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TREASURY CHAMBERS,

30 April 1908.

Sir.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Sir C. Lucas's letter (12954/1908) of the 21st instant, with regard to the employment of Mr. O. Mitchell in the Customs service of the East Africa Protectorate.

In the Protectorate Estimates for the current year the Gustoms staff is provided for as follows:

1 Chief of Customs 700

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2 European Inspectors at 200.

This staff was presumably held to be sufficient for the requirements of the Department, but in order to retain the services of Mr. Mitchell Secretary the Earl of Crowe recommends the addition of a second Assistantship at £300 - 10 - 400, in substitution for one of the posts of European Inspector.

In regard hereto I am to say that, while the amount involved is small, My Lords are objection to increasing the cost of the establishment beyond normal requirements in owner as compensate a junior officer for the loss of his prospects of advancement in the Home Service. Such prospects cannot be assessed with certainty, and the principle of

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compensation if conceded now, might lead to further claims

I am to invite the observations of the Secretary of State on this aspect of the case.

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Your obedient Servant

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