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27 August, 1920.

My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to Your Lordship's telegram of July 30th on the subject of the Disabled Officers' Colony, and to transmit herewith the following information which has been obtained from Major Trevor Hill.

2. The present position as regards Colonel Ridge appears to be as follows :-

On 1st April Major Gaitskill (a Member of the Disabled Officers' Colony) called a General Meeting of all the members in East Africa, that Meeting Colonel Ridge was believed to be in position as Managing Director. The general vote of those present was 43 to 48 in favour of Gaitskill as proxies for all the members who are undergoing Technical Training in Ireland. It made it a unanimous vote of all Members. This decision was passed on 1st April. This decision was passed on 1st April and was confirmed by registered members. Up to the present no reply has been received from him. Colonel Ridge, according to Major Hill's records, is in debt to the Society to about £1,500. Major Hill has written to the Solicitors in London asking them to try and recover this amount.

3. With reference to the financial position, Major Hill informs me that when the Society was formed he understands that Colonel Ridge informed the Members that he was obtaining £25,000 to £50,000 from General Haig's Funds and that, if necessary, he could get £100,000 to supplement the £45,000 capital (of which £35,000 is paid up). Before he sailed last March, Major Hill went to see General Sir Alexander Godley to ascertain how this matter stood, and was informed that no definite amount had been fixed, but that General Prendergast (Ministry of Labour) had recommended £10,000. Major Hill has gone carefully into this and is of the opinion that if this amount could be obtained, it would ensure the success of the scheme.

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4. Major Hill states that this should be a loan to be repaid as soon as possible, and that the Government should have the right to disable on active service any person following their profession, and that the Government should have the right to take the property of any person of the Government.

I am in entire agreement with Major Hill and give the honour to urge that steps may be taken to obtain the loan of £10,000 from the Central Fund on the understanding that this money be repaid when the Society is yielding a profit sufficient in the opinion of this Government to warrant repayment.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant
Edward North
GOVERNOR.

THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

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LONDON, W. 1.

26th October, 1920.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th October No. 50532/20.

I understand that the General Manager of the Disabled Officers' Colony is now in London and I have written to him to ask him to call at this office.

Yours faithfully,

H. Rapp & Co
Major-General,
Secretary.

W. Battenbee

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Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W. 1.

would come the success of the scheme.

6. ~~Chapin Hill, who has long taken~~
~~the Disabled Officers' Colony is most~~

anxious that this should be a loan,
he feels ~~very~~ ~~strongly~~ that because,
as in the case of the members of the

colony, since now, through disablement
or other means, been precluded from

earning their previous occupations, they
should not expect to be the recipients

of charity when once they have been set free

from their ~~burden~~ ~~of~~ ~~so~~ ~~many~~ ~~calls~~
on the existing funds for the widows,
children and helpless.

The fact of long is a ~~partial~~ ~~agreement~~
7. Mr. The ~~arrangement~~ ~~by~~ ~~Mr.~~ ~~Hill~~
with Chapin Hill, and has agreed
to allow only the ~~cost~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~colony~~
to be ~~paid~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~colony~~

that steps may be taken to obtain
the loan of £10,000 from the ~~Bank~~ ~~of~~ ~~London~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~South~~ ~~Sea~~ ~~Bank~~
~~The~~ ~~Disabled~~ ~~Officers'~~ ~~Colony~~
and
a full understanding that he would
the needs of the D.O.C. and
he should then in Society is yielding
request consideration for their
a profit sufficient in the opinion of
application for their loan from the
the large part to be used as a general
Central Fund.

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draft like the
may be paid for with
the £10,000 as the
loan of the D.O. Colony
may be.

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- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
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- Mr. ...

8. Had Mr. Hill ~~actually~~ ~~agreed~~
that the ~~loan~~ ~~of~~ ~~£10,000~~ ~~should~~
be at being independent and
that its members should not be led
to ~~depend~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~£10,000~~
if granted, the more the
a loan - since, however, the
contingency is necessary in the nature
of an experiment, the success of
which depends largely on limited
conditions ~~the~~ ~~highest~~ ~~human~~ ~~condition~~

Lord Milner hopes that the
understanding between the Board and
the Colonial Office, that recovery
should not be insisted on
should the D.O. Governor fall
in unimpaired depositors