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Dr. J. Zeldes.

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concern is the for^m suggestion contained in
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Gentlemen,

I am so to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a report of a committee appointed to consider the question of the supply and maintenance of furniture for the Govt. House, Kauribi, EAR and to request that you will at once take steps to supply the articles required to bring the stock of

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The Comm Agents

MINUTE.

- Mr. Harper 2/6/14
- Mr. Bottomley 2/6/14
- Mr. Williams
- Sir G. Fiddes.
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- Mr. Harcourt.

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and for future maintenance
 I agree with the ~~views~~ ^{views} expressed in ~~a~~ ^{part 3-6 of the} minute on the report by the Chief Secretary and Treasurer, particularly in regard to the proposal not to surrender unspent balances and to provide a special grant on change of Governor. *These are so sufficient to deal with all such matters which as they indicate should be determined according to the Colonial Regulations.*

4. As regards your proposal that a reserve stock of crockery and china and other perishable articles should be kept by the Public Works Department, I would observe that it is not apparently customary *for Government* in other places to keep a reserve stock of sufficient size to provide for the larger Government House functions, and I am of opinion that it would be ~~impossible~~ ^{undesirable} to maintain a stock sufficiently large ~~to~~ ^{to} *include the necessity of being in stock at all times.* I am quite willing to

approve

approve of a moderate reserve on which it would be possible to draw both for the more ordinary functions at Government House and for replacing breakages, etc., in the ordinary standard stock, and if you will prepare a requisition on those lines for the Crown Agents I shall be ~~glad~~ ^{happy} to approve of their carrying it out.

I have, &c.

(Signature) E. COOKE.

Gov. E.A.P.
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Downing Street,

27 May, 1914.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. *5D*

Governor
Sir H. Conway Belfield, K.C.M.G.
&c. &c. &c.

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Mr.

Mr. Harris *4 May*
H. Reed 23
Sir G. Fiddes. *25*

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 285, of the 26th of March on the subject of the supply and maintenance of the furniture at Government House.

2. I approve the proposal to bring up the stock of furniture, etc., at once to the standard indicated in the enclosure to the report of your Committee, and I am causing the Crown Agents to be instructed accordingly.

3. As regards the provision for

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articles required for immediate requirements,
should the Secretary of State so approve.

Sd./C.C. BOWRING.

Chief Secretary.

Sd./-H.A. SMALLWOOD.

Treasurer.

14th March, 1914.

suggestion that the sale proceeds of condemned articles be credited to the expenditure vote: such sale proceeds should be carried to Revenue as in all other cases of sales of condemned Government Stores.

4. Neither do we see the necessity of the special grant on change of permanent incumbents. Should any special expenditure be necessary in such an event the usual steps should be taken for obtaining sanction for extra expenditure.

5. We recommend that in the event of the Secretary of State approving the necessary expenditure for immediate requirements, viz. £617, that the sum be either met by savings (which can easily be done) in 1914-15 or by a direct re-allocation later of some item of expenditure: a Special Warrant being issued in due course against Vote 3. Special Expenditure "Government House Furniture".

6. As it is improbable that any expenditure on Upkeep in 1914-15 will be necessary if the immediate requirements are fulfilled, we recommend that in the Estimates 1915-16 proper provision be inserted under the "Other Charges" of His Excellency's vote for "Upkeep of Government House Furniture", and a reduction could be made on the P.W.D. Schedule to which such expenditure has been charged hitherto.

7. We would suggest in conclusion that the statement and report of the Committee be forwarded to the Secretary of State and that the Crown Agents be given the necessary instructions to purchase the
articles

In Date 28th of March 1914

Minute by Chief Secretary and Treasurer on Report of Committee appointed to enquire into Government House Furniture.

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1. We have considered, in accordance with His Excellency's verbal instructions, the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of Government House Furniture.
2. While agreeing generally with the recommendations of the Committee as to the numbers of articles required for a standard list and also as to those for immediate requirements, we would record that, in our opinion, the amount estimated for annual maintenance is too low. It must be remembered that there is also a Government House at Mombasa, and though most of the articles required there are taken down from Nairobi on the occasions when His Excellency goes to the Coast, yet in considering the cost of annual upkeep some allowance should be made for Mombasa. We therefore recommend that the annual upkeep be fixed for the present at £270 instead of £244.
3. We are unable to endorse the suggestion of one member of the Committee that unspent balances on the provision for Upkeep should not lapse: this is in direct contradiction to usual financial practice and opposed to the Colonial Office Regulations: nor are we able to approve of the further suggestion

| Article. | Existing Stock | | | Standard List | | | Immediate requirements. | | | Estimated Annual Maintenance. | | |
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| | | Q. | C. | | Q. | C. | | Q. | C. | Q. | C. | |
| 8 <u>Kitchen Utensils continued</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dusters | 24 | 325 | 01 | 90 | 999 | 12 | 721 | 85 | | | | |
| Padding cloths | 9 | 14 | 00 | 24 | 50 | 00 | 72 | 42 | 00 | | | |
| Basin cloths | 12 | 4 | 00 | 24 | 10 | 00 | 12 | 6 | 00 | | | |
| Roller towels | 2 | 8 | 00 | 4 | 10 | 00 | 12 | 3 | 00 | | | |
| | | 360 | 01 | | 1093 | 12 | 783 | 85 | 26 | 273 | 00 | |
| <u>Summary.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Furniture proper | | 24420 | 00 | | 24870 | 00 | | 450 | 00 | 3 | 745 | 00 |
| 2 Curtains, furniture covers & tapestry. | | 2221 | 00 | | 6000 | 00 | | 3000 | 00 | 10 | 600 | 00 |
| 3 Bedroom Crockery | | 118 | 00 | | 250 | 00 | | 64 | 00 | 25 | 64 | 00 |
| 4 Silver Elec. plate & Cutlery | | 2011 | 00 | | 3116 | 00 | | 1105 | 00 | 5 | 156 | 00 |
| 5 China | | 800 | 00 | | 1787 | 00 | | 912 | 00 | 50 | 372 | 00 |
| 6 Glass | | 515 | 00 | | 991 | 00 | | 480 | 00 | 50 | 496 | 00 |
| 7 Linen | | 1207 | 00 | | 3022 | 00 | | 2457 | 00 | 15 | 483 | 00 |
| 8 Kitchen utensils etc. | | 360 | 00 | | 1093 | 00 | | 783 | 00 | 26 | 273 | 00 |
| | | 27722 | 00 | | 61105 | 00 | | 9261 | 00 | | 3666 | 00 |

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| | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | Amount. | |
| | | | Rs. | C. | | Rs. | C. | | Rs. | C. | Rs. | C. |
| 8 | <u>Kitchen Utensils continued.</u> | L.f. | 285 | 19 | | 297 | 80 | | 345 | 35 | | |
| | Coffmill large | 1 | 5 | 82 | 1 | 5 | 82 | | | | | |
| | Meat Mincer | | | | 1 | 7 | 00 | 1 | 7 | 00 | | |
| | Dustpans large | 3 | 3 | 75 | 3 | 10 | 00 | 3 | 6 | 25 | | |
| | Wet Whisks 18" | | | | 2 | 1 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 25 | | |
| | Egg beater | 1 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 4 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 00 | | |
| | Egg poachers | | | | 2 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 25 | | |
| | Meat Covers wire 10" | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | | | | | |
| | " 12" | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | | | | | |
| | " 14" | 1 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 25 | | | | | |
| | " 16" | | | | 1 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 50 | | |
| | " 18" | | | | 1 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 75 | | |
| | " 20" | | | | 1 | 2 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 25 | | |
| | " 22" | 2 | 4 | 50 | 2 | 4 | 50 | | | | | |
| | " 24" | | | | 1 | 3 | 25 | 1 | 3 | 25 | | |
| | Fish Kettle Copper 20" | | | | 1 | 50 | 00 | 1 | 50 | 00 | | |
| | Fry Basket 10" | | | | 1 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 00 | | |
| | Fish Fryer Copper 20" | | | | 1 | 41 | 00 | 1 | 41 | 00 | | |
| | Flour Sifter 31" | | | | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | | |
| | Presser Marshall's large | | | | 1 | 50 | 00 | 1 | 50 | 00 | | |
| | Gridiron wire | 1 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 00 | | | | | |
| | Kettles Copper 10 pint | | | | 2 | 30 | 00 | 2 | 30 | 00 | | |
| | Knife Machine 5 Knife | | | | 1 | 72 | 00 | 1 | 72 | 00 | | |
| | Cooks knives 6. 7. 9.10.12 inch | | | | 5 | 17 | 00 | 5 | 17 | 00 | | |
| | Cooks forks 6 & 8" | 1 | - | 50 | 4 | 6 | 00 | 2 | 6 | 00 | | |
| | Base Brooms | 2 | 5 | 00 | 6 | 15 | 00 | 4 | 10 | 00 | | |
| | Glass Cloths | 12 | 5 | 00 | 50 | 30 | 00 | 40 | 24 | 00 | | |
| | Pastry Boards & pins | 1 | 4 | 50 | 2 | 9 | 00 | 1 | 4 | 50 | | |
| | Wet Brooms | 2 | 5 | 00 | 6 | 15 | 00 | 4 | 12 | 00 | | |
| | Mops | | | | 2 | 3 | 50 | 2 | 3 | 50 | | |
| | Bread pan enamel | | | | 1 | 5 | 00 | 1 | 5 | 00 | | |
| | Carried forward:- | | 328 | 51 | | 999 | 12 | | 721 | 85 | | |

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| | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | % | Amount | |
| | | | Rs. | C. | | Rs. | C. | | Rs. | C. | | Rs. | C. |
| 6 | <u>Kitchen Utensils continued.</u> | B.f. | 185 | 72 | | 419 | 29 | | 280 | 98 | | | |
| | Hen Knife 12" | | | | 1 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 00 | | | |
| | Larding pins | | | | 2 | 3 | 00 | 2 | 3 | 00 | | | |
| | Vegetable Ladle 18" | | | | 1 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 25 | | | |
| | Vegetable Ladle 21" | | | | 1 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 75 | | | |
| | Soup ladle (tinned copper) 1/2 pint | | | | 2 | 6 | 00 | 2 | 6 | 00 | | | |
| | " 1 pint | | | | 1 | 5 | 75 | 1 | 5 | 75 | | | |
| | Basting ladle | | | | 2 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 1 | 75 | | | |
| | Fat separator ladle | | | | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | | | |
| | Cake Maker | 1 | 9 | 98 | 1 | 6 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Meat Saw 12" | 1 | 2 | 80 | 1 | 2 | 80 | | | | | | |
| | Meat Chopper | 1 | 2 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Lightning mincer (herbs) | | | | 1 | - | 75 | 1 | - | 75 | | | |
| | Frypan & basket oval | 1 | 5 | 00 | 1 | 5 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Salad Washer | 1 | 1 | 80 | 1 | 1 | 80 | | | | | | |
| | Double Baking Tin | 1 | 3 | 50 | 1 | 3 | 50 | | | | | | |
| | Baking Sheet | 1 | 3 | 00 | 1 | 3 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Plain paste cutters | 1 box | 1 | 25 | 1 box | 1 | 25 | | | | | | |
| | Fluted V an V Cutters | 1 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Pie moulds oval 6 1/2" | 1 | 1 | 75 | 6 | 10 | 50 | 5 | 8 | 75 | | | |
| | Omelette Press | 1 | 1 | 90 | 1 | 1 | 50 | | | | | | |
| | Moulds | 1 | 2 | 50 | 4 | 2 | 50 | | | | | | |
| | Shallow Cake Tins | 2 | - | 70 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 70 | | | |
| | Irish Irons moulds | 4 | 5 | 00 | 4 | 5 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Breton Border moulds | 4 | 3 | 75 | 4 | 3 | 75 | | | | | | |
| | York tin | 1 | - | 50 | 1 | - | 50 | | | | | | |
| | Cake tin sets | 3 | 2 | 00 | 3 | 2 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Scales & weights. set | 1 | 20 | 00 | 1 | 20 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Hot Water Cans Brass or Copper 6 pints. } | 4 | 25 | 00 | 12 | 75 | 00 | 8 | 53 | 00 | | | |
| | Carried forward:- | | 285 | 19 | | 594 | 94 | | 368 | 36 | | | |

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| | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | Rs. | Amount |
| | | | Rs. | c. | | Rs. | c. | | Rs. | c. | Rs. | Rs. |
| | Kitchen Utensils Ac., continued | D.F. | 41 | 00 | | 190 | 65 | | 170 | 45 | | |
| | Tinned Saucepans | 1 set | 9 | 00 | | | | | | | | |
| | Oval fry pans | 3 | 3 | 00 | | | | | | | | |
| | Potato Mashers | 1 | 4 | 25 | 1 | 4 | 25 | | | | | |
| | Gravy steamers | 1 | 2 | 00 | 2 sets | 2 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | | |
| | Set of Skewers H.P. 7 to 12 in. | | | | 4 | 2 | 00 | 4 | 2 | 00 | | |
| | Stove brushes | | | | 6 | 7 | 00 | 6 | 7 | 00 | | |
| | Kitchen poker | worn out | | | 1 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 00 | | |
| | Tongs | | | | 1 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 00 | | |
| | Han Boiler | 1 | 14 | 00 | 1 | 14 | 00 | | | | | |
| | Baths galvanized | | | | 1 | 6 | 00 | 1 | 6 | 00 | | |
| | Buckets | 2 | 6 | 00 | 6 | 18 | 00 | 4 | 12 | 00 | | |
| | Toast grid | 2 | - | 75 | 4 | 1 | 50 | 2 | - | 75 | | |
| | Washup | 1 | 5 | 00 | 1 | 5 | 00 | | | | | |
| | Bread grates | 1 | - | 75 | 1 | - | 75 | | | | | |
| | Set of Enamel hygienic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Water Jug | | | | 1 set | 9 | 00 | 1 set | 9 | 00 | | |
| | Case opener | 1 | 3 | 32 | 1 | 3 | 32 | | | | | |
| | Scrubbing brushes | | | | 24 | 35 | 00 | 24 | 35 | 00 | | |
| | Stop pails | 4 | 12 | 00 | 6 | 18 | 00 | 2 | 6 | 00 | | |
| | Pin Opener | 2 | - | 75 | 1 | - | 75 | | | | | |
| | Ice Trays | 6 | 18 | 00 | 12 | 36 | 00 | 6 | 18 | 00 | | |
| | Wooden Spoons | 3 | 2 | 70 | 3 | 2 | 70 | | | | | |
| | Boiling pot | 1 | 6 | 38 | 1 | 6 | 38 | | | | | |
| | Steak heater | | | | 2 | 1 | 00 | 2 | 1 | 00 | | |
| | Copper Border Moulds | 2 | 18 | 68 | 2 | 18 | 68 | | | | | |
| | Ice Moulds | 2 | 24 | 56 | 2 | 24 | 56 | | | | | |
| | Fudding bowls | 3 | 2 | 58 | | | | | | | | |
| | Iron fish Kettle | 1 | 10 | 50 | | | | | | | | |
| | Potato knife | | | | 2 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 1 | 75 | | |
| | Butchers Knives G.V.S. 9 | 1 | | | 4 | 4 | 00 | 4 | 4 | 00 | | |
| | Carried forward | | 135 | 72 | | 417 | 29 | | 250 | 75 | | |

Notes referred to in Report.

Article.

Kitchen Utensils &c. continued

Aluminium continued

Stock pot 5 gal.

Ladles 4"

Fish slices

Skimmer 4"

Strainer

Milk boiler 6 1/2"

Ballied Saucepans with turned
iron sockets handles

" 4 pints

" 5 "

" 8 1/2 "

Omelette pan 8 1/2"

Frying pans 10"

Sauce-pans 9"

Vegetable stew pans with
Cover & iron handles 9"

Stew-pans & covers extra strong 7"

8"

9"

10"

Perfected saucepan 6 pint

Pie dishes assorted

Tinned Iron- Milk Pans

Stew pans

Enamel. Pudding bowls assorted.

Enamel & other ware & Sundries.

Spring Balance

Stock-pot(iron)

Carried forward:-

| | Existing Stock | | | Standard List | | | Immediate Requir- ments. | | | Estimated Annual Maintenance. | | |
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| | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | Amount | | |
| | B. F. | Rs. | P. | Rs. | P. | Rs. | P. | Rs. | P. | Rs. | P. | |
| | | | | 20 | 50 | | | 20 | 50 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 25 | 00 | 1 | 25 | 00 | | | |
| | 1 | 1 | 00 | 4 | 5 | 00 | 3 | 4 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 25 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 25 | | | |
| | 1 | 1 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 1 | 2 | 70 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 4 | 00 | 1 | 4 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 6 | 00 | 2 | 6 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 9 | 00 | 2 | 9 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 11 | 00 | 2 | 11 | 00 | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 25 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 4 | 25 | 2 | 4 | 25 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 25 | | | |
| | | | | 4 | 12 | 00 | 4 | 12 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 5 | 50 | 1 | 5 | 50 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 8 | 00 | 1 | 8 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 10 | 00 | 1 | 10 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 12 | 00 | 1 | 12 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 5 | 75 | 1 | 5 | 75 | | | |
| | | | | 6 | 12 | 00 | 6 | 12 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 4 | 25 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 5 | 50 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 6 | 9 | 00 | 6 | 9 | 00 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 5 | 25 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 5 | 50 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 25 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 42 | 00 | | 190 | 65 | | 170 | 45 | |

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| | | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | % | Amount |
| | | | Rs. C. | | Rs. C. | | Rs. C. | | Rs. C. |
| 7 | Linens continued. Brought forward:- | | 1151 00 | | | | | | |
| | Bath towels brown Turkish 22 x 48 | | | 24 | 1362 00 | 24 | 832 00 | | |
| | Towels, huckaba, white border H.S. | | | 24 | 30 00 | 24 | 30 00 | | |
| | Table cloths 24 x 34 linen | | | 24 | 24 00 | 24 | 24 00 | | |
| | Napkins to match | | | 6 | 240 00 | 6 | 240 00 | | |
| | Table cloths 24 x 3 | | | 72 | 100 00 | 72 | 100 00 | | |
| | Napkins to match | | | 6 | 310 00 | 6 | 310 00 | | |
| | Doyleys for finger-glasses | | | 72 | 100 00 | 72 | 100 00 | | |
| | Bedspreads white linen or strong | | | 36 | 18 00 | 36 | 18 00 | | |
| | Wall muslin for single beds say 90 x 100 | | | 14 | 266 00 | 14 | 266 00 | | |
| | Afternoon tea cloths 24 x 34 | | | 12 | 165 00 | 12 | 165 00 | | |
| | Sideboard cloths 17 x 72 | | | 12 | 60 00 | 12 | 60 00 | | |
| | Toilet covers linen and lace strong white 12 x 34 about | | | 18 | 127 00 | 18 | 127 00 | | |
| | Walter cases linen, round ends 4' long. | | | 6 | 15 00 | 6 | 15 00 | | |
| | Tray cloths linen and lace strong or H.S. embroidered | | | 24 | 120 00 | 24 | 120 00 | | |
| | Doyleys | 6 | 12 00 | 6 | 12 00 | | | | |
| | Toilet Covers large | 2 | 24 00 | 3 | 24 00 | | | | |
| | " " small | 4 | 30 00 | 4 | 30 00 | | | | |
| | | | 1207 00 | | 2022 00 | | 2467 00 | 15 | 453 00 |
| 8 | <u>Kitchen utensils & sundries</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Aluminium.</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Lemon Squeezers | | | 4 | 1 00 | 4 | 1 00 | | |
| | Coffee Pot 3 pints | | | 1 | 6 00 | 1 | 6 00 | | |
| | Tea Pots 2 1/2 pints | | | 2 | 7 00 | 2 | 7 00 | | |
| | Colanders 12" | | | 4 | 6 50 | 4 | 6 50 | | |
| | Carried forward:- | | | 20 | 50 | 20 | 50 | | |

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|-----------------------------|---|----------------|------|-------|---------------|-----|-------|-------------------------|-----|-------|-------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | No. | Rs | Paise | No. | Rs | Paise | No. | Rs | Paise | No. | Rs | Paise |
| 6 | Glass continued B. forward | | 497 | 30 | | 529 | 00 | | 428 | 00 | | | |
| | Oil & Vinegar bottles | | | | 4 | 18 | 00 | 4 | 18 | 00 | | | |
| | Pickle Jars | | | | 2 | 5 | 00 | 2 | 5 | 00 | | | |
| | Vinegar Jars assorted | | 2 | 18 | 00 | 24 | 30 | 00 | 16 | 28 | 00 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 496 | 00 |
| | | | 515 | 30 | | 991 | 00 | | 490 | 00 | | | |
| 7 | <u>Linen</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Serviceable but very worn | Table Napkins | 16 | 18 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Doyleys | 10 | 10 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Turkish towels large | 9 | 16 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | " " small | 17 | 17 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Table Cloths, various | 9 | 267 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Sideboard Covers | 8 | 78 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Pillow slips | 18 | 18 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Sheets various pairs | 6 | 96 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Bedspreads | 9 | 24 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Bath sheets | 1 | 1 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Face towels | 11 | 11 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Tea cloths | 3 | 54 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Padded Quilts | 2 | 32 | 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Blankets single | 48 | 432 | 00 | 48 | 432 | 00 | | | | | | |
| " | " double | 2 | 47 | 00 | 2 | 47 | 00 | | | | | | |
| | Irish linen sheets H.S. Strong } 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 pairs | | | | 24 | 500 | 00 | 24 | 500 | 00 | | | |
| | Pillow Cases Irish linen H.S. } 22 x 32 | | | | 46 | 154 | 00 | 46 | 154 | 00 | | | |
| for safari | Cotton twill sheets 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 pairs | | | | 12 | 150 | 00 | 12 | 150 | 00 | | | |
| " | Pillow Cases Twill Cotton 22 x 32 | | | | 24 | 21 | 00 | 24 | 21 | 00 | | | |
| | Bath towels white Turkish 32 x 53 | | | | 24 | 57 | 00 | 24 | 57 | 00 | | | |
| | Carried forward | | 1154 | 00 | | 156 | 00 | | 322 | 00 | | | |

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| | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | Amount. | |
| | | | Rs | c | | Rs | c | | Rs | c | Rs | c |
| 5 | China, Continued. B. forward | | 808 | 40 | | 1287 | 00 | | 697 | 60 | | |
| | Coffee Cups | 21 | 42 | 00 | 60 | 120 | 00 | 39 | 78 | 00 | | |
| | Coffee Saucers | 14 | 24 | 00 | 60 | 60 | 00 | 36 | 36 | 00 | | |
| | Dessert Plates | 18 | 137 | 00 | 40 | 223 | 00 | 15 | 86 | 00 | | |
| | Dessert Comperts | 7 | 52 | 00 | 7 | 67 | 00 | 2 | 15 | 00 | | |
| | | | 808 | 40 | | 1757 | 00 | | 918 | 60 | 50 | 878 30 |
| 6 | Glass Sherry Glasses | 60 | 27 | 00 | 100 | 45 | 00 | 40 | 18 | 00 | | |
| | Port Glasses | 19 | 8 | 00 | 100 | 42 | 00 | 51 | 34 | 00 | | |
| | Claret " | 99 | 58 | 00 | 100 | 56 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | | |
| | Champagne Glasses | 78 | 55 | 00 | 100 | 70 | 00 | 22 | 18 | 00 | | |
| | Liqueur " | 25 | 12 | 00 | 50 | 24 | 00 | 25 | 12 | 00 | | |
| | Tumblers 1/2 pint | 24 | 14 | 00 | 100 | 58 | 00 | 76 | 44 | 00 | | |
| | " Soda (1/2 pint) | 57 | 60 | 00 | 100 | 108 | 00 | 43 | 45 | 00 | | |
| | Finger-glasses | 10 | 9 | 50 | 50 | 47 | 00 | 40 | 38 | 00 | | |
| | Carafes & tumblers | | | | 14 | 21 | 00 | 14 | 21 | 00 | | |
| | Decanters Quarts | 13 | 68 | 00 | 18 | 84 | 00 | 5 | 19 | 00 | | |
| | " Liqueur | 7 | 21 | 00 | 8 | 24 | 00 | 1 | 3 | 00 | | |
| | Rock glasses fancy | 9 | 4 | 00 | | | | | | | | |
| | " " ordinary | 16 | 8 | 00 | 50 | 25 | 00 | 34 | 17 | 00 | | |
| | Gustard glasses | | | | 50 | 18 | 00 | 50 | 18 | 00 | | |
| | Butter Dishes | 5 | 1 | 50 | 6 | 4 | 00 | 3 | 2 | 00 | | |
| | Pressed glass dishes | 5 | 17 | 50 | 12 | 42 | 00 | 7 | 25 | 00 | | |
| | Salad Bowls | 6 | 54 | 50 | 6 | 55 | 00 | | | | | |
| | Bitters Set | | | | 1 | 24 | 00 | 1 | 24 | 00 | | |
| | Ice-pates | 22 | 70 | 00 | 100 | 108 | 00 | 32 | 33 | 00 | | |
| | Ice-boxes | | | | 4 | 15 | 00 | 4 | 15 | 00 | | |
| | Bankard Jugs 1 pint | 4 | 7 | 00 | 6 | 11 | 00 | 2 | 4 | 00 | | |
| | " " 2 " | 4 | 2 | 00 | 6 | 12 | 00 | 2 | 4 | 00 | | |
| | " " 3 " | | | | 6 | 15 | 00 | 6 | 15 | 00 | | |
| | " " 4 " | | | | 6 | 20 | 00 | 6 | 20 | 00 | | |
| | Carried forward | | 497 | 30 | | 918 | 00 | | 425 | 00 | | |

referred to in Report.

| Article. | Existing Stock. | | | Standard List | | | Immediate require- ments. | | | Estimated Annual Maintenance. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|----|---------------|-------|----|------------------------------|-------|----|----------------------------------|--------|---|
| | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | No. | Value | | No. | Amount | |
| | | Rs | c | | Rs | c | | Rs | c | | Rs | c |
| Brought forward | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>China.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Early morning sets. | 6 | 48 | 00 | 18 | 144 | 00 | 12 | 96 | 00 | | | |
| Breakfast Cups | 17 | 14 | 00 | 38 | 30 | 00 | 19 | 16 | 00 | | | |
| Breakfast Saucers | 26 | 26 | 00 | 36 | 18 | 00 | | | | | | |
| Tea Cups | 40 | 3 | 40 | 36 | 10 | 00 | 18 | 4 | 40 | | | |
| Tea Cups | 51 | 55 | 00 | 72 | 110 | 00 | 51 | 78 | 00 | | | |
| • Saucers | 70 | 70 | 00 | 72 | 72 | 00 | 2 | 2 | 00 | | | |
| • Plates | 39 | 60 | 00 | 72 | 108 | 00 | 33 | 48 | 00 | | | |
| Bread & butter plates | 13 | 36 | 00 | 24 | 67 | 00 | 11 | 31 | 00 | | | |
| Slap Basins | 3 | 2 | 50 | 6 | 5 | 00 | 3 | 2 | 50 | | | |
| Milk Jugs | 3 | 4 | 25 | 18 | 26 | 00 | 15 | 21 | 75 | | | |
| Sugar Basins | 1 | 1 | 25 | 18 | 23 | 00 | 17 | 21 | 75 | | | |
| Muffin dishes | 5 | 13 | 50 | 6 | 16 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 50 | | | |
| Covers for dishes | | | | 6 | - | - | 6 | 6 | 00 | | | |
| Tea Pots (4 pints) | 1 | 3 | 00 | 6 | 18 | 00 | 5 | 15 | 00 | | | |
| Dinner plates | 130 | 98 | 00 | 200 | 150 | 00 | 70 | 52 | 00 | | | |
| Pudding plates | 62 | 45 | 00 | 100 | 70 | 00 | 38 | 25 | 00 | | | |
| Soup plates | 24 | 18 | 00 | 30 | 38 | 00 | 26 | 20 | 00 | | | |
| Cheese plates | 75 | 47 | 00 | 100 | 63 | 00 | 25 | 16 | 00 | | | |
| Dishes (assorted sizes) | 3 | 12 | 00 | 18 | 60 | 00 | 12 | 48 | 00 | | | |
| Sauce Stands | 1 | | | 8 | | | 7 | | | | | |
| • Turcens | 1 | 12 | 00 | 8 | 50 | 00 | 7 | 38 | 00 | | | |
| • Covers | 7 | | | 8 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Luncheon Trays | 2 | 16 | 50 | 3 | 26 | 00 | 1 | 9 | 50 | | | |
| Hot Dœuvre dishes | 2 | 16 | 50 | 3 | 26 | 00 | 1 | 9 | 50 | | | |
| Salad Plates | | | | 36 | 80 | 00 | 36 | 80 | 00 | | | |
| Hotquoin Cases | 6 | 2 | 00 | 36 | 9 | 00 | 30 | 10 | 00 | | | |
| Vegetable Dishes | 2 | 16 | 50 | 9 | 50 | 00 | 6 | 33 | 50 | | | |
| Scallop Shells | 16 | 5 | 50 | 48 | 17 | 00 | 32 | 11 | 20 | | | |
| CARRIED forward | | 505 | 40 | | 1287 | 00 | | 697 | 60 | | | |

| | Existing Stock | | Standard List | | Immediate requirements. | | Estimated Annual Maintenance. | |
|---|----------------|--------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--|
| | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | Amount. | |
| | | Rs. p. | | Rs. p. | | Rs. p. | Rs. p. | |
| Brought forward:- | | 980 58 | | 1189 17 | | 176 82 | | |
| <u>Silver etc. Plate & Cutlery</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>continued.</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Gravy Spoons | 1 | 4 00 | 1 | 4 00 | | | | |
| Soup Ladles | 1 | 5 75 | 1 | 5 75 | | | | |
| Soup Spoons | 35 | 72 20 | 36 | 72 20 | | | | |
| Table Spoons | 8 | 15 12 | 17 | 22 64 | 4 | 7 50 | | |
| Sauce Ladles | 6 | 12 12 | 10 | 21 90 | 4 | 8 78 | | |
| Fish cutters pairs | 34 | 140 00 | 36 | 140 00 | | | | |
| Egg Spoons | 8 | 12 00 | 24 | 36 00 | 16 | 24 00 | | |
| Mustard Spoons | 4 | 5 75 | 12 | 17 25 | 8 | 11 50 | | |
| Sugar Tongs | 2 | 3 62 | 2 | 3 62 | | | | |
| Table Forks | 71 | 156 00 | 108 | 237 50 | 37 | 51 50 | | |
| Jam Spoons | 2 | 3 25 | 4 | 6 50 | 2 | 3 25 | | |
| Dessert Spoons | 26 | 48 00 | 72 | 132 00 | 46 | 85 00 | | |
| Dessert (Kings) pairs | 55 | 176 00 | 56 | 176 00 | | | | |
| Tea Spoons | 29 | 24 00 | 36 | 42 00 | 7 | 8 00 | | |
| Dessert Forks | 64 | 125 00 | 72 | 137 00 | 6 | 12 00 | | |
| Salt spoons | 9 | 10 00 | 18 | 20 00 | 9 | 10 00 | | |
| Table Knives | 54 | 129 00 | 108 | 249 00 | 52 | 120 00 | | |
| Sugar Spoon | 1 | 1 30 | 1 | 1 30 | | | | |
| But Crackers | 2 | 7 57 | 2 | 7 57 | | | | |
| Cheese Knives | 47 | 86 00 | 108 | 190 00 | 59 | 104 00 | | |
| Carvers | 1 | 6 80 | 8 | 58 00 | 7 | 51 20 | | |
| Steel | 1 | 3 37 | 1 | 3 37 | | | | |
| Butter Knives | 2 | 5 62 | 3 | 8 43 | 1 | 1 81 | | |
| E.P. Sugar Droggers | | | 4 | 60 00 | 4 | 60 00 | | |
| Asparagus Dish(es) E.P. with Strainers & 2 Sauce boats | | | 2 | 98 00 | 2 | 98 00 | | |
| Asparagus Tongs | | | 2 | 18 00 | 2 | 18 00 | | |
| Cake Stands E.P. 3 tier | | | 2 | 25 00 | 2 | 25 00 | | |
| Luncheon Basket for 4 | | | 2 | 200 00 | 2 | 200 00 | | |

| referred to in Report. | Article | Existing Stock | | Standard List | | Immediate Requirements | | Estimated Annual maintenance | |
|------------------------|---|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Qs. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Amount |
| | | | Rs. e. | | Rs. e. | | Rs. e. | | |
| 1 | <u>Furniture proper</u> | | 2442 00 | | 2497 00 | | 1 Carpet for Drawing Room | 400 00 | 3 740 00 |
| 2 | <u>Curtains, Furniture covers and tapestry.</u> | | 2221 00 | | 6000 00 | | 3 New curtains for Drawing Room, furniture cover throughout new piano drapeery & new casement throughout. | 3000 00 | 10 600 00 |
| 3 | <u>Bedroom Crockery</u> | 12 set | 118 00 | 16 | 256 00 | | 4 sets best enamel. | 64 00 | 25 64 00 |
| 4 | <u>Silver Electro plate & Cutlery.</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | E. P. Tray | 1 | 106 25 | 1 | 106 25 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Oblong Entree dishes | 2 | 71 25 | 3 | 106 25 | 1 | 30 62 | .. | .. |
| | Tea Pot | 1 | 50 00 | 1 | 50 00 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Sugar basin & cream jug | (2) | 54 75 | (2) | 54 75 | . | . | . | . |
| | Cafe au lait pots | 2 | 48 00 | 2 | 48 00 | . | . | . | . |
| | Double Veg. Dishes | 1 | 53 00 | 3 | 159 00 | 2 | 106 00 | | |
| | Pepper Pots | 9 | 15 00 | 9 | 15 00 | | | | |
| | Salt Sprinklers | 13 | 22 00 | 13 | 22 00 | | | | |
| | Silver Bowl & 2 Vases | (2) | 203 00 | (2) | 203 00 | | | | |
| | E.P. Fruit Stand | 1 | 75 00 | 1 | 75 00 | | | | |
| | Teast Racks | 3 | 15 00 | 6 | 30 00 | 3 | 15 00 | | |
| | Sweet Trays | 6 | 12 00 | 6 | 12 00 | | | | |
| | Silver Salts (4) | 1 case | 72 00 | 1 case | 72 00 | | | | |
| | " " (4) | 1 " | 75 00 | 1 " | 75 00 | | | | |
| | E.P. Sweet Dishes | 3 | 24 00 | 3 | 24 00 | | | | |
| | E.P. Grues & Spoons | 2 | 40 00 | 2 | 40 00 | | | | |
| | Butter Dishes | 1 | 11 10 | 3 | 33 30 | 2 | 22 20 | | |
| | Carried forward:- | | 280 38 | | 1129 17 | | 178 84 | | |

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any portion of it to lapse, that is not spent within
one year after the change.

J. Lindner Smith

Aide de Camp to His Excellency.

John Patterson

Assistant Treasurer

J. H. Honaeth

Accountant .P.W.D.

for general maintenance and renewals . Mr. Howarth

suggested that in order to admit of the latter grant being applied in the most effective and economical manner , unspent balances should not lapse at the end of the financial year , and the sale proceeds of any condemned or unserviceable articles renewed might be credited to this running account , but Mr. Patterson, apart from his desire to support any practical suggestion for the introduction of more economy, disagreed with the procedure as involving a breach of the financial regulations.

The Committee agreed on the desirability of making provision for the annual maintenance under His Excellency's Schedule .

For the purpose of estimating the annual grant for maintenance the schedules were individually considered and the percentage approximately estimated on the basis of past expenditure modified by a hopeful view of the application of more economical methods in the future. Collectively these percentages average nearly 12% on the total value of the furniture, comparing somewhat favourably with that of 8% sanctioned by the Secretary of State for India in 1900 for official residences in India, as special consideration must be given to the unfortunate fact that the native servant in every household in this Protectorate considers it an almost sacred duty to daily reduce the glass and china inventory.

SPECIAL GRANT.

On a change of permanent incumbents the Committee recommend in addition to the foregoing a special grant to be calculated at 1% per annum on the total value of the furniture proper for each complete year during which the Governor vacating the appointment has held it,

native servants have an almost phenomenal aptitude for dropping breakables.

4. SILVER ELECTRO PLATE & CUTLERY.

At present in many items there are barely sufficient to provide for 10 persons and to enable His Excellency to discharge his social obligations. It has been deemed necessary to increase the standard list to provide for 35.

5. CHINA. -do-

6. GLASS -do-

7. LINEN

The present stock is entirely inadequate, much of it is badly worn and will have to be discarded on the receipt of new supplies.

8. KITCHEN UTENSILS &c.

The Committee strongly recommend the substitution of aluminium or copper for enamelware and tinned iron where applicable. When native servants more or less untrained to cleanliness are employed it is imperative to provide cooking utensils of a nature not only to resist hard usage but to offer conspicuous evidence of either good scouring or a lack of same. Enamelware becomes quickly chipped and unservicable and tinned iron expensive due to the impossibility of getting the insides retinned in a thorough and hygienic manner.

SUMMARY.

It will be seen by this that the Committee advise a grant of Rs.9261 to bring existing stock up to prescribed amount and an annual grant of Rs566

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE.I. CARPETS.

The purchase of a new carpet for the drawing room, the present one being badly soiled. On arrival of the new one the old one should be sent to England for cleaning.

II. CURTAINS, FURNITURE COVERS & TAPESTRY.

The curtains now in use have been up, as to Rs. 770 worth, since October 1907

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|---|---------------------|---|---|---|------|
| " | Rs 5000 | " | " | " | 1905 |
| " | Rs 500 (cassements) | " | " | " | 1905 |

and the furniture covers in use since October 1909.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the sum of Rs 400 if judiciously expended should be an ample provision for curtains furniture covers and tapestry throughout the present building, this amount has been inserted in the Standard list.

The Committee has estimated the percentage for annual maintenance (repairs cleaning and renewals) of these perishable items as 10% and as no expenditure has been incurred for approximately the last 5 years on same, recommend an immediate grant of Rs 2000 the equivalent of this 5 years maintenance to provide new tapestries and furniture covers throughout and new curtains for the drawing room. The Committee would emphasize that this report concerns solely the existing house and outbuildings and further grants would need consideration for prospective extensions.

III. BEDROOM CROCKERY.

Where convenient or especially serviceable good quality enamel might be used in preference to china as the former is considerably more economical where

stock to be kept by the Public Works Department and issued temporarily as required. I would suggest that this system be adopted in East Africa and that such additional stock be in the first instance charged against the Unallocated Stores Account, any breakages, repairs, depreciation or replacements being charged off against the annual vote for maintenance of Government House furniture which I propose to open in the 1915-16 estimates. Should this suggestion meet with your approval I will cause the necessary indents to be sent to the Crown Agents.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway Bequith.

GOVERNOR.

fell on the Public Works Vote the compliance with which seriously affected the general issue and maintenance of furniture to officers and quarters.

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3. I accordingly in December appointed a Committee consisting of my Aide-de-Camp and officers of the Treasury and Public Works Departments to go thoroughly into the question and I instructed them to prepare standard lists of requirements with estimates of the cost of bringing the existing stocks up to such requirements and of maintaining them thereat. A copy of the Committee's report is enclosed, together with a minute thereon by the Chief Secretary and Treasurer to whom I referred it for comment.

4. I am in complete agreement with the recommendations of the Committee as modified by the minute referred to above and trust that you will be able to see your way to instruct the Crown Agents to purchase the articles required to bring the stocks up to standard.

5. It is, however, necessary for me to point out that the standard lists do not provide for special Government House functions when it would still be necessary to hire from local firms at almost prohibitive rates large quantities of a very inferior quality of crockery, glass, chairs, tables, cutlery, etc. It is, I believe, customary in other Colonies for a considerable reserve

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 235.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

March 26th, 1914.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I find it necessary to address you on the subject of the supply and maintenance of Government House furniture.

2. On my arrival in the Protectorate I found that Government House had been furnished from time to time according to the views of successive Governors. No standard lists of furniture had ever been prepared and no special system had been adopted for the proper maintenance of the same. New purchases and replacements had been made as funds admitted from the general furniture vote in the Public Works Recurrent Schedule with the result that at times the stocks of the more perishable articles, - such as crockery, glass, kitchen utensils and house and table linen, became practically exhausted and large demands fell

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEVIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

Report
Minute

which may hereafter be useful as to the arrangements
in force in each Colony with reference to the stock and
replacement of Government furniture, crockery &c.

J. H. May 14
sent by 14

Sir Anderson

You will probably have views.

I would not attempt to standardize
for ~~the~~ ^{all} Col - - I see no objection to
a moderate reserve of perishable articles
and of course I agree with the joint committee
of the Boarding & W. S. allowed.

I see no reason for a fixed annual
grant or a special grant

Prs! 11.5.14

I agree. But for special
functions they shd continue to buy. It
would be ridiculous to maintain a
stock sufficient for a Birthday
Ball without buying.

at once

Ch. 11.5.14

Mr Harris

in each particular Colony or Protectorate.

As to this point, ~~we~~^{then I} agree with the Governor's suggestion to have a reserve from which ^{a *Guinea*} large parties could be ^{called for} supplied. Such reserve would constitute a surplus from which breakages &c. could be made good from time to time. The consequent breaches in the stock would be repaired annually from the vote for Government House furniture.

The amount expended on such a reserve should be charged off at once against a suitable head of Account. There is no good reason for taking it in the first instance against the Unallocated Stores Account as proposed in the 5th paragraph of the Governor's despatch. I should have expected this to be the view taken by the Colonial Secretary and Treasurer, whose minute, which forms the last enclosure to this despatch, seems quite sound; ~~and~~ this may be indicated in the reply.

This paper raises the question whether we should not make some effort to standardize the patterns of crockery and glass, and so aim at general economy for the Colonies. I understand from the Crown Agents that the old standard patterns have fallen into disuse. They were very costly and not very much liked, and now it has become the custom for different Governors to order china &c. according to their own fancy, with the result that there are quite a number of different stocks to keep up. This leads to extra expense, since it is always more costly to replace small quantities of special classes of goods. I should be inclined, therefore, to give the Crown Agents a hint that they might raise the question of this standardization and then we might take it up with the Colonies and the Colonial Governments generally. This would give us the opportunity of collecting information

Let them estimate their requirements each year.

To the proposal in the last para: of the despatch I see no objection in principle.

I would not agree to the proposed special grant (end of Committee's report) - Let them stick to the Col Regs.

TCH.

28/4/14.

H J B

28/4/14

W. J. Fisher

I have been trying to find any reference in the past to the question of reserves ^{stock} of Government House furniture, but cannot trace any. I then enquired of the Crown Agents whether they had any indication that any Colonial Governments requisition for reserves ^{supplies}. This enquiry brought me a visit from Mr. Smith, the head of their Indent Branch, who told me that so far as he could judge, Colonial Governments kept no reserve, at any rate of crockery or plate. He said that their requisitions were almost always rushed upon them ^{C. Agents} in an extreme hurry, and he went on to suggest that a want of system led to unnecessary expense.

A suggestion made by him that the Crown Agents might keep a reserve does not seem to meet the difficulty suggested by the Governor. In many Colonies it must be very difficult to hire from local firms any decent crockery, glass or cutlery for the larger parties at Government House, and therefore, whatever we do on this side, I think it is desirable to keep a sufficient reserve