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PASSAGE

The copy of letter from C.A. requires payment of 19/8 each to Messrs Plowman and Castle-Smith being the difference between the cost of a passage by sea from London and one via Marseilles. Does not think this should be allowed.

to Mr. Peab

Mr. A. was hospitably referring to the analogy of Mr. Stewart's case - see letter to C.A. of March 1912 - para 1 in file 1/4/100 & a

I have had better first results of your the very successful trial for robbery 1/7

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

June 18th 1912.

No. 422

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, from which you will observe that the Treasurer has been requested to pay to two officers - Messrs. Plowman and Castle-Smith - the sum of £0.19.8 each, being the difference between the cost of a passage from Marseilles to Mombasa, including rail ticket to Marseilles, and the cost of the journey from London to Mombasa by the all sea route via Suez.

2. It is true, as the Crown Agents state, that these officers were entitled to a passage from Marseilles to Mombasa, including rail ticket to Marseilles, which is the ordinary recognised route and the case is presumably governed by your despatch No. 139 of March 8th last.

3. If an officer who is entitled to an outer cabin is compelled, owing to lack of accommodation, to travel in an inner cabin,

Government

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Crown Agents  
May 3rd

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Government allows him the difference in the cost, as monetary compensation for the inconvenience. But this appears to me to be totally different to the case of an officer who, to suit himself, elects to travel by a route longer and cheaper than the ordinary route.

4. The principles followed hitherto have been that the cost of the ordinary passage is the maximum which may be allowed, that if an officer travels by a more expensive route he must pay the excess cost, but that if he travels by a cheaper route only the actual cost of the passage is allowed.

5. If we are to depart from these principles it follows that, in order to be consistent, Government will have to pay to officers, who elect to travel by the intermediate steamers via the Cape, the difference in cost between that route and the ordinary, which for a return ticket amounts to £10.13.7.

6. I can scarcely imagine that such was your intention and I therefore submit that it would be desirable to discontinue making these payments.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

  
ACTING GOVERNOR.

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Whitehall Gardens  
London, W.C.

3rd. May, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to our letters of the 22nd of March transmitting copies of the Agreements entered into with Messrs. C.H.F. Lowden and J. Castle-Smith on their appointment as Administrative Officers in the East Africa Protectorate, I have the honour to request that as these officials sailed from London instead of Marseilles, you will pay to each of them the sum of 19/8, being the difference between the cost of a passage from Marseilles to Benghazi, including rail ticket to Marseilles, to which, in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of State, they were entitled, and the cost of the journey from London to Benghazi by the all sea route.

I have &c..

J. H. Martin

for Crown Agents.

Bombay.

Nairobi.

East Africa Protectorate.