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FROM  
ELLIOT, J.A.G.

DATE  
20th MAY 1923.

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FOR CIRCULATION :-

Mr. *Officer Durban*

Mr. *Battersby*

Mr. *Stacey*

Asst. U.S. of S.

Perm<sup>t</sup> U.S. of S.

Part<sup>r</sup> U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT

PASSAGES.

Invites consideration of proposal to make cash payments for their passages to England, to officers for whom passages by usual routes are not immediately available. Alternatively suggests passages be made available by mail steamer from Durban.

Previous Paper

See B.C.  
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page of accommodation

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The grant to officers of the cash equivalent of their passage ticket, where no accommodation is available on conference lines via Suez, so that they can book their passage by a non-conference line, is ruled out by the Agreement with the U.C. and P.O. lines, under which we are to send all officers by those lines. *There is no objection.*

The question of determining the period to be reckoned for the voyage in the case of officers sent home via S. Africa owing to shortage of ~~space~~ accommodation, is being taken up with the Kenya Govt in a number of cases, of which the Elliotts is one. (See detn. of 25 Apr. on file). So far we have

Subsequent Paper

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Answer

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MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

not had a reply by dep. in any case. but in the case of Major Bond (file 2111) understand that Kenya have sent an reply by let. agreeing to regard the entire period of the voyage via S.A. as additional to vacation leave.

? reply that S. of S. is not prepared to consider the grant of cash payments in lieu of passage tickets to Officers proceeding to this country on leave, and that the question of the period of the voyage to be reckoned as additional to the vacation leave, in the case of Officers travelling via S.A. owing to shortage of accommodation in the Suez route is at present receiving S.A.'s consid.

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In theory an officer travelling with his wife is entitled to a cash payment of 1/2 price the

allowed to make his own arrangements. In practice, except in special cases, he is required to travel by the U.C. or B.I., & the C.A. or the local Govt. as the case may be, take over the berth of the officer himself & pay for it, thus securing the emp. rebate.

The officer travelling by himself, or drawing too much salary to be entitled to family passage allowance, has his passage booked & arranged by the C.A. or the local Govt. & he has no say in the matter. normally the passage is booked

by U.C. or B.I. via Suez,  
 but recently owing to  
 shortage of boats by  
 these lines Kenya at  
 all events have sent  
 a lot of officers via  
 S. Africa and have  
 also booked some (see 16506/23)  
 passages by outside  
 lines. It is always  
 open to the local  
 boats (or the C.A.) to  
 do this when it is  
 regarded as a  
 matter of public convenience  
 that the officers should  
 be got away (see  
 para. (v) of the memo.  
 in 40283/22).

There is no obligation  
 on us to use the Compena  
 lines exclusively, but we  
 do so as far as possible,  
 both in order to assist  
 British

British trade and because  
 the other lines are not  
 dependable and we  
 should be in a serious  
 position if the U.C. or  
 B.I. discontinued their  
 at all events fairly  
 regular E. African  
 service, which they  
 always tell us doesn't  
 pay. [There are  
 indications that the  
 Companies are at last  
 doing something to  
 maintain between them  
 a regular four-weekly  
 service.]

I doubt if there  
 is any need for any  
 alteration of the present  
 system, either in the  
 case of officers drawing  
 family

family passage allow.

or in the case of  
officers not drawing

this allow. I would

suggest substituting

for \* - \* in the

proposed reply. The

S. J. considers that

it must be left to

the discretion of the

C. A. or the local Govt.

as the case may be

to decide by what

line or route the passages

of officers proceeding or

or returning from leave

should be arranged,

& does not think it

necessary to ..."

C. J. J. 6.6.23

W. J. J. 6.6.23

I agree. It is not very  
satisfactory that a man  
should have to travel by

a Cochin boat via South Africa  
than there is a direct sea-boat  
boat; but if they are nearly 200  
travelling to run a regular service  
this will not matter much.

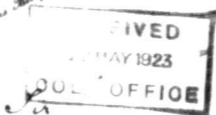
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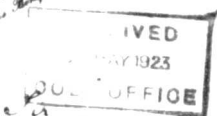


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It is a pleasure to bring to your notice a consideration the advisability or otherwise of granting tickets from Kenya colony & the East Africa Protectorate cash payments for their passage to England, in those cases where, owing to there being no accommodation on British vessels sailing via Suez, they are forced either to be placed on a waiting list, or to proceed by South Africa,

Station Langhden (18/11/22)  
 Telegrams: Langpath, Langhden (17/11/22)

WESTERHALL,  
 LANGHOLM,  
 DUMFRIESSHIRE



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I desire to bring to  
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 their being no accommodation  
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 Suez. They are present either  
 to be carried in a sailing boat  
 or to proceed to East Africa,



& thus made to forfeit  
such portion of their leave  
unavoidably taken up on the  
voyage in excess of the 30  
days allowance.

A more equitable method  
if no cash payment is desired  
would be to send officers by  
"mail" steamer from Durban.

I am Sir,  
Dear Sir,

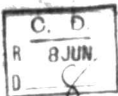
Your obedient & humble servant

W. E. G. G. G.

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Kewra**DRAFT.**

Elliot,

G. ~~Elliot~~/Eng.

Sir

✓ 9 June 1923

I am etc back. the

**MINUTE.**

Mr. Seel 7.6.23

Mr. Parkin

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindie.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

receipt of your letter  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> May, and  
to inform you that he  
considers that it must  
be left to the discretion  
of the Local Govt. in E. Africa with  
of the C.A. for the Cols., ~~and~~  
~~the local Govt.~~ as the  
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(Signed) H. J. READ

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