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I am directed by the Lord, particioners of his Majesty's Transury to acknowledge, receive of Mr. Antrobus's letter (42504/1907) of the lith instant in which provisional authority is asked for the insertia, in the draft Estimate for Colonial Services 1908/9 of a sen of £183,000 in respect of the Grant in Aid of the East Africa Protectorate being £10,025 more than the grant for the current year.

In reply I am to say, for the information of the Earl of Elgin, that My Lords prefer at to commit Themselves even to a provisional figure for this trant in Aid before the Estimates of the Protectorate have been examined by the Secretary of State and by this Board, or at least until Their Lordships have had an opportunity of considering the totals of revenue and expenditure proposed.

I am,

Sir.

Your obedient Servent,

Under Secretary of State

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