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(Subject.)

Mombasa Defence Scheme

Re report by Capt. Sallibell
maps

(Minutes)

Mr. Read

220 Major Clamson

to G.S.
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H. J. R.

Major Clamson

to G.S.
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SECRET
APPENDIX
Despatch A Commission

Commissioner's Office,

Mombasa,

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March 29th 1905.

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 437 of August 1st 1904 and No. 46 of February 6th last, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of an able report by Captain R. E. Salvaia, whom I deputed, in compliance with the request contained in the Remarks by the Secretary to the Colonial Defence Committee of July 21st, to revise the Defence Scheme, in consultation with the local authorities at Mombasa.

I have the honour to return the map marked No. 41 showing the present position of the cable and the landing places at Mombasa Island.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

J. Stewart

Marquis of Lansdowne, K. G.

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Report by

To
The Officer Commanding Troops,
British East Africa.

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~~Vice~~
Captain R. E. Salkeld,
3rd King's African Rifles.

Mombasa, 16th February 1906.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions I have

- (a) read the Mombasa Defence Scheme.
- (b) have inspected positions etc.

2 Strategic considerations . para I.
That the ~~main~~ landing party would be 150 and not 800 does not appear to me to necessitate any alterations in the scheme.

Para 8. As to the difficulties of entering Kilindini these appear to be but few in daylight. The proper authorities should be informed of the remarks by the Colonial Defence Committee a propos of the removal of buoys etc.

There appears no reason why these should not be altered as suggested. No mention however is made of a land raid, say by the Germans from Mochi. This may seem far fetched but if a raiding party reached Voi seized a train, cutting the wires above and below, there seems nothing to stop them reaching and surprising Mombasa.

4 Para 5. "It is not certain that a hostile vessel would be in possession of accurate information as to the route of the cable" seems correct. As in the map, ~~Secret~~

4, East Africa Mombasa Defence Scheme Map a continuous red line is shown as representing the cable, it does not however agree with the position of the cable as shown on the chart of the Cable Company. I have marked in, a continuous purple line, showing the present position of the cable according to their map, and a broken purple line showing position of the cable according to their map old and abandoned cable. T 4-671

The cables mentioned are to the Colonial Defence

The remaining questions as to the Cable Station are dealt with later.

Para 6. No remarks seem necessary.

Strategic Considerations. (continued).

Page 1, Para 6.

objectives.

1. The Cable Station.

2. The Railway Bridge.

3. The Garrison.

If it was known that the Island was garrisoned, presumably the enemy would endeavour to hold 3, while destroying 1 or 2 or both 1 & 2. To achieve 1 & 2 with so small a force as 150 men should mean that this force would have to be divided, a hazardous operation for so large a portion of the crew of a cruiser to undertake. It seems therefore probable, that they would confine themselves to one objective very likely 1, while detaching a small party primarily with a view to carry out 2.

... one to operate on ... night. As those parts of it near 1 & 2 are covered with growth making movement off the few paths difficult.

The island is fringed with cliffs having however many landing places, by the Map 99. The edges of the cliffs are however everywhere covered by bush making it quite impossible to locate riflemen. So many are the landing places that it is scarcely possible to guard them but a good system of look out, together with an intelligent use of a general reserve in a central spot should be able to seize an initial advantage.

Additional details to the map will be made.

Page 2, A. Distribution of troops.

Dealt with later.

Page 2, D. Mode of occupying works & ...

Dealt with later.

~~Page 1.~~ ^{Page 1.} Orders to ORDS on mobilization.
Attached.

~~Page 2.~~ ^{Page 2.} Action by Civil Authorities.
Suggested action attached.

9 Suggested alterations & additions attached.

I have etc.,

Sd. R. E. Salkeld, Captain

8th N. A. Rifles.

Sub-Enclosure

Suggested Alterations and Additions to Defence

10/1/23

1. Note on Op. 2. B. *Chapter III (B)*

I would dispose of the troops thus

- A on chart 25 men.
- B on chart 25 " One maxim.
- D on chart 50 "

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I consider rifle pits to hold 2 to 6 men not trenches should be dug. They would be chosen under orders of the O.C. Column and should be invisible in the bush which covers this part of the island. Each post should be under a British Officer and should have a local magazine.

These posts should be occupied every evening.

During the day the garrison should be in camp with the general reserve at E. leaving double sentry posts only. This work should be done after the arrival of the troops under supervision of the officers.

Signallers with lamps & helios should be posted at the light house, Has Mraka Singe & at D.

A service of orderlies should be organised between D & E.

The signal service being one of the most important points should be under a British Officer.

The General Reserve at E in tents which should be concealed.

So many are the landing places that it is impossible to foresee which would be used an intelligent and vigorous use of the reserve would be the best defence.

I consider the Salisbury bridge should be a separate post of 50 men and 1 British Officer.

Page 2. Op. 2. D.

As before indicated trenches or pits should be occupied nightly. The garrisons of A, B, & D being withdrawn during the day in rear of the actual works at E but close at hand.

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The Reserve at F being the striking weapon must remain under the C.C.'s hand.

Salisbury bridge post should remain there.

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Page 4. Orders to Corps on Mobilisation Suggested:

1. On receiving news of war the Battalion will parade as strong as possible in marching order.
2. Coy Officers will select 100 men from their boys.
3. Two Maxim gun teams with guns will parade under the officer in charge of Maxims.
4. Company Commanders will draw ammunition.
5. Following kits will be taken:
1 Blanket 1 Greatcoat.
6. The Quartermaster will arrange to provide transport for & issue the following stores:
100 rounds per rifle reserve ammunition.
30 tents.
5 Officers' kits.
Armourers' materials.
Ammunition carriers' bags.
7. All signallers will parade with equipment under Lieutenant
8. The P.M.O. will make arrangements that a medical officer with sufficient stretchers & bearers in addition to the coolies mentioned meet the column at Kilindini.

Page 5. Action by Civil Authorities.

1. Martial Law will be proclaimed by H.M. Commis ioner in consultation with the C.C. Troops.
2. Troops will detrain at Kilindini.

The Superintendent of Transport will meet them coolies etc.

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3. 100 porters will meet the train to carry ammunition etc. etc. etc. to B.
 4. 300 ricks 100 shovels should be stacked at L for disposal of O. C. Troops.
 5. These 100 porters will be under the orders of the O.C. Troops and will be utilised in camp fatigues fetching water etc.
 6. Rations for men and porters will be bought locally & firewood by Director Transport, 3 days rations vis rice & salt.
Cooking pots sufficient for 300 men be provided by Director of Govt. Transport.
 7. Two trolleys fitted with receptacle for water will be prepared by the Supt of Transport.
Troops will water from the Railway water supply.
O.C. Troops has full power to order any measures of defence he may think fit.
 8. All trolleys & trolley boys on the island are to be placed under the orders of the O.C. Troops.
- Note. Whether gunny bags, beams or any other material is necessary for the defensive works lies in the discretion of the O.C. Column and cannot here be laid down.

Cable Station.

There is no testing pit.

The cable can be worked from Mombasa or Changan-

An underground cable should be laid from the present cable and connected with the railway telegraph. There is no material for this it should be supplied and stored.

The destruction of the Station and instruments do not affect the working of the cable so long as the cable is intact.

There is nothing to lead me to suppose that a

crisis

cruiser need ever land any men to destroy the cable.

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Map
Map. Main roads are now shown. There are in addition native paths which constantly alter. The roads and the railway line as shown are the only permanent means of communication.

(24.) H. E. Salkeld, Capt.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

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One Document, being
Scheme map

East Africa (Mombasa) Defense

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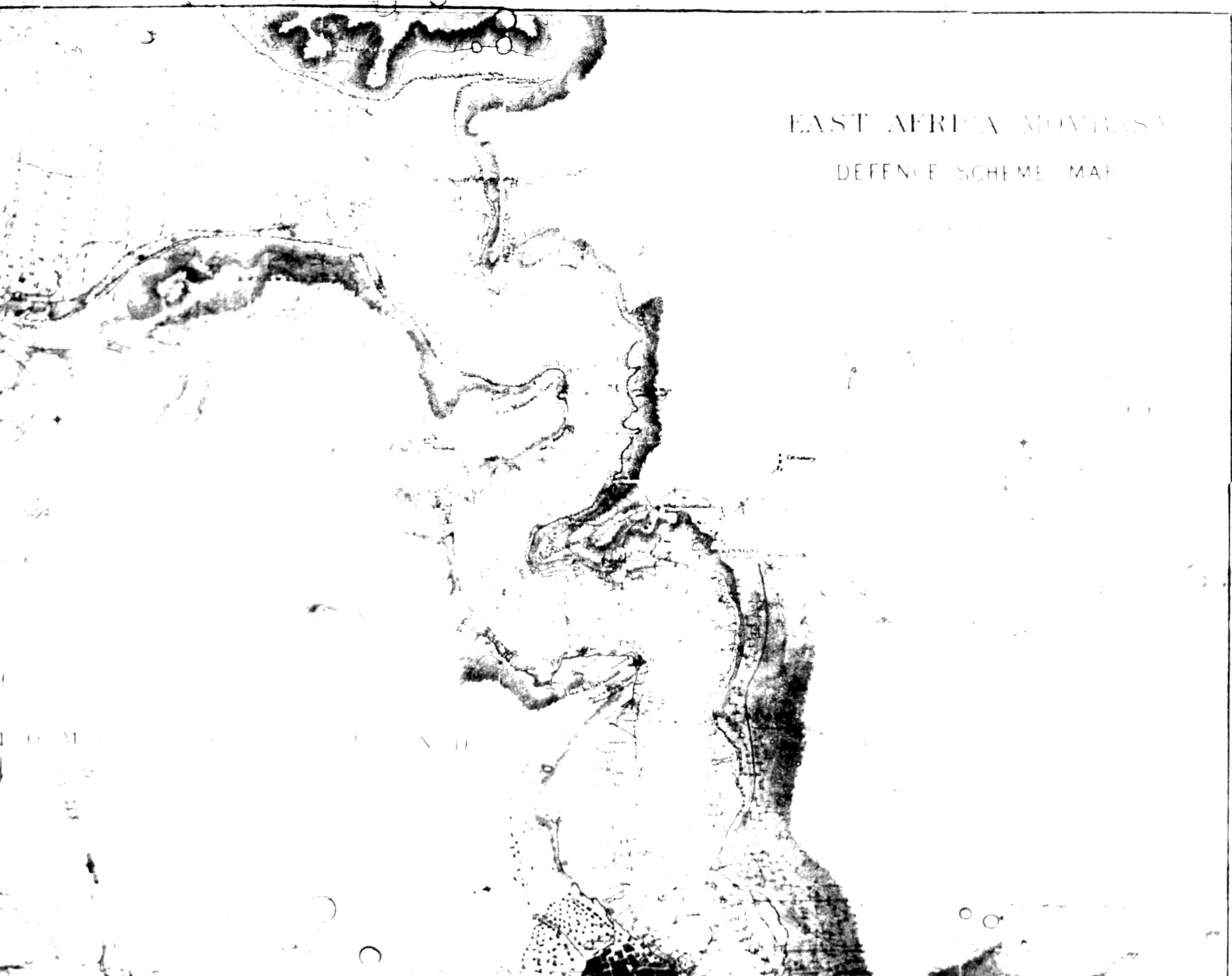
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ISLAND

KRISALINE

EAST AFRICA MOUNTAINS

DEFENCE SCHEME MAP



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Commissioner's Office,

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Rombasa,

April 2nd 1905.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a despatch which I have received from the Director of Agriculture of this Protectorate asking for permission to purchase seeds and plants direct through the Agricultural Departments of the country from which the goods are to be procured for the benefit of the Department for the Colonies.

In the course of the purchasing of seed in this matter of urgency and great delay is caused when an order for South Africa has first to be despatched to England. Seeing that not more than one hundred pounds a year is likely to be expended on seeds or plants from other colonies, I have the honor to recommend this proposal

Principal Secretary of the
for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London

for your favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. L. L.

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RE

Agricultural Department,

Dear Sir,

March 28th 1905.

H. 10/05.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the interest of
my Department the C. Agents, who concede us the right
to order seeds or plants direct through the Agricultural
Departments of the country from which the goods are to be
obtained.

The purchase of seeds in the latter of urgency
and it is necessary to order seeds required from South
Africa for example, to be ordered through the Crown
Agents, who as before mentioned, will be responsible
for the forwarding of the seeds and the success of the
seeds in growth, and it is to be understood that they
will be liable for any loss or damage in which case
the seeds will be replaced at the earliest possible

order direct, the seeds will be sent by air
and will be likely to arrive with the seeds prepared
for their reception, with little possibility of
delay or loss of their arrival, is even more disadvantageous.

I find indenting for seeds and plants a great
hindrance to the fulfillment of continuous requests from
settlers and it would be a great advantage to the country
generally if it could be allowed to freely order seeds and
plants as required.

Free and agricultural seeds are generally got from
South

Dep. Ag. Comptroller.

A. I. R. B. I.

Reference
No. 102
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No. 102
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C. O.
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Agricultural Department.

Nairobi,

March 28th 1905.

No. 10/06.

Sir,

I have the honour to suggest that in the interest of the Department the Crown Agents should concede us the right to order seeds or plants direct through the Agricultural Departments of the country from which the goods are to be obtained.

The purchasing of seed is often a matter of urgency and it causes great delay if seeds required from South Africa for example have to be ordered through the Crown Agents. We can never forecast what seeds will be required for the demand depends on the climate and the success of the seeds on hand, and it is no uncommon thing to find that a consignment of seeds fail to germinate in which case the seeds require to be restocked at the earliest possible moment.

Ordering direct, we should usually know when the seeds were likely to arrive and the land would be prepared for their reception. With live plants, uncertainty of the date of their arrival is even more disadvantageous.

I find indenting for seeds and plants a great hindrance to the fulfillment of continuous requests from settlers and it would be a great advantage to the country generally if I could be allowed to freely order seeds and plants as required.

Tree and agricultural seeds are generally got from
South

District Commissioner,

N. A. I. E. I.

N. A. I. E. I.

No. 192

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Reference

Inchanga

Received

by bag

Permitted to be usedAs a reference onlyBy the District Commissioner

South Africa, Australia or America and the freedom of ordering for which I apply would in no wise affect the regular indent for goods to be supplied from England or India.

The seed and plants ordered will not probably exceed £100 per annum, but the withdrawal of the indent system to this extent will have a very beneficial effect on the introduction of economic plants into East Africa.

I have so., so.,

S/- Andrew Linton,

Director of Agriculture.

EAST AFR. PROT.
No. _____

14504
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1905

Subject

Report of Const. Police

The police force at present is not in a good condition owing to the withdrawal of the best men of the force. Capt. McCulloch, who was the only man of the force who was not in the force at present, is now in the force at present. He is now in the force at present. He is now in the force at present.

Mr. Read

This is a rather important case. It is a case of a man who has been in the force for some time. He is now in the force at present. He is now in the force at present. He is now in the force at present.

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Accordingly the F.O. applied to the P.O. for the man to be transferred to the P.O. He is now in the force at present. He is now in the force at present. He is now in the force at present.

no reason to doubt the fidelity of the officer
for his affd offered for her to be rewarded
for a further 3 years since The S.C.
award of Capt Mc C was refused 12663

In face of this report (which shows
that there has been no improvement since
the last report on 14.2.5 of Cd 1626)
we cannot return Capt Mc C and
we shall write to S.C. sending copy
of the last paragraph that on the basis
we must not that S.C. allowed to count
towards the end of his present
period of reading right or other as

Capt Mc C is a fine tall 12 has
and has offered for for an extra
intention on medical grounds. He
has been told to apply to be readmitted
announced at the beginning of June
It would imply matters of S.C. were
told that found with intention, but this
is a ground for refusing this, & we shall
advise him that he has to wait until
1.11.11 in December (Capt Henderson
will be on the way to India)

12550
As to the matter of that grade
he is for promotion there is plenty of time
but I think we have plenty of suitable men
for the post in the S.C. & elsewhere
to take Mr Henderson - his salary is
£400 for a year of 12 months S.C.
has put of Capt Scott for
will return that salary which is again
not to the maximum of that grade

We had at Comm: is to this &
inform him of what we are doing
as to Capt Mc C 22A

12555

Proceed as proposed? I writing to Capt.
S.C. he might say that a loop has been
received from the Comm: for which it
appears that he was at home to return
he was after the 1.11.11, the date
on which the 3 years for which he was
temporarily awarded comes to an end -
that the Indian post are unwilling being
asked to cancel the arrangements made for
standing him for a further period of 3
years - these would revert to his Regt.
on the expiration of the 1st period of 3
years.

In stating any new offers for the force
we must take care that they already
possess the necessary knowledge of police
and are not put through a paper
course of instruction here before they go
out.

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Proceed as proposed We
must support it & Stewart in
getting rid of these two un-
warranted officers and replacing

and, instead of preparing and
bringing them up in a proper
manner, depend on the magis-
trates doing this when they
appear in court.

The principal fault lies
with the present Inspector
General of Police, Captain
H. Cahill, an officer seconded
from the Indian Army. He
does not possess a sufficient
knowledge of police work and
in consequence is unable to
instruct his juniors. I have
no fault to find against
him personally beyond con-
sidering him absolutely in-
capable of being in charge

of so large a department,
I am convinced that he tries
to do his work, but it is
quite beyond his powers.

I must therefore strongly re-
commend for the sake of the
future of the Protectorate
that his appointment be
cancelled after the termina-
tion of three years service on

December 31st 1905 and that he
be allowed to return to his
regiment. I am given
to understand that he proposes
to leave the service and take
permanent employment here
I should be glad if he could
be informed of your decision.

as soon as possible. He is
at present on leave in
England, his address being

Mr Messrs Gundry & Co
5, Radcliff Street

I have
for the post of Inspector
General of Police a strong
man is required with an
extensive knowledge of the
language of the world to allow
him to meet his duties with
such a man in charge I
am sure we should have
a very different state
of affairs than we need
and officer who would I think
be most competent to fill the
appointment

appointment. I will naturally
however make no recom-
mendation in this connection
until I know your wishes
regarding Captain McCaskey.
I can say little or nothing
in favour of the Deputy
Inspector General, Mr Hen-
derson. He is quite incapable
as a police officer of that
rank, but I understand
that he did well as an
Assistant District Super-
intendent before he was pro-
moted. He was originally in
the Administration and
was transferred to the Police
force. I have the honour to

Recommend

recommended that he should
assist to the inspection of an
assembly at St. Stephen's
Hall. He is to be transferred
to some other Government
Service where he might be
of use.

I am afraid the Police
force will continue to be
most inefficient and can
not be expected to improve
unless the services of these
senior officers can be dispensed
with. The junior officers
require to be taught their
work and this will need

be

be done until the Government
knows of their value. I
especially trust therefore that
I shall have your assistance
in carrying out these very
necessary reforms, which are
most urgent & needed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedient

humble servant

J. Stewart

recommended that he should
be sent to the position of an
Assistant District Officer
in some other Government
Service where he might be
of use

I am afraid the Police
force will continue to be
most inefficient and can
not be expected to improve
unless the services of these
three officers can be dispensed
with. The junior officers
require to be taught their
work and this will need

be

be done until the seniors
know of their values. I
seriously trust therefore that
I shall have your assistance
in carrying out these very
necessary reforms which are
most urgently needed

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your most obedient
humble servant
J. Stewart

Comr
14504

to Capt. Pict

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to Mr. Pict
Comr. Sir D. Stewart

17 May 60

MINUTE.

- Mr. *Whe 12/5*
- Mr. *Rid 12/5*
- Mr. Ansdobur.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Osmundsey.
- The Duke of Marlborough.
- Mr. Lyttelton.

3/11/60

Sir
 When the Comr. heard
 the receipt of your Confiden-
 tial copy of the report
 with reference to the
 inefficiency of the last
 1/2 of the last
 Officer *Protestant* &
 recommending that the
 services of the Inspector
 Genl. Capt. *Protestant*
 should be discontinued
 at the termination of his
 term of 3 years service
 on the 6th Nov next

SIR D. STEWART
 No. 177
 Received
 17 May 60

2 As you will have seen
from my des^t No 204
of the 28th ult, I had
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~~been~~ already, not having
received any indication
that the services of the
officer were not satisfactory,
obtained the sanction
of the Indian Gov^t
for his business to be
for a further period of
three years.

3 In view of your
report I have now requested
the Indian Gov^t to
allow Capt McCallum
to visit his regiment
in the 6th Divⁿ next
and I have caused
him to be emp^d accordingly.

4 I shall be glad to be infor-
med of the name of
the candidate whom you
propose to select for
this off^t, in order
that I may consider
he seems well thro^{ugh}
other qualified person.

5 I presume from your
des^t that Mr. Gordon
is in the command
of the Regiment
and that his efficiency
is not such as would
justify his des^{er}ving
In the event of his
wanting to the post of
a Lieutenant District
Superintendent, I shall
be glad to learn whether
you propose that he
should retain his present

salary of £400 p. a.
being the maximum
salary of that grade

Y L

Comr
14504
3 Apr. 1885
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STATE

Capt. J. C. H.
Mr. Cashell Sir

ansd 16/4/05

20/4/05

17 May 05

MINUTE

- Mr. M^r 12/5.
- Mr. Red 13
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Mr. M. O'Malley
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lytton

3 D/5

Received
 Will refer to the letter
 from the Dept of the
 with. I am directed by
 Mr. Secy to inform you
 inform you that a copy
 has been received from
 the Comr of the East
 Africa Station for
 it appears that he
 does not desire to
 your services after the
 1st Dec next the
 date which the
 period of which you
 was originally created
 can be ascertained

Capt. Comr
17 June 1885

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The Indian boats are
accordingly being asked
to recall the arrangement
made for meeting
you for a further
period of 3 years
to allow you to visit
to your right on the
alt. Dec 2nd

I am

Yours

U. P. S.
India Office

M. 12/13

H. 22 13

Answer 17946

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17 May 05

Received

Dear Sir
Will reference to your
letter M. 4974 of the
15th ult. I am to inform
by Mr. P. C. D. that
I acquainted you further
info of Mr. P. C. D.
with that the Comar.
of the East Africa Provis.
-terate has since info.
-ted that he does not
wish to return the services
of Capt. J. W. C. D. beyond
the 31st Dec. 1905
being the date on which
the period for which he
was originally recruited
expires.

I am accordingly to
request that the Govt of
India may be advised

Capt. Comar. East of June 1906

to cancel the arrangement
to which they had by con-
-sented, for vacating
his office for a further
period of three years,
and to allow him to
return to the his regt.
next on the 6th of Nov-
-ember.

I am to express Mr.
Lythell's regret that
he has been necessary
to request the cancellation
of an arrangement so
nearly made by the
Army Dept. at his
request.

I am, Sir,
Yours,
Obedt. Servant

Wm. B. Lewis