

DESPATCH

EAST AFR. PROT.

31705

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PROOFGovernor No.
on 512

1909

1 Sept.

Previous Paper.

Lunatic Asylum

Submit proposals for increasing accommodation in Nairobi asylum in order to provide for some 20 or 30 criminal lunatics now illegally detained in jails. asks that £300 provided in 1909-10 Estimates for erection of warden's house may be devoted to this purpose & that £600 contributed by Uganda towards building asylum in respect of one bed
Entitling him to add £1000.

Request M.L. reply

W. Tides.

The house for the warden of the Asylum ranks as one of the minor works for which a lump sum of £818/- was provided in the Estimates.

? approve by telegraph of the expenditure of £300. on the purposes described in para. 4. instead of on a house for the warden ~~and~~^{and} be signified on receipt and confirm by despatch, saying that the provision proposed in para. 8 or 10 may be inserted relatively in next year's Estimates, but that the

S. P. B. cannot commit himself at this stage to approval of the expenditure proposed.

Hab.

Sept. 25.

(Uganda will be alone

to bear the full £400
to the Treasury
affordable in other lines)

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

September 1st 1909.

No. 512

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My Lord,

It has been brought to my notice that there are at present detained in various jails throughout the Protectorate some 20 or 30 criminal lunatics, and that their detention is illegal.

2. It is obvious that this detention though illegal must be persevered in, as it is impossible to release lunatics with homicidal and other dangerous tendencies, and no other course is possible until the accommodation at the Nairobi Lunatic Asylum is increased.

3. The asylum was not originally intended for the reception of criminal lunatics, but I need not, I think, dwell on the undesirability of the present system of detention; for not only is it a hindrance to prison discipline but deprives the lunatics of the skilled care and attention which they should receive and I consider therefore some effort should be made for their reception in the Nairobi Asylum.

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES.

DONNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

4. To fit the asylum for the reception of so many patients a certain number of minor works such as observation wards, dry rooms, exercise yards and fencing require to be carried out and that these works may be completed without delay I have the honour to make the following proposal.

5. There is a sum of £300 in the present year's estimates for a warder's house, the warder being at present housed in a house belonging to the Agricultural Department, which owing to the removal of the Government Farm from its present site to Kabete is no longer used.

6. This house has now been made over to the Medical Department and as this disposes of the immediate necessity for a house for the asylum warder, I propose, subject to Your Lordship's approval, to utilize the £300 provided in the Estimates for this purpose for the completion of the minor works mentioned above, the building of the warder's house being postponed till next year.

7. In this way the asylum will be partially completed and rendered suitable for the immediate reception of a certain number of lunatics.

8. I therefore recommend this proposal for Your Lordship's most favourable consideration as being the best means of relieving the present situation, and should Your Lordship approve, I propose to insert in next year's Estimates a sum of £300 for the warder's house.

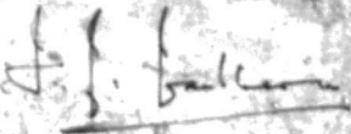
9. The Principal Medical Officer has also drawn my attention to the fact that the Uganda Protectorate contributed £400 to the cost of the building giving that Administration a lien on one bed, and most strongly urges that as the accommodation is already proving so restricted that this amount should be refunded to Uganda thus leaving the asylum entirely free for patients from this Protectorate.

10. I agree with this proposed step, indeed I consider it necessary, and I therefore propose, subject to Your Lordship's approval, to insert £400 for this purpose in next year's Estimates.

11. As this matter has reached a somewhat inconvenient stage, I should be glad if Your Lordship's decision in the matter might be conveyed to me by telegram.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,



Aug / 31705

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~~28/9/05~~

J.W.

DRAFT. Telegram.

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28/9/05

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28 September.

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Despatch follows by air

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DRAFT. Esq N° 592

Governor Giordan

Md.

30 Sept 1909.

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Hi.

Mr. Parkinson 27/9
Mr. Butter 28/9.
Mr. Fiddes.
Mr. Just.
Mr. Cox.
Sir C. Lucas.
Sir F. Hopper.
Col. Brady.
Lord Orme (insert date) of the 28th September which
read as follows -
With reference to your
desp. of the 11th Sept. 512
expenditure of £300

Trans 15 Sept '10 ~~for~~ 26585% 4 instead of warder's
a/c
req. 14/9 362 8 Sept 10 ~~for~~ 26585% 4
despatch follows by mail.