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Repts. to recent Com. C. rel. to removal of Head Office of Currency Board from Mombasa to Nairobi, & suggest reasons. The situation having changed owing to advent of a second banking institution in Port Momba might conveniently be referred to Committee which is about to assemble to discuss Currency question.

Last previous Paper.

Committee  
29-6

Mr. Read.

Mr. Baring does not indicate in what way the advent of the Standard Bank of South Africa makes it desirable to reconsider the question of having the head office of the Currency Board at Nairobi. So far as I can see, the reasons, stated in Gov. Abst. 10 in which the decision that the head office should be at Nairobi was based hold good whether there is one bank in the Protectorate or two.

The connexion of the question with the subject to be discussed by our small Committee is not very clear, beyond the possibility that either way

Mr. Baring  
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involve an alteration in the Currency Orders  
of the pt. We had better wait for Mr. Bowring  
to bring forward the question at the Committee,  
if he finds an opportunity of doing so.  
If not, we can discuss it with him separately.

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Sept 29

at once  
to J.R.  
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Mr. Bowring will write for me  
Walt

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Sept 28

at once

~~See now~~  $\frac{1}{3}$   
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to Africa Currency.]

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Sir,

I have the  
honour to refer to  
the recently issued  
amending Currency  
Order in Council which  
contemplates the removal  
of the Head Office  
of the Currency  
Commissioners of the East  
Africa and Uganda  
Protectorates from  
Nairobi to Nairobi.

2. The Order referred  
to, though published in  
the Official Gazette of  
the two Protectorates,  
does not take effect  
until

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies  
Colonial Office  
Downing Street  
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would a lot to be duly notified by local proclamations.

I think the proposed change was recommended by the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate the situation has become changed owing to the advent of a new banking institution which has opened branches in the country, which previously the only bank carrying on business in East Africa and Uganda was the National Bank of India.

As to any of the interests of only one bank and its customers had to be considered there appeared to be no objections to the change, which provided that in future notes would only be issued at Nairobi although the Government would continue to

to maintain a branch Currency Office at Nairobi where they would as far as possible (though admitting no legal obligation to do so) redeem the Nairobi notes at par.

5. The advent of the second bank referred to above, the Standard Bank of South Africa, has already had the effect of causing the issue of the standard coin and unmeted legal tender coins of the Protectorate. It acts also in my opinion seriously affect the present to maintain a branch Currency Office and I would therefore suggest that the amending Order in Council be reconsidered.

6. It might be convenient to refer the matter to the Committee which is about to

It is with to discuss the  
other currency questions  
which have arisen so that  
if any amendment of  
the <sup>present</sup> currency order  
in Council is decided  
upon the creation of the  
situation of the Board  
Currency <sup>is</sup> and the  
necessity for Branch  
Offices may be dealt with  
at the same time.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. H. Baring