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BOENING STREET,

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Gentlemen,

I am directed by His Majesty's Government to inform you the result of their consideration of your letter No. 2774 A.H.A. 1920, in regard to the recovery of certain advances made in India to Sergeant G.N.F. Brang.

In the letter from the Department of the East of June you were advised of the instructions sent to the East African Administrations that all advances of sterling salary made at the current rate of exchange should be recovered at the rate at which the same were made.

3. The same rule should normally apply to the recovery of advances made in India in respect of the advances should be regarded as advances of sterling salary made at the current rate of exchange, and should be recovered at the rate at which they were made. The rate for repayment to the Government of India will, of course, be that in force at the time when the repayment is made.

4. In Sergeant Brang's case, however, it appears that certain of the advances in question have been recovered by the military authorities at home on a basis of 1/13 to the rupee. Lord Milner considers that it would be inequitable to claim returns from Sergeant Brang at a higher rate in respect of the advances which have been repaid with effect, and he therefore approves, as a special concession, of your proceeding in this, and in other cases where recoveries have

been made by the military authorities at the 1/4d rate, as suggested in paragraph 4 of your letter.

3. In future cases it will be desirable, if possible, for any advances made in India to be recovered from the officer or non-commissioned officer concerned before his King's African Rifles account is closed; and such cases should