letter  
 again at brevity.

Que 14/2/22

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

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CROMWELL HOUSE, ADLARD STREET,  
 WHITEHALL,  
 WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

RECEIVED  
 10 DEC 1921  
 COL. OFFICE

C.O.  
 December, 1921.  
 961322  
 REC W (21)

Sir,

1. I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to refer to your letters 14238 E.A. dated the 5th October and 8th November regarding the case of Lieutenant R.A. Whittle, late Manchester Regiment (Ministry Reference O.A.137588) and also to your letter 15067 E.A. dated 19th November regarding the case of Lieutenant R.T. Boyd, late Welsh Guards (Ministry Reference O.A.70997). In both cases the question is raised regarding the practice of this Ministry in communicating with officials and pensioners in East Africa, and it is understood that your Department now desire:-

- (a) that correspondence with ex-officer pensioners holding appointments as District Commissioners etc. in East Africa should be conducted through your Department,
- (b) that no communication regarding pensions should be sent to the local authorities in East Africa by this Ministry but that all such communications should be addressed to your Department, which would give the necessary instructions.

2. With regard to (a) above, the Minister ~~is unable~~ <sup>cannot</sup> ~~reluctantly~~ assent to any arrangement which precludes any ex-officer in receipt of disability retired pay from communicating direct with this Office in regard to his award and cognate questions, or from receiving direct communications from this Office. No similar requests have been received from other Departments employing disabled ex-officers. It must not be overlooked too that

officers

The Under Secretary of State,  
 Colonial Office,  
 Downing Street,  
 S.W.1.

14238  
 (Whittle)  
 15067  
 (Boyd)

Call

of pensions would be expedited and facilitated if in individual cases the practice of direct communication between this Ministry and East Africa could be continued, a revised list of authorities being furnished by your Department for this purpose. It is also considered most desirable that this Department should be able to inform an ex-officer leaving for East Africa to whom he should apply for medical re-examination and treatment.

5. It appears to the Minister that these and other questions of procedure in reference to pensioners resident in East Africa could most conveniently be discussed at a conference representing the two Departments and the Paymaster-General, and it is suggested that the conference should be held next week at the Ministry of Pensions, Millbank House, the date and time being arranged semi-officially.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*George Thompson*

officers have a statutory right to their pensions. Mr. Macpherson hopes therefore that the Secretary of State will not press the proposal that decisions in regard to the pensions or treatment of ex-officers who happen to hold appointments in the civil administration in East Africa should be communicated through the Colonial Office, a course which would have the further disadvantage of delay and extra correspondence.

3. As regards (b) i.e. the method of addressing communications to officials in East Africa, I am to draw your attention to the letter addressed by your Department to this Ministry number 55801/20 dated 1st December, 1920, forwarding copy of a dispatch from the Governor of Kenya suggesting that communications should be addressed direct by the Ministry or the Paymaster General to the Chief Paymaster, East Africa Pay Corps. Moreover in your letter numbered 12027/20 of 17th March, 1920, you were good enough to supply a list of the names and addresses of the officials to whom officers and nurses should make application for treatment. It was therefore anticipated that no objection existed to the Ministry communicating with these officials direct, and it was explained to your Department in the letter numbered M.S./Gen/401/4 from this Ministry dated 6th January, 1921, (your reference 36294/20) that the complete medical history was forwarded direct from this Office in each case with instructions as to the future dates for medical examination.

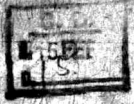
4. While it is of course appreciated that all correspondence of a general character should be addressed to your Department, it is considered that the administration

of

SR 111

The [unclear]

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15  
18 February 1922

No. 1000  
at the [unclear]  
request

I think [unclear]  
come up for SR by  
mistake, but as it  
has come up, I have  
enquired [unclear] that  
there is no need of  
reminders. There  
are other papers

to ask the [unclear]

letter No 105

14 of Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

DRAFT

Director:

Miniv. No reminder is necessary. No  
H. of P. have complied with our

MINUTE

request in all recent individual  
cases, & the question in its general  
aspect will be finally settled  
after the H. of P. representative who  
is being sent to [unclear] has furnished  
his report. Jan 29/22

to be the  
branch of pension

to [unclear] former

Mr. [unclear] 14/

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

members of the British

Army resident in East

Africa

2 in reply I am

request you to [unclear]

Director of Pensions

Mr. Churchill is [unclear]

to please [unclear]

for [unclear]

copy, but as it may be  
of any [unclear] I send  
as proposed and in the [unclear]  
with proposed [unclear]  
and all [unclear]

Yours

of Pension will comprise

that the same procedure

is desirable in

the case of M. of P.

provisions arising under

a Colonial Post

in grounds of Justice and

only. Circumstances might

well arise in which the

attitude taken up to an

old deal towards the

M. of P. will be incompatible

with the position as an

of Pension arising under

another form of Pension

to be made available

in Colonial Office.

necessary to maintain

is that the local Colonial

activities in E. Africa

Sh<sup>d</sup> not receive instructions

from the M. of P. Direct

as regards the administration

of Pension to Ex. members

of the Imperial British

in E. Africa

for as at present

such direct instructions

appear to take two forms

(a) to the local Treasury

and another to the M. of P.

(b) to the local Treasury

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Mr G. Fiddes.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.



from the Dep. No 5966/32

Co. / 5966/22

of Feb 1902 in which it

was suggested that the

Ministry of Pensions should

appoint a representative in

East Africa who would be in

direct correspondence with

the Ministry of Pensions

and will handle the

enquiries of the Ministers of

Pensions, pay and administration

all pension matters in East

Africa in which the

Ministry of Pensions are

interested. If this

proposal is carried

into effect, it will

disposed of the differences

discussed in the

present correspondence

DRAFT.

John  
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