

MEETING HELD AT NAIROBI ON 18TH DECEMBER 1908

APPROPRIATION BILL-- SECOND READING

The Treasurer in moving the Second Reading of this Bill stated that there were certain alterations to be made since the Bill was read a First time. It has been agreed that the Uganda Railway would receive £ 17,500 for imports into Uganda. The Inspector General of Police has recommended the formation of a Training Depot the cost of which is estimated at £ 4,000, of which £ 1500 will be required for this year. The vote for Government Buildings Nairobi is reduced by £ 4,000.

The sum of £ 1500 for Circuit House Mombasa is struck out; £ 850 is required for building a new launch, and £ 650 to provide for the appointment of an Agricultural Chemist, £ 960 subsidy to village headmen, Ukamba Province is to come out and Ukamba hut tax estimated revenue to provide commission to substitute this.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

The Treasurer moved that the Council go into Committee to consider this Bill.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE

Sections 1 & 3

The Treasurer moved to substitute £ 760,723 for £ 745,725 in Section 1 and 3.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Schedule (Division 2)

The Treasurer moved that £ 1171, become £ 166 (pensions)

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 3

The Treasurer moved that this sum be increased by £ 10 to £ 5122, being £ 10 added to pension contribution to Government of India.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 4

The Treasurer moved to increase this sum by £ 50 to £ 5793 to provide for interpreters for Secretary for Native Affairs.

Mr Hollis seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 5

Major ~~Legget~~^{Leggett} asked if there was any possibility of effecting a saving on the Government Press and the Official Gazette expenditure either by amalgamating with the Railway Press or giving the work out on tender.

The Treasurer replied that this question had been fully gone into some time ago and no economy could be effected by doing so.

Major Leggett moved that a recommendation should be made to the Colonial Office regarding the services of a shorthand writer for the Legislative Council, to take reports for publication in the Official Gazette.

The Treasurer seconded and stated that £ 400 would cover the cost. This was agreed to.

Division 6 (Provincial administration)

The Treasurer moved to strike out " subsidy to village headmen, Ukamba Province " leaving the total £ 69,345.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 8

The Treasurer moved to increase this sum by £ 17,000 to £ 30,149 being contributions to the Uganda Protectorate.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 9

The Treasurer moved to strike out the item " staff for launch £ 100 " thus reducing the total to £ 10,884.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Major Leggett asked about the S.S. "JUBA".

The Lt. Governor, in reply said :

It is understood that a firm of shipowners is in correspondence with the Colonial Office to substitute a private ship for the Government ship " JUBA" and an offer to place a private vessel on the Coast has also been received from a shipping firm in Aden.

The " JUBA" will only be able to run, with safety for another 15 months and unless satisfactory terms can be arranged to replace her by a privately owned vessel, it will be necessary to make provision in the Estimates for 1910-11 of a sum of £ 25,000 or £ 30,000 for a new Government Vessel.

Division 9 (a)

The Treasurer proposed to insert £ 850 for the purchase of motor boat for Tana River making this total £ 13,80.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 10(Audit Department)

The Treasurer moved to reduce this sum from £ 2901 to £ 2892.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to

Division 11 (Legal Department)

The Treasurer moved to increase this amount from £ 13,725 to £ 13,818 to provide for incremental scale of salary for three magistrates and an increase of salary to the Crown Advocate.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 12 (Police)

The Treasurer stated that the Inspector General could make a reduction of £ 490, on travelling allowances which would be explained at the Third Reading.

Major Leggett inquired whether the White Police were being kept on.

The Treasurer said that where there was a large European ^{population} ~~population~~ White Policemen would be provided.

Major Leggett asked if the Police and the Military were co-operating in their policy to make the protection of the Country more complete.

His Excellency said that the co-ordination of the Police and the Military was one of the main reasons for re-organising the Police.

Division 15

Major Leggett advocated the abolition of the Sanitary Station at Zanzibar and asked that further representation be made in the budget despatch home in that respect.

Major Leggett enquired if the Hospital fees had been revised.

The Treasurer replied— only at Mombasa.

Division 16 (Education)

Capt. Cowie urged the Government to start a public school at Nairobi without waiting for the report of the expert. He asked why £ 1,200 is to be spent on Native Education and why there is only £ 600 estimated for European Education.

His Excellency in reply said the amount in the Schedule is only provisional but that a great deal will depend on the report of the expert. Many enquiries have been made about a Central School in Nairobi and it is found that there are many difficulties in the way. It is not only the schooling

but the upkeep of the children, and the principle that has been considered lately is private enterprise with the help of grants-in aid and ~~at~~ building grants.

Captain Cowie said that the fees of private enterprise schools were out of all proportions to the settler's pockets, and free education, in his opinion was what Government would have to provide for.

Major Leggett supported Captain Cowie and proposed that if the Schedule was only provisional that it should be entirely struck out and leave only the total, with the exception of education to Mohamedans and Natives.

The Treasurer said he would go through the items that are fixed and leave the others in a lump sum at the Third Reading.

Division 17 (Transport)

Major Leggett asked if some more economical arrangement could not be come to with regard to the passages of officials on leave.

The Treasurer said that the Government receive a commission from the shipping companies. It would be impossible to passages out for tender and no one shipping company could meet the demand. I propose however the ask the Director of Transport to go into the question on his return from India.

Division 18 (Military)

Major Leggett moved that the Council records a definite recommendation on the subject of Military expenditure. From all points of view it appeared to him that this vote of £ 50,000 is outside what might be called Administration of the Protectorate. He would move that it be recommended to the Imperial Government that Military vote be ~~take~~ taken entirely out of the grant-in-aid of the Protectorate, that

the budget of this country should in no way be considered with the King's African Rifles, and the grant-in-aid reduced accordingly.

His Excellency said he would consider the subject on the arrival of the Inspector General, King's African Rifles.

Division 19 (Misc.)

Mr Hollis moved that greater inducement be offered to the officials to become acquainted with the unknown languages and customs etc and that prizes should be offered for essays.

The Land Commissioner concurred and suggested an increase of £ 20 or £ 25 should be offered to officials who pass examinations in the more unknown languages.

Division 20 (Bombay Agency)

Major Leggett asked if the proportion paid by this Protectorate was not more than the work done for us.

The Treasurer said that when he visited Bombay last year, he had made an analysis of the work done by the Agency and this Protectorate if anything paid rather less than the actual work done for us

Division 21 (Post and Telegraph)

Major Leggett moved that steps be taken to reduce the length of telegrams sent by officials which were frequently unnecessarily long.

The Treasurer ~~replied~~ replied that the Post Master General and the Auditor have made a report on this matter and this would shortly be dealt with by His Excellency.

The Land Commissioner suggested that Code letters be adopted for Heads of Departments.

Division 22 (Railway)

Captain Cowie asked if provision had been made for quarters on shore for officers of Lake Steamers, which owing to the unhealthy state of the Lake, deaths having occurred, was of great importance.

The General Manager Uganda Railway said that he was glad to be able to say that no deaths had occurred which were directly due to the unhealthiness of the Lake, although much illness had been experienced. He was doing all he could to provide the necessary quarters.

Division 23 (Agricultural)

The Treasurer moved that this sum be increased from £ 22,986 to £ 23,611, to make provision for an Agricultural Chemist and an increase to the salary of the Chief ~~Veterinary~~ ^{Veterinary} Officer.

Mr MacDonald seconded and this was agreed to.

Mr Hollis asked why the Agricultural Instructors had been struck out of the Estimates.

Mr MacDonald replied that he was asked to reduce his Estimates as he thought it was more important to the country to have a Tobacco Expert rather than Native Instructors as he had been able to utilise the services of two two overseers at times to instruct the natives, and he hoped that shortly that their time would be given up entirely for this work. The expenditure from Agricultural and ~~Veterinary~~ ^{Veterinary} Departments on natives for 1907-08 was:

Upkeep of Kibos	Rs 7,000
Compensation for cotton	375
Salt licks	300
Mumias Station	300
Seeds t etc	<u>800</u>

Veterinary Department

Monthly salary of Stock inspectors	Rs 16,080	
Fencing erected or in course of erection		<u>12,789</u>
		28,869
Total		37,644

This sum does not include any part of the salaries of the permanent officials. A good deal of their time, as you are aware, is taken up in connection with Agriculture and Veterinary matters affecting natives.

Major Leggett asked if provision was being made for the Agricultural Representative at the Coast, for rubber, coconut and fibre plantations.

Mr MacDonald replied that Mr Powell would be stationed permanently at the Coast on his return from India and Ceylon.

Division 24 (Forestry and Scieintific Departments)

The Treasurer moved to alter items:

2 verderers £ 540 to 3 verderers &£750

I demarcator £ 300 to £ 270

Labour £ 2,954 to £ 3,024.

Total sum unchanged.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 28 (Public Works Department)

The Treasurer moved to reduce this sum from £ 18765 £ 18695, the items being Assistant Accountant £ 200, instead of £ 250, and European Timekeeper £ 120 instead of £ 150.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Division 29 (P.W.D. Extraordinary)

The Treasurer moved to reduce this total from £ 51,684 to £ 48684 by striking out £ 1500 for Circuit House. By striking out £ 4000 Government Offices Nairobi.

total struck out £ 5,500

Provision for Police Depot 2,500

£ 3,000

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

Appendix H

Major Leggett said that the item " House for Veterinary Officer, Fort Hall" was very high.

Mr Watts said that the extra cost of this house was due to white ants and the cost of transport.

The Treasurer moved that the Bill be now reported to the Council.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

The Treasurer moved that he would move the Third Reading of this Bill before March next.

CUSTOMS BILL 1908-- SECOND READING

The Crown Advocate moved that this Bill be read a Second time.

Mr Hollis seconded and this was agreed to.

The Crown Advocate moved that the Council go into Committee to consider this Bill.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE

Section 2

The Crown Advocate moved to insert before "Landing" " introduction or ".

Mr Hollis seconded and this was agreed to.

Section 3

Major Leggett moved to insert in line 2 " except the goods be permitted by the Chief of the Customs to remain in Bond ".

Mr Hollis seconded and this was agreed to.

The Crown Advocate moved to insert " introduction or" in line 1.

Mr Watts seconded and this was agreed to.

Section 9

Major Leggett proposed " may" for " shall" in line 11 and 13.

The Crown Advocate seconded and this was agreed to.

Section 10

The Crown Advocate moved to insert in line 1 after " permitted" " to be exported or shipped or waterborne or to be shipped for exportation ".

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed to.

The Crown Advocate moved that Section 5 become the final paragraph of Section 4. Section 6 then becomes then Section 5 and so on.

This was agreed to.

(Sections quoted are as they stand now)

The Crown Advocate moved to add the following proviso to Section 10

" Provided always that no entry shall be required in respect of the baggage of passengers, which may be examined and delivered for exportation or shipment under such conditions as the Governor may direct, but if any prohibited or uncustomed goods shall be found concealed therein, either before or after shipping, the same may be forfeited together with with the other contents of the package containing the same ".

Mr Hollis seconded and this was agreed to.

Form A & B

The Crown Advocate moved to add to the heading

of the last column " and/or " " percentage" and to heading
of Form A " or introduction " .

This was agreed to.

The Crown Advocate moved to report this Bill
to the Council.

The Land Commissioner seconded and this was agreed
to.

The Crown Advocate moved that the Bill be read
a Third time.

Mr Hollis seconded and this was agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned until March 1909.