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(Subject.)

Swahili Language exams.

Suggests fee of £25 for each exam to the Examiners: no of candidates increasing. Provision made in Estimates but amt for bonuses for quality in languages has been reduced.

(Minutes.)

W. Read

I do not think this is excessive for 24 candidates, & we should ask the Treasury to give both in the Estimates?

The proportion of passes is very low, & I suspect the warning in the Regulations, that "failure to pass... will... act detrimentally on the Officers' prospects of promotion" must be practically a dead letter.

W. R. B. 18/12

Signe W. R. B. 18/12

at me

H. J. C. 18/12

W. Read

This has unfortunately been overlooked since the Estimates were approved. They contained, under

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Miscellaneous, Linnæus, a new item of £50
for fees to Examiners in Dublin, with a
ref. to the despatch.

This paper may might therefore be
putty, unless you could not demand
to draw out for the low percentage
of names. We are now requiring our
District Supts. of Police to qualify in
Dublin if they want to get their
Licences.

Officers should be warned that
we might tell the Com. that the
language question will be taken into
consideration in deciding whether a probationary
appt. should be confirmed - & ask him to
send a report on an officer's ^{language} qualification
to be used to recommend the confirmation of
the appt.?

W.B.A.

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I think this might well be done.

W.B.A.

W. B. A.

J. J.

H. J. R.

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W. B. A.
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16 DEC 1905

Commissioner's Office,
Mombasa,

November 25th 1905.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 633

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the question of remunerating the officers who conduct the Swahili examination annually held in the Protectorate. Messrs. Hamilton and Hollis have performed this duty since the system was instituted and as the work in connection therewith is very responsible and important and demands special qualifications I think that it deserves some recognition, especially as it can scarcely be considered as lying within the scope of their official labours.

2. The numbers of candidates and passes for the last

four

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON.

four years are as follows:-

	Examined.	Passed.
1902	18	5
1903	14	7
1904	21	6
1905	24	5
1906 estimated	30	

and as the staff of the Protectorate increases so will the work in connection with the examination.

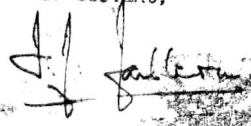
I would suggest that the examiners should receive a fee of twenty-five pounds each for every examination held by them. This can hardly be considered an extravagant remuneration in view of the work involved in setting and correcting papers and invigilating the candidates. I have accordingly made provision in the current estimates for the insertion of fifty pounds, at the same time reducing the number of bonuses for native languages from ten to nine, as the number of candidates for these bonuses is very small.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,



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In reply to 231st May 1906

DRAFT

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Jackson's despatch no. 203 of the 23rd. of November last, I have

the honor to draw your attention to the fact

that the fees for the examination of officers

in Swahili which were recommended in that

despatch have been approved on the Estimates

for the present year.

2. I observe from the second para. of

Mr. Jackson's despatch that the proportion

of officers ^{to be examined} added to those who have been

examined during the last four years is

very low—less than one-third—and I con-

sider it desirable that ~~the proportion~~

greater weight should be attached to pro-

ficiency in the language. It is already

stated in the Regulations for the Employ-

ment of Officers that failure to qualify

in Swahili may prejudice an officer's

prospects of promotion, and I am of opinion

that

Mr. Jackson's despatch no. 291

Colonel Sadler

MINUTE.

~~Mr. Borthwick 26/5~~

~~Mr. Read~~

~~Mr. Astorby~~

~~Mr. Cox~~

~~Mr. Lucas~~

~~Mr. Graham~~

~~Sir H. Ommanney~~

~~Mr. Churchill~~

~~The Earl of Elgin~~

M. J. S.