

MINUTES

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

that the Bankruptcy Law & their Administration have not been satisfactory, that a comprehensive Bankruptcy Law is in course of being drafted. In the letter enclosed with 52654/22 the proposal is actually made that a permanent official should be appointed to act as Official Receiver.

With regard to para 4.

I suppose the Chief Justice's estimate is based on actual Bankruptcy figures & not on an estimated increase in Bankruptcies if adequate arrangements for conducting them are provided by the Govt.

I think the proposal should be approved, and the extra necessary expenditure involved, if any, will not be large, and something of this sort is certainly wanted. This point, however, should be carefully considered.

(1) Salary of head of Dep.

The salary of the Admin. Sec.

an Registrar General in T.T. is £700-05-00. There is no doubt more for the corresponding officer to do in Kenya, but it might be possible to find a competent officer for the post at £600 in the first instance.

This is not quite correct see below.

[Mr. Pennell who occupies the T.T. post, has his eye on possible places in Kenya arising out of the reorganisation. It is doubtful whether he would come back for £600, but there should be others who would.]

2. Addition of one Assistant

I think this will be necessary & is preferable to view of the extra work to be taken on. (As a matter of fact the Admin. Gen. Post is vacant at the moment & the ^(the Assistant) Secy. is in this country & the entire ^(present) duties of the Dept. are reasonably being carried out by the a. Comd. Officer. But this is a state of affairs that should not be possible if the Dept. is to

He is in the Dept.

(The Admin. Gen. Sec. duties are also on leave)

be of any value.

Personnel questions are not raised at present and we should await the estimates before considering them. Mr. Heaven is apparently to be fitted into one of the Assistant's posts. I am not bold thinking that Mr. Leslie has worked some little time in part of Assistant.

I appear to have by telegraph adding (if you think desirable) that the ~~Headship of the Dept~~ salary of the Head of the Dept. should be £2,100 by £250-500.

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SJ

6.9.23

(1) The Legal Dept. is the only one in which the Banning has not fallen, & here we have proposals for increasing it. I do

do not think, however, that in view of the case put up, we can refuse to allow the new posts to be inserted for custom in the Ests.

(2) I see no objection to the scale £500-25-600 for the 1st order. But I would put the head of the Dept. on £700-25-800 for a start. We could get Mr. Parnall for that, as he only draws ~~£500~~ £2600 as Assistant in T.T.

We may perhaps have been close Parnall in the list of candidates for promotion - it does not follow that he will get the appointment. I think he will be a good man for it.

(3) I believe they would have done well to absorb Mr. Lea in the second part of Ass't., but I would not ^{think of} want to disturb the elaborate arrangements made to receive him for St. Helena.

C.J.S. 8.9.23 P.T.D

W. H. Jeffries

the proposal, subject to
Mr Jeffries' amendments,
may, I think, be
accepted - i.e. provision
made for currency on 15th
17th 18th. Had there
you any views, please?

The death of W. Parkinson,
the late Adm. Gen., makes
it a convenient time
to effect a re-organisation.

I am a little doubtful
whether £700-£800 is
sufficient for the new
head of the proposed
dept. but on the whole
I think this is best.

- (1) Kenya cannot
afford to start a new
agency.
- (2) The J. T. parallel
app. covers £700-£800.
- (3) Salary scale can be
revised later on when
the recruitment reaches
£800, if considered
necessary.

W.H.J.
8.9.23

~~W. H. Jeffries~~

W. Parkinson

No objection to your Special
with what is proposed

J.S.A.
10/9/23

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as proposed
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Highly likely

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you any views, please?

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the late Adm. Gen., makes
it a convenient time
to effect a re-organisation.

I am a little doubtful
whether £700-£800 v. £800
be retained for the new
head of the proposed
dept., but on the whole
I think this is best.

(1) Kenya cannot
afford to throw away
money.

(2) The J. J. parallel
dept. carries £700-£800.

(3) Salary scale can be
raised later on when
the receipt has reached
£800, if considered
necessary.

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P. G. 23

Mr Parkinson

No objection in principle
with what is proposed

J.P.

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10/5/23

? as proposed
all work 123

P. G. 12.5.23

~~Mr Jeffries~~

KENYA.
No. 1222.



43390
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

13th August, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

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With reference to my despatch No. 591 of June 1st, 1920, and Viscount Milner's despatch in reply No. 1083 of August 3rd, 1920, on the subject of the creation of a new post of Registrar General, I have the honour to inform Your Grace that in pursuance of the approval to the project accorded by Viscount Milner, provision was inserted in the Estimates for 1921 but was excised for reasons of economy and on the same grounds was not made in the Estimates for 1922 and 1923.

2. In April this year the suggestion was advanced by the Chief Justice, in which the late Mr. Parkinson agreed, that the office of Registrar General should be combined with that of Administrator General in order to obtain interchangeability of Staffs, to avoid the creation of another small Department and to obtain greater efficiency at a less nett cost. So far as the Registrar General branch of such a Department is concerned the duties would comprise:

The Registration of Joint Stock Companies,	"	"	Business Names,
"	"	"	Trade Marks,
"	"	"	Inventions & Designs,
"	"	"	Bills of Sale,
"	"	"	Births, Deaths & Marriages,
"	"	"	Newspapers,
"	"	"	Books.

3.

GRACE

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

3. On the basis of such an amalgamation Estimates have been prepared for a Departmental Head at a salary of £900 per annum and 2 Assistants on the grade of £500 by £25 to £600 (under the latter Mr. Heaven's salary has been computed) which with clerical staff and other charges amount to a total of £4555 and reflect a nett increase of £1805 on the Administrator General's current Estimates. An item however of £228 for a 2nd grade clerk covers a transfer from the Judicial Department so that the actual nett increase is £215.

4. As Your Grace is aware the present Administrator General's Department has undertaken in a very minor degree the duties of Official Receiver in connection with small concerns. The revenue collected in 1922 as Official Receiver's fees was only £15. The Chief Justice considers that at a conservative Estimate a revenue of £2,000 on this account may be anticipated if the proposed Department is created with headquarters at Nairobi.

5. These Estimates have been considered in Executive Council and I have concurred with the advice that a recommendation in favour of the creation of a Registrar General's Department and of the inclusion in the title of the Department of the designations - Public Trustee and Official Receiver - should be transmitted to Your Grace in advance of Estimates. As it is desirable to introduce the Estimates into Legislative Council at no distant date I should be grateful for a telegraphic intimation of Your Grace's views.

I have the honour to be,
 My Lord Duke,
 Your Grace's most devoted
 and most obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

Gay 43690/123 Kenya.

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12 Sept.

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Your des. 13 Aug.

versus
Nairobi

1265 no objection

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~~Annual~~
51944 proposed Registrar

Mr. Jeffries 11.9.23

General's Department

at once.

Mr.
Mr.
Mr. Davis

being included for
consider in Estimates

Sir G. Grindle.
Sir H. Read.
Sir J. Masterton Smith

but consider £700 by
£25 to £800 should

Mr. Ormsby
Duke of Devonshire

be sufficient salary
for Head of Dept.

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