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Subsidiary bronze
which changed for manufacture
Supplies of as to cost as new & old makes
respectively of £1,000 worth face value of certain East African
Nigerian coins.
Consumer new scale should be applied to coins now
in course of execution but proposed, on special cases, to
consider if some special allow can be made in case
services noted

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The information as to the East African coins
should be sent to the Governor of the East Africa
Protectorate, who should be asked to report what
prospect there is of balancing the loss (now one of
nearly 50%) on the 1 cent pieces by the profit on the
cent pieces on the scale of issue which may be
anticipated. He should also be instructed to report
upon the disposal of the withdrawn coins with a view
to the getting the special allowance referred to in
the last paragraph. ~~A copy of this letter had better~~
~~be registered in the East African series for the~~
~~purpose of this action.~~

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As for accepting the new scale of charges,
which has not yet been done, we have no alternative
but to accept it or go without the coins.

J. G. A. S.

March 11

Proceed as proposed by Mr. Butler with regard to
East Africa. at once. H. J. R. 6/3

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,

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23rd February, 1909.

Sir,

419/1909

In reply to Mr. Cox's letter of the 2nd instant on the subject of the proposed new scale of charges to be made by the Mint for executing subsidiary Colonial Coins, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to state for the information of the Earl of Crewe that the estimated cost of the new and old rates respectively of £1,000 worth, at face value, of the half-cent and one-cent pieces for East Africa and the one-tenth of a penny and pennies for Nigeria is as follows:-

	pieces	old price	new price
£1,000 in 4 cents	3,000,000	£1135.16.3	£1473.16.3
£1,000 in cents	1,500,000	£ 700. 7.0	£ 850. 7.0
£1,000 in pence	1,000,000	£527. 1. 0	£1147. 0. 0
£1,000 in pence	240,000	£307.11. 9	£303.11.9

The proposed new rates of charge are based on the actual cost of production of each class of coin which (as shown by the scale) increases with the dimensions of the piece and varies according to the metal of which it is composed.

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The uniform rates fixed in 1896 for coins subsidiary to the collar and the rupee were intended to be based upon the average cost of the coinages then most generally struck and are not to be taken as implying that the cost of each coinage was the same. Indeed, for other than the one rupee coin, the rates for many years were a fixed percentage of the nominal value - a system which errs in the opposite direction.

It seems, however, to my Lords to be clearly better that the charge for each description of coin should, as under the new scale, correspond with the actual cost of producing it. The issuing Colony or Protectorate will then be able for itself to set off the profit made upon the higher denominations against the loss incurred in respect of the lower denominations, and can, if it thinks proper, restrict the issue of the latter, in cases in which the public convenience of such issue is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, not sufficient to justify the expenditure involved.

My Lords see no reason why the new scale should not be applied to the coinages now in course of execution, but in view of the heavy charges imposed upon the Protectorate as a result of the unsuccessful experimental issues of aluminium, they will be prepared to consider whether some

special

special allowance cannot be made in respect of the
withdrawn coin of that metal.

(Sd/-) T.L. MEATH.

SECRETARY OF STATE
MONIAL OFFICE.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

Downing Street,

12 April, 1909.

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Warrior

Sir J. Hayes-Sadler, K.C.M.G., C.B.

MINUTE.

Mr. Butler. April

Mr. *8 J.* Sir,

Mr. Just.

I have the honour to transmit to

Mr. Antrobus.

Mr. Cor.

you a copy of correspondence with the Treasury

Sir C. Lucas.

relating to a new scale of charges to be made

Sir F. Hopwood.

by the Mint for executing subsidiary Colonial

Obl. Seely.

coinages.

The Earl of Crewe.

2. You will observe that the new

charges are higher than the old charges, and

that they involve a substantial difference

in the cost price of the half-cent and one-

cent pieces which are coined for the East

Africa Protectorate and Uganda. I have to

request

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These 2 papers will have to be obtained from the financial Dept for copy