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RFT: 3 OCT 13

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Edward L. E.P.
Kew, S.W.

Govt. House furniture

1913

2 Oct.

He considers claim unreasonable, and asks for reduction.

Last previous Paper.

for
19228

~~Mr. B. ...~~
S.P. Simonard other objects: - Sir J. Fiddes

(1) That he only occupied 5 bedrooms
He has already decided that all bedrooms must be charged for in acc. with C.P. Reg. 389.

(2) That the acct was held over by the E.A.P. Treasury for a period of 3 years -
Hardly an argument, I think, against paying now!

(3) He has been charged for the whole period Sept 1909 to August 1912 - whereas he was absent in England on two occasions during that period.

I agree with Mr. Stevenson's view ^{in his minute} on P. 31/3257/100 that this makes no difference, since "the payment is a standing charge on the Governor's salary to be paid by the Officer who draws the salary." (C.P. Reg 389)

(4) He has suffered considerable personal loss

Copy to Mr. E. W. C. 7 Nov 36, 35

has as to his own cockney silver, glass and linen.

This loss cannot, I think, be set off against the ~~deficiency~~ ^{rent} due on Government property.

? ackn rec^t - and reply that Mr. W. regrets he is unable to point out that the rule is that all lodgings should be charged for (2) that the fact that the Treas^r delayed sending the acct is no argument against payment now.

(3) That Col. Reg 329 lays down that this wage is a charge on the Governor's salary - and is paid by the holder of the salary: so the fact that he was absent in England makes no difference.

(4) That, while it is to be regretted that he should have suffered personal loss with regard to his own cockney, silver etc, this provides no ground for the non payment of the usual wage on Post property.

and say that Mr. W. regrets he is unable to find any reason for amending the acct.

? Reply that the claim has been carefully examined in the light of established practice

M.F.D 6.10.13

which should, if possible, have been submitted & settled annually

& that the S. P. S. regrets etc.

[If anything more is to be said, I would say, on (2), that the S. P. S. quite agrees that he ought to have paid the rent annually & that care has been taken that future Governors shall do so in future.]

? It will be sufficient to T.E.M. with as above T.E.H. W.P.S. 6.10.13 7/10/13

88c. as proposed by Mrs Macmillan? 5ft. a lot 4/11

1923

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has as to his own crockery, silver, glass
and linen.

This loss cannot, I think, be set off against
the ~~repayment~~ due on Government
property.

? ackn rec^t - ~~and reply that in 1871~~
~~regards he is unable to~~ point out that
the rule is that all bedrooms should be charged
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delayed amending the act is no argument
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W.D. 6.10.13
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8/10 as proposed by Mr Macnaghten?
H. J. R. 7/5/13 5/11. a low
P.S.

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8, Great George Street,
Westminster, S.W.

C. O.
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2nd, October 1918.

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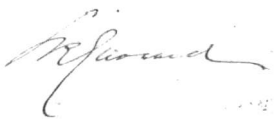
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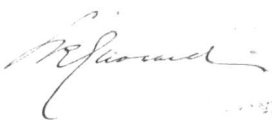
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Oct 1913

Si,

I am etc to ackn the
recd of your letter of the
2nd of October, and to
inform you that the claim
~~submitted to you~~ in suit
on the Port House and
Quarantine in the P.A.P.,
which should, as you indicate
have been submitted and
settled annually, has been
carefully examined in the
light of established practice,
~~and that~~ but that
Int. A. regts that
he is unable to find any
reason for ^{relieving you of} ~~submitting the~~
any part of the amount with which you
~~Account~~ have been charged

DRAFT.

F.O.C Girouard (34328) 2nd of October, and to
K.C. - DSO

MINUTE.

- Mr. Downie 8.10.13
- Mr. 13 St. James 8/10/13
- Mr. C. Fidler
- Mr. Macnaughten 9.10.13
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson. 10
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

For Counsel

Copy for Law 7 Nov 36135

[Handwritten signature]

(Signed) H. J. READ,
for the Under Secretary of State.

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