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Review of position of ...
... should have addressed ...
reference to the E.A.P. is fully ...
... or any modification of it involving
... is extensive and
unreasonable.

W. Reed

I assume that ...
... to this ...
middle of next month

What?

...
Subject for discussion
at ...

W. Reed.

Sir P. Girouard mentioned this subject
verbally (very briefly) both to you & to

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... not being encouraged
to hope for a reversal of the decision

Gov. ... did not pass the

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matter. I don't know whether he will
take it up in his speech to the

... ..

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Feb. 13

Put by

at ...
A. J. ...
/s/

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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October 14th 1910.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No 621

(Incl. 10)

To Uganda
Apr. 10th 09

To Uganda
Jun. 16th 09

From Uganda
Jul. 6th 09

To Uganda
Aug. 2nd 09

To Uganda
Mar. 24th 10

From Uganda
Mar. 24th 10

To Uganda
Apr. 6th 10

From Uganda
Jun. 14th 10

To Uganda
Jul. 14th 10

From Uganda
Jul. 26th 10

Lordship's information the present position in regard to the proposed amalgamation of the Customs Departments of the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates.

The suggestion has been under consideration for some time. In April 1909, Mr. Hamer Hall wrote advising the adoption and a reply was sent agreeing in the main, but appreciating the collection of separate statistics for each Protectorate as tending to the employment of an unnecessarily large staff. This contention was not accepted by Uganda and the marginally noted correspondence, copies of which are enclosed for ready reference, followed ending with Acting Governor Jackson's letter of August 1910, in which he said that he would regard his observations from the Acting Governor of Uganda before addressing Your Lordship.

3. Nothing more was heard of the matter until the

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE EARL OF CRANBURY, P.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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... receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 719 of December 1st from which I learnt with some surprise that the previous correspondence had been forwarded to your Lordship under cover of a strong exposition

... by Acting ...
... reference to ...

4. The omission was doubtless inadvertent but it was none the less unfortunate, inasmuch as the ... was presented to Your Lordship in rather a ~~subject~~ ^{abstract} manner, and I have been able to address Your ... I should have ... I think,

5. These considerations, which stated briefly, are (1) the responsibility of the ... statistics of the ... Railway Department records and (2) the unlikelihood and extreme undesirability of any divergence between the Customs ... the ... Government in ... which is ...

6. Your Lordship will perceive that my arguments have not been controverted in any way except by an angustive attempt to throw doubt upon the ... of the Railway Department Statistics, the answer to which may be found in our ... of July 14th last.

7. I would not willingly have entered into a controversy on this subject with the ... Government.

Government had I not been so persuaded that the existing Customs arrangement, or any modification of it involving the continuance of separate statistics, is both expensive and unnecessary, a hardship which I am aggravated by a new factor which has been introduced into the problem, viz. the establishment of the amount of the contribution to be made to Customs as a new source of Imperial revenue.

8. That Protectorate would not at first accept the calculations on which the Treasurer and the Chief of Customs based the proportion payable, and demanded the production of actual figures, the production of which would have been most expensive and would therefore have counteracted the understanding on which alone Your Lordship agreed to the handing over of any contribution at all, vide Your Lordship's dispatch No. 205 of October 28th 1904.

9. It is true that the point has now been yielded, but similar objections may arise in the future and the possibility of such a case, if at all, in a future and in the event of the favour of your Majesty's Government.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's humble
obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

ENCLOSURE No. 1

In Despatch No. 621 of 14/10/1951

Copy.

Governing House,

1951

Reference is made to the report of the

Year-End Committee, 1950-51, and to the

annual address of the Secretary, 1951.

It is noted that the Committee has

expressed its views on the

proposals of the Secretary.

The Board of Directors has

considered the proposals and

has decided to accept them.

The proposals are hereby

approved.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]

[Address]

[City]

[State]

[Country]

[Postcode]

[Phone Number]

[Fax Number]

[Email Address]

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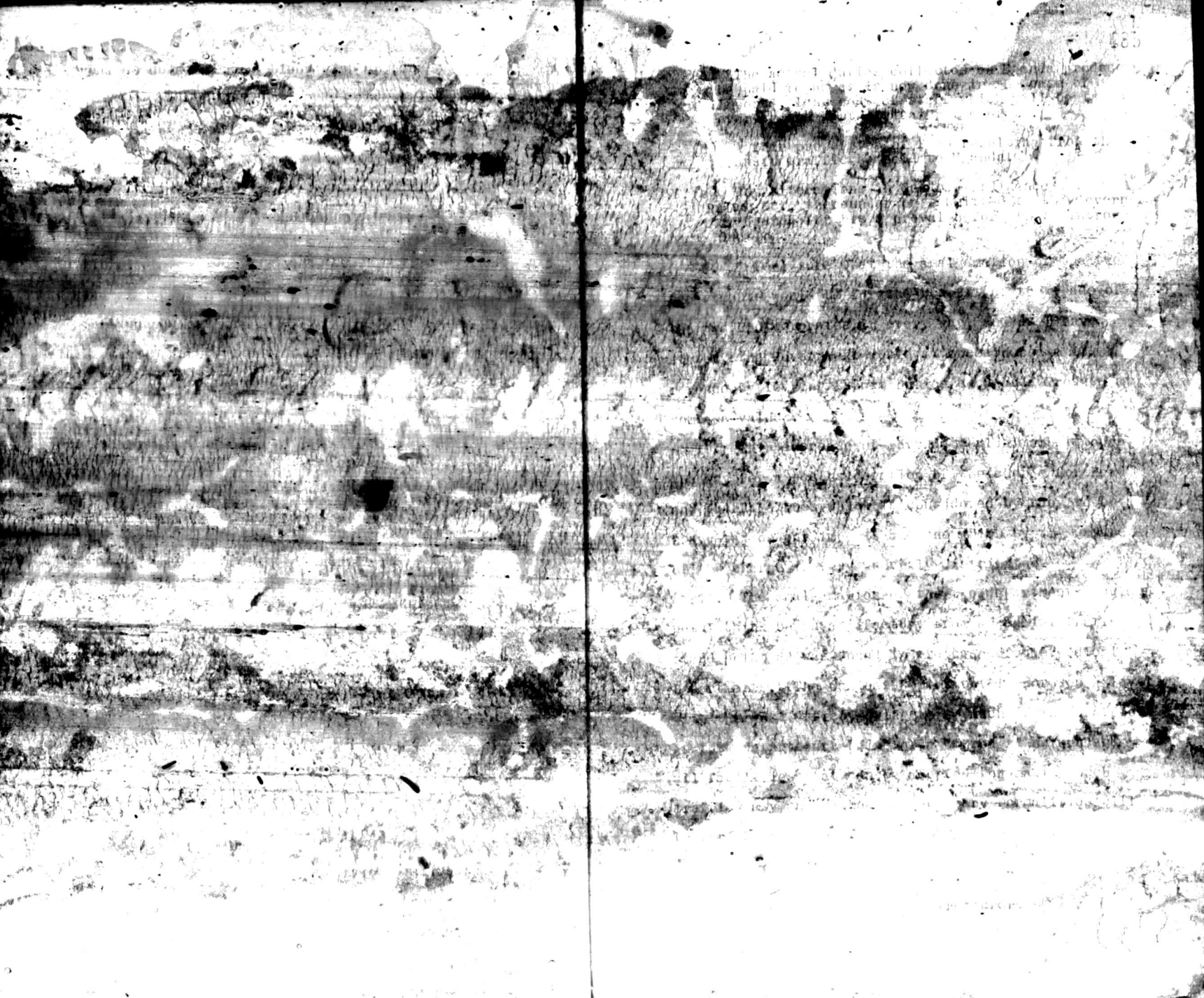
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In Despatch No. 27 of 10/10/18

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

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Kairua,

June 19th 1899.

Sir,

With reference to H.E. Sir A. Bell's despatch 564/08 of April 10th respecting the proposed amalgamation of the Customs Departments of the two Protectorates I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have carefully considered the matter with the Chief of Customs, a copy of whose minute on the subject I enclose.

While in complete agreement with the Uganda Treasurer as to the general advantages to be derived from such a step I concur with Mr. Major in thinking that the benefits we should otherwise have would be largely nullified if the Uganda statistics have to be shown separately.

It is possible that Your Excellency may be reluctant to allow the trade of the two Protectorates to be merged in one set of figures, but the objections to such a course seem to be mainly of a sentimental character scarcely of sufficient weight to justify the increased expenditure and diminished revenue which would result from an insistence upon them.

It would not, I imagine, be difficult to find a way of doing the administrative propositions attributable to each Protectorate and to any commerce trade they are forming one commercial unit would not really injure the interests of either.

I should be much obliged if Your Excellency could see your way to conceding this point as it

would

The Acting Governor,

Entebbe.

would enable us to make identical representations
to the Colonial Office in regard to a measure which
I feel sure will be beneficial both to Uganda and
East Africa.

I have Ac.

cc - P. J. JACKSON

Acting Governor

The Acting Governor
Uganda

6th July 1909.

No. 564/09.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in which you refer to the proposed reorganization of the Customs Department.

I refer to paragraph 2 of your letter in which you state that Your Excellency may not perhaps have fully realized the value to any country or commercial undertaking attaching to a complete knowledge of the expansion or contraction of business so that should any harmful symptom be shown it thereby becomes possible to lay a check on the source and possibly to eradicate it before it develops into a disease which might spread to other parts. It cannot therefore, I submit, be considered that our requirements as regards statistics are of a sentimental nature but are rather based on sound commercial lines.

5. Another point which requires attention is the collection of local and foreign sales of goods by the Customs Department of this Department. It is suggested that the local and foreign sales of goods should be collected apart of which should be done away with. I do not see how such sales could be collected.

2. I further refer to the same in the expression
"diminished"

His Excellency,
The Acting Governor,
Nairobi.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 1909

KAMPALI,

19th June, 1909.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORS

1871/14 10/19/09

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 807/09 of the 15th ultimo respecting the organization of the Customs Department of the two Protectorates.

2. I regret that, while we are in accord on the general question, Your Excellency is unable to agree to have the trade statistics of Uganda and East Africa in an exclusive statement.

3. I do still maintain that it would be perfectly possible and desirable, were it otherwise possible for the Customs Officers staff to suffer as alarming fluctuations in trade even in Uganda without the separate statistics on the necessity of which Your Excellency lays stress.

4. The reasons mentioned in Your Excellency's despatch of 17th June would observe that it would not be possible to have a separate staff for each of the two Protectorates, which is a very serious consideration in view of the trade between East Africa and Uganda.

5. The expressions "increased expenditure" and "diminished revenue" used in the 3rd paragraph of my despatch 807/09 of the 15th of June are perhaps

His Excellency

The Acting Governor,
Uganda Protectorate,
Kampali.

a little ambiguous. What I wished to convey was that the insistence on separate statistics would prevent a reduction of staff, which could otherwise be made, thus increasing expenditure or, rather, preventing its diminution, while the collection of export duty at Kisumu rather than at Mombasa would diminish revenue as exports would have to be valued on a higher value, due to cost of transport, etc., at the latter place.

6. The question of an increase in the salary of the Chief of Customs will have to be considered, but, while there is no doubt that he should receive some additional remuneration for the increased duties and responsibilities, which amalgamation would entail, I scarcely think that so large a salary as £1,000 would be likely to meet with Colonial Office and Treasury approval. I should be inclined to suggest £850 as a more reasonable figure.

7. I shall await any further observations which Your Excellency may desire to make before submitting the question concurrently with General Sir H. M. G. Murray's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

sd/ G. T. Jackson.

Acting Governor.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
NAIROBI

6th March, 1910.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

N.P.No. 607/09.

Of August 2nd last, and in the subject of the amalgamation of the Customs Departments of the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates, I have the pleasure to observe that it was anticipated that you would address this Government, as requested in the concluding paragraph of that despatch, before submitting proposals on the question to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. I regret however that this course was not pursued, as I have now received from the Colonial Office copies of the correspondence ending with Lord Greve's despatch No. 399 of December 1st last.

3. I must express some regret at this as I should have been able to put forward some further proposals for consideration had I known that the matter was being discussed at the Colonial Office.

The Managers of the East Africa Protectorate in his Department would be in a position to supply the separate statistics on which your Excellency lays such

special

His Excellency:

The Acting Governor,
Uganda Protectorate,
Kisumu.

special stress and in that case there would be no difficulty in keeping a finger on the pulse of Uganda trade which is doubtless very necessary and desirable to...

5. I have also to mention another circumstance which may justify the objection...

I have to...
P. P. C. ...
Governor

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

UGANDA,

24th March, 1910.

UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

No. 564/1909.

Mr. Jackson's despatch M.P. No. 807/09 dated the 5th instant on the subject of the suggested amalgamation of the Customs Departments of East Africa and Uganda Protectorates.

If Your Excellency will be kind enough to send the further proposals which, as mentioned in paragraph 4 of my despatch under reply, are desired to be formed I shall be glad to give them my closest attention.

Abiona Roverner.

Your Excellency,

The Governor of East Africa in Charge

East Africa Protectorate,

Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed

amendment of the proposed tariff and protectorate arrangements in relation to the objections raised by Mr. Gowar in his despatch to the Colonial Office on 27th October 1910, in which he contended that the obligation is not to be limited by the interests of the public because (1) it would involve a sacrifice of the interests of the public which would be to the detriment of the Protectorate to meet the wishes of the public and (2) it would result in a compromise in the event of any difference between the customs tariffs of the two Protectorates.

As regards the first point, as I stated in my reply to the Hon. Member, the interests of the public would be to be satisfied in no way.

As regards the second point, it is my opinion that I think it desirable to have the customs tariffs of the two Protectorates as most desirable. As for the proposed amendment, the arrangement by which the proposed amendment would result in a compromise to render such uniformity almost impossible.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur H. ...

I shall of course always be most happy to do it.
Your Excellency's criticism of our legislation
affects the whole countries and the drift of our
new ordinance has already been sent to Mr. Lott under
cover of a dispatch to the same effect.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

The proposed measure is not only in itself
for the benefit of both of the two Protectorates,
but the return of opinion that possible differences in
enforcement should be considered as a fair to the
proposed unification, which I still think most
desirable.

I have, Sir, the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

John Lubbock

COMMERCE DEPT.,

Uganda.

14th June, 1914.

Uganda Protectorate.

No. 504/10.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in reply to my letter of the 31st April last.

In reply to the suggestion made by your Excellency that the Manager of the Uganda Railway would supply the statistics required by the Uganda Protectorate, I have called the "Monthly Statement of Country Produce" compiled from King Station, Uganda, to the effect of 20th 1914.

This statement contains some very interesting statistics. It shows a quantity of 20 tons 77 lbs. of cotton seeds; I am informed that no such quantity of cotton seeds has ever been imported into the Uganda Protectorate. It is thought that the cotton seeds are partly of the kind mentioned above, and are stated to amount to 12 tons 154 lbs. of gum. It is thought that the amount should be all hides, and partly hides and partly gum. It shows a quantity of 1 ton 444 lbs. of wool. It is thought that this amount must be largely imaginary.

Yours faithfully,

His Excellency

The Governor, Uganda Protectorate.

Assistant Secretary

Uganda.

that no wool is known to have passed through India
in May. Monthly statements of this kind would not
appear to have very much statistical value.

The suggestions and opinions expressed
by Your Excellency in the despatch under reply
have met my closest attention. I feel, however,
that the advantages which are urged upon this
Protectorate are not sufficient to counter-balance
from the opinions expressed in Mr. Loyd's letter
to the Secretary of State No. 225 dated the 23rd
August, 1909. I entirely agree with those opinions,
and in view of the fact that the Secretary of State
has so recently given the matter his full
consideration and has stated his decision that
the existing arrangements are not to be disturbed at
present, I believe that the matter should be
allowed to rest as it now stands.

I have, Sir,
84/- Stanley Collins,
Governor.

PROBATION DEPT.
Nairobi,
July 14th 1910.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch of the 11th inst. regarding statistics of convicts reported from prisons.

It would appear that the information, the inaccuracy of which Your Excellency draws attention, was furnished in the office of the Probation Department in accordance with Your Excellency's request. It was never intended that this office should provide the statistics to which I referred in my despatch of March 31st.

As regards the statistics of convicts disposed which were referred to in my despatch of the 11th inst. in connection with the above, it is to be noted that, if Your Excellency will apply to the Department, I think that you will have nothing to complain of in respect of the accuracy of the returns, which will be compiled from the returns of the various courts. The statistics of convicts disposed at headquarters and the appended statement is now attached.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
At the absence of the Governor,

Yours faithfully,
The Acting Governor,
Nairobi.

ENCLOSURE No 10

Despatch No 621 of 14/10/1910 500

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Hairébi,

28th July 1910.

No. 564/09.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Menden's despatch No. M.P. 607/09 dated the 12th inst., requesting statistics of country reported from Uganda, and to express my thanks for the enclosed copy of the statement transmitted therein.

I have, &c., &c.,

Yours faithfully,

In the absence of the Ag. Secy.

His Excellency

The Governor & Commander-in-Chief,

Hairébi.

The Secretary to the Department of the Interior
 Protectorate, reports his recommendations to the
 Secretary of State for the colonies and asks to
 inform him that in the letter with J. of Sir P.
 Crocker's despatch to 21 of the 13th of October,
 "should be read for 'protect' the letter
 and the fact is corrected by a letter's error."

Handwritten notes:
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