



When replying to Treasury  
on Dec 25-38c, we  
had, I think, send a copy  
of this draft for favorable  
refining also to the  
same place of our letter  
to Treasury on 20/12/38c.

As to immediate action. Against  
Nyaaland will not have  
fully this part of the scheme -  
but it will hang things up  
unnecessarily if we have to  
refer it out & await replies  
as to this part of the question.  
But when writing to Treasury  
point out ~~that~~ that the principle  
of the 224 not M<sup>c</sup> is applied  
for the application of it  
to agents & Nyaaland, will  
be extremely difficult - &  
the time P.S. did not think  
it worth while to hang up  
the matter - so in order to refer  
it to U.S. & N.Y.

S. Reed. 12/12/38c.

See 9 at one 7/30/38c

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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With reference to paragraph 2 of Your Lordship's despatch No. 489 of July 29th respecting Mr. Nicholls' salary, I have the honour to express my regret that by inadvertence reference was made to a proposal in regard to duty allowance which had not been submitted to Your Lordship.

9. The scheme put forward in my despatch No. 345  
at June 4th should have contained a clause providing  
for a duty allowance of £24 per annum for Head  
Clerks in small departments & in sub-departments  
of important offices. Of these there would probably  
be four, viz: the Head Clerks in the Colonial  
Branch of the Survey Department, in Rents Department  
of the Land Office, and in the offices of the  
Provincial Commissioners, Nairobi and Kisumu. All  
these have important and responsible duties and it  
is thought that while it is scarcely necessary to  
raise them to the grade of Assistant Superintendents  
they should receive slightly higher remuneration  
than ordinary clerks. The cost of per annum, i.e.,  
as Your Lordship will observe, but trifling.

THE FIGHT UNKNOWN

**THE EARL OF CROMWELL.**

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

3. The post of Chief Clerk in the Provincial Commissioner's Office, Nairobi, is at present held by a Gombe, so that no duty allowance will be required unless and until he is succeeded by a European.

4. Mr. Nicholls being Head Clerk of the Cadastral Branch of the Survey Department is one of the officials concerned and in referring to his case in my despatch No. 369 of June 15th I inadvertently alluded to this suggested duty pay.

5. I understand that the whole scheme is under consideration and that the observations of the Governments of Uganda and Nyassaland are being invited, vide Your Lordship's despatch No. 516 of August 26th. I should be much obliged if Your Lordship would cause this supplementary proposal to be added to the recommendations previously made.

6. In regard to Mr. Nicholls himself I would solicit Your Lordship's most favourable consideration and would ask that even if the general scheme fails to obtain sanction that he may be allowed to receive the maximum duty pay suggested. He is a very capable man and the Director of Surveys is anxious to retain his services, which he will probably not be able to do unless the allowance is granted.

7. No excess on the Estimates is involved as they provide for a salary of £200 and £40 house allowance

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allowed.

I have the honour to be  
Your obedient servant

GOVERNOR.