

FOURTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 6th May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 6th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. THE SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIGADIER-GENERAL S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
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 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS-WELLS.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. COWASJEE MANACKJI DALAL.

QUESTIONS.

THE HON. R. B. COLE was to have asked the following question.

Whether His Majesty's Government are now in a position to give an exact statement with regard to the situation as regards the extension of the Thika Railway: when the actual work may be expected to be begun and what may be regarded as its ultimate destination. But in view of the fact that His Excellency had already answered the question in his opening speech to Council he withdrew the question.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS asked the following question of Director of Public Works:

“Whether in view of the following facts:—

(a) That the three roads connecting Nairobi with Upper Limoru, with Tigoni and Lower Limoru, and with Kyambu have now (April 27th) been impassable for any wheeled traffic, including ox-transport, for four weeks.

(b) That the conditions of these roads even in dry weather can only be described as appalling.

(c) That the deputations which have recently approached him on the subject have merely reiterated the requests and complaints voiced by three previous deputations which have been sent to his department during the last two years.

(d) That the districts which should be served by these roads are probably the most closely settled and highly developed farming and planting areas in the Protectorate.

He will arrange at the earliest possible date for these roads to be thoroughly murramed, or otherwise put into a condition that will render them really serviceable for all wheeled traffic for several years.

(2) Whether the Hon. Acting Director of Public Works cannot see his way to take advantage of the offer made by each of the late District Commissioners of Kyambu, and to be confirmed shortly by the present District Commissioner; namely, that the District Commissioner undertakes to maintain in good order all roads within a radius of about three miles of Kyambu Boma, free of cost, provided that he can be given a permanent gang of 25 Convicts to do the work; the chief obstacle to obtain which lies in the absence of a proper building in which to confine the Convicts of Kyambu."

THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied as follows.

"The three routes mentioned in the question and connecting Upper and Lower Limoru with Nairobi with Kyambu are earthen or fair weather roads. Their total length is 36½ miles.

The cost of giving a 9 in. coat of murrum including consolidation, would be Rs. 5,000/- per mile or £18,250 for the whole length. The work is most desirable. There is no provision made in the Draft Estimates covering the cost of giving a murrum surface to the above roads. If not too late the item could be inserted now. The amount being shown as £20,000 to cover contingencies.

The offer of the District Commissioner, Kyambu, to keep the roads within a radius of 3 miles from the Boma will be taken advantage of as soon as the accommodation for the 25 prisoners is provided. A sum of £800 is included in the Draft Estimates for this purpose."

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS said following upon the answers given by the Hon. the Acting Director of Public Works he would like to ask whether the Estimates for the thorough murruming of the three roads in question could not be considerably cut down and the work given out to contract and whether in view of the following facts that these three roads were not branch roads but main roads feeding districts which were probably the most thickly settled and thoroughly developed, that murruming was an absolute necessity, and that in view of the excellent condition of that part of the Nairobi-Kyambu road which had been murrumed whether he could not see his way to including the thorough murruming of these three roads in the current year's estimates.

THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS in reply said the Estimates formed had been based on contract rates but if the work could be done by giving the work to a Contractor they would only be too glad to do so. He said he was not in a position to answer the second part of the question just then.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL referred to the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for increasing Native Hut and Poll Tax." He had drafted two alternatives in order that they might be compared with the original draft so that Members could see where the difficulties were. As he had not an opportunity of going through the draft with the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner he proposed that the drafts be circulated amongst Hon. Members together, that an opportunity might be given of considering them. He suggested that the Bill should be taken to-morrow.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER seconded.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE agreed that such steps should be taken. He had not put the right amendment to Council the day before.

The question was put and carried.

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921," be read a second time.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of the Bill.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote II.—Pensions and Gratuities.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE moved that the temporary Bonus to Pensioners be increased in the following rates:—

50% on pensions up to £200 p.a.

33% on pensions up to £400 p.a.

and that Government be asked to forward the resolution to the Secretary of State.

The question was put and carried.

Vote V.—"Official Gazette."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY moved that the sum of £300 be sanctioned under this Head to provide for Assistant Printer.

The question was put and carried.

Council adjourned till 10a.m., Friday, 7th May, 1920.

FIFTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 8th May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 7th May, 1920, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

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THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

In Committee.

HIS EXCELLENCY stated Council was still in Committee on the above Bill but if Hon. Members wished Council would report progress and take the Native Hut and Tax Bill which was on the Order of the Day.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for increasing Native Hut and Poll Tax."

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Certain amendments were made.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that the Bill as amended be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER gave notice that he would move the third reading of the Bill at a later stage of the Session.

HIS EXCELLENCY said that before they went into Committee again on the Budget he would like to read out the programme of Special Committees which had been arranged.

(Programme read by His Excellency).

He thought they might possibly arrange the date of resumption. He suggested they might adjourn on Saturday 15th at 12 o'clock till Monday 31st May at 10 a.m.

The question was put and carried.

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending the 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote VI.—Provincial Administration. Item 8.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH moved. "That in the opinion of this Honourable Council the practice of charging this country with the expenses of the upkeep of a portion of His Majesty's Consular service in Abyssinia as represented by Items 8—10 and 27—29 in the Estimates is too heavy a burden for such a young country and requests the Government to approach the Home Government with a view to transferring the burden to the Foreign Office."

The question was put and carried.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Saturday, 8th May, 1920.

SIXTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 8th May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 8th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

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 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. COWASJEE MANACKJI DALAL.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1920.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that the Council resume its sitting to enable the Native Hut and Poll Tax Bill to be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for increasing Native Hut and Poll Tax," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote V.—Provincial Administration.

On the motion of the Hon. K. H. Rodwell Items 54—88, Registration of Natives, were put back for consideration after the Report of the Special Committee on the Native Registration (Amendment) Bill had been presented.

Items 130—137—Mombasa trolley line were also put back for consideration after the Report of the Mombasa Committee had been received.

The Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Monday, 10th May, 1920

SEVENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 10th May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 10th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

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 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

APPROPRIATION BILL 1920.

The Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

Vote VI. Provincial Administration. Items 372, 388, 389.

The Hon. R. Berkeley Cole objected to the items for Armed Native Constabulary, but eventually agreed to withhold his objections until the future of Jubaland had been decided.

Vote VIa. Provincial Administration. Item 9.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS moved that this item be deleted until a detailed statement of the proposed expenditure had been provided. The Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner promised to prepare and submit a statement showing the required information.

Vote IX. Port and Marine Departments.

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL moved that the vote of Port and Marine be increased by the sum of £2,000 for the purpose of establishing a co-ordinating Port Authority at Kilindini.

This resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Vote XII. Police.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE called attention to the heavy cost of Police.

In reply the Hon. the Commissioner of Police stated that the general complaint was of the paucity of Police protection. He laid a copy of the Police staff distribution list on the Table.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Tuesday, 11th May, 1920.

EIGHTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 11th May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 11th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

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 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

The Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

Vote XIII. Prisons.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD moved. "That this Hon. Council request His Excellency to institute an inquiry by Commission into the existing system of punishments inflicted on native offenders with a view to framing recommendations for effecting improvements therein and for the better prevention of crime."

This was carried unanimously.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Wednesday, 12th May, 1920.

NINTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 12th May 1920.

The Council assembled on the 12th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.).
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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that Council resume its sitting.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

Council resumed its Sitting.

QUESTIONS.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH asked the following question.

"What diversion has been made since 1903 in the Sclater or Caravan Road between the Karindus and Meroroni Rivers? Does the present alignment of this main road between Mombasa and Kisumu now run in this section through a swamp? When at whose instance, for what reasons, by what method of procedure, and under what legal authority was the diversion effected?"

(a) What has been the condition during the past 12 months of the Sclater Road between the Meroroni and Karindus?

(b) Has it been available for public traffic; and if not, why not?

(c) Can a new alignment be suggested for the section of the Sclater Road between Gilgil and Karindus in order to cut out the heavy gradient and dangerous descent along the face of the Scarp, and at what cost can this suggested diversion of this section of the road be effected?"

THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied as follows.

In reply to the Hon. Member's question I would state that the matter is being fully investigated and a reply will be furnished as early as possible.

(a) It is regretted that the condition of the Sclater Road between Meroroni and Karindus during the last twelve months has been bad.

(b) I must refer the Hon. Member to my reply to his earlier question: an answer will be furnished as soon as possible.

(c) A new alignment over the part of the Sclater Road mentioned by the Hon. Member has been suggested: it is under the consideration of the Executive Engineer of the Province, who, in reporting, will give an estimate of the cost."

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH asked leave to present a Petition to Council.

Leave was granted.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1920."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, **HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR**, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote XIV. Medical Department.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS inquired whether the Principal Medical Officer was prepared to issue drugs and medicines to Settlers at cost price to enable them to attend to sick labourers.

THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER stated that he was not in a position to do so, but would consider the matter and supply further information on the subject later in the Session.

Vote XVI. Education.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY moved that this vote be increased to £100 to provide the nucleus of a school on the Trans-Nzoia.

This was carried unanimously.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Thursday, 13th May, 1920.

TENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 13th May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 13th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

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 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
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 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

In Committee.

Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS owing to a misunderstanding arising regarding the Native Hut and Poll Tax Bill proposed the following motion:—

“That this Honourable Council considers that the amount fixed for Poll Tax should in no case exceed the sum fixed for Hut Tax since the former tax falls principally on the industrial native community.”

HIS EXCELLENCY said if the Hon. Member would give notice of a formal resolution to be adopted by full Council it would be debated in open Council the next day.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS gave notice that he would move the resolution.

Vote XVI. Education.

THE HON. C. M. DALAL moved. “That this Council is of opinion that the vote for Education of children of the Indian community is inadequate.”

This was carried unanimously.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Friday, 14th May, 1920.

ELEVENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 14th May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 14th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
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 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY moved that Committee report progress to Council.

THE HON. THE TREASURER seconded.

The question was put and carried.

Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS moved the following resolution.

"That this Honourable Council considers that the amount fixed for Poll Tax should in no case exceed the sum fixed for Hut Tax since the former tax falls principally on the industrial native community."

In support of the resolution he said he did not wish to recapitulate all the arguments which had been brought forward the day before in support of the underlying principle. He wished to state very clearly what he considered the principle to be. He was against the rebate of Hut Tax as it encouraged loafing in the Reserves and discouraged useful work either outside or inside the Reserves. It encouraged the male native to live at the expense of the female section of the native community. He would like to make one thing very clear and that was that he did not suggest that the discrepancy between these two taxes proposed by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner should be corrected by lowering the Poll Tax. His opinion was that the method should rather be reversed. The Hut Tax should be raised until it equalled or exceeded the Poll Tax. It was much better to level up than to level down and he felt that the result of the levelling up in this case would be to tend to discourage the practice of lucrative Polygamy as prevalent at present in the native Reserves. Of course they had to face facts as they were, and it was obvious that the inbred native

custom of Polygamy could not be at once abolished and so the custom had to be accepted as a fact in considering any methods of native taxation. At the same time he thought they should tax it sufficiently to prevent the husband of a number of wives being able to afford to remain idle all his days and that they should not encourage it in any way by any form of rebate. If the wives were sufficiently taxed the husbands would be eventually forced to do so much work to be able to pay his taxes.

He considered that the male idleness might possibly by this extremely profitable custom of Polygamy be so taxed as to produce some kind of male industriousness and that Council would be most unwise in fostering the custom of preferential treatment. No native ought to be able to be kept in idleness by his wives.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH seconded the resolution.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS supported the principle brought forward by the Hon. Mr. Phelps. It seemed to him perfectly obvious that the native with 100 wives should pay a larger tax than one with 2 wives only. The Hon. Mr. Phelps had brought out all the arguments in favour of this form of taxation. There was one thing which struck him with regard to the resolution as drafted and that was that it might possibly convey a false impression. It might convey the impression that the Hon. Member wished to have the Poll Tax lowered. That was not so. He suggested the following amendment which would make the point clear:—

“That this Honourable Council considers that the amount fixed for Hut Tax should in every case exceed the amount fixed for Poll Tax since the latter tax falls on the native industrial community.”

THE HON. V. V. PHADKE seconded the amendment.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS accepted the amendment.

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL said he had listened to the very interesting debate on taxation—or in other words native policy. The word Wanyika had been commented upon and he pointed out to the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner there was absolutely no reason why the Wanyika should not pay the full tax. There was a very good reason why they should not pay the full tax this year and that was because they had been warned that it would be Rs. 5/-. If the native had been told the tax would be Rs. 5/- he would only pay Rs. 5/-.

He noticed so far that the bachelors were in favour of taxing the married native. He agreed with them that the tax of the hut man should be exactly the same as the Poll Tax man. The debate had been very interesting to him more so since he had happened to be a Settler in a Colony in the Soudan Border when that country was going through the same period as the Protectorate was.

He was certain one got very good lessons from the administration in that part of the world.

During the debate he had been struck by the fact that the Officials had no definite programme to lay down. In South Africa there was always a definite policy laid down and he would recommend that the Hon. the Principal Medical Officer and other Officials might do well to ask for statistics and make enquiries elsewhere regarding administration more especially to what they had heard the day before, regarding Technical Education for natives. He said that the Officials concerned might do well to make enquiries in the Soudan and other administrations regarding the policy of natives.

HIS EXCELLENCY said that the Hon. Member should confine his remarks to the subject under discussion.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY supported the motion because he thought it was only right and fair that a level scale of taxation should apply throughout the country both inside and outside the Reserves, but before it went through he would like to ask what the effect on the Budget would be. He understood that if the motion went through they would have to raise the Hut Tax or lower the Poll Tax. He asked if it was possible to raise the Hut Tax from Rs. 7/50 to Rs. 10/- in view of what had already been done in the Reserves. He personally believed that the Government should have formally and definitely fixed the rate at Rs. 7/50 yet they had heard that the natives had not been informed as regards a rise in the Hut Tax. A little later on they hear that the native had been informed and the figure Rs. 7/50 suggested to him. What would the native interpret from this?—that the Hut Tax was to be fixed at Rs. 7/50.

They came to Council and found a Bill to provide for increased Hut and Poll Tax before them but it seemed to him that the matter had already been decided and instructions had already been given to the effect that the Hut Tax would be Rs. 7/50 and he could not help saying the Native Affairs Department was open to severe censure.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON supported the motion. He said that when the question had been debated before he thought it was the considered opinion of the Council that the Hut and Poll Tax should be level. The Bill was amended accordingly which left it in the hands of His Excellency the Governor to raise it to Rs. 10/- and now they found that the Hut Tax was still to remain at Rs. 7/50 and be less than the Poll Tax!

He considered that the effect of the Hut Tax being lower than the Poll Tax would be to encourage idleness among the rich natives. He gave an instance on his own farm. Out of 42 huts he got 23 workers and if the Hut Tax was to remain lower than the Poll Tax the remaining 23 would build huts and cease working.

The Hon. Member from Mombasa referred to a statement of the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner that the Wanyika were one of the Tribes to pay this tax. He supported him. He considered the Wanyika were perfectly able to pay the tax if they went out and worked for it.

The Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had not yet given some definite reason why certain tribes in his opinion could not pay the tax. He thought that if the tax was not to be made Rs. 10/- a definite statement should be given to the Council. It seemed like a deliberate attempt to induce natives to stay in the Reserves and discouraged those who wanted to go out and work.

THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL said the fact that a native possessed one or more wives might be looked upon as a form of investment of native capital. The native got some form of dividend from his investments. He proposed for the first hut there should be a tax not exceeding Rs. 8/-; for the second hut not exceeding Rs. 10/-; and for every succeeding hut a tax of Rs. 12/-.

THE HON. THE TREASURER said he had looked at the question first of all from a revenue point of view. As he had frequently stated in Council the Budget was put up provided the revenue equalled the expenditure, and the estimate of revenue from Hut and Poll Tax would be £459,500 as shown in the printed statement. He was depending on that figure to make the Budget balance, and if that figure was not realised there would be a deficiency. He therefore had to consider and think out what the result of the proposals would be.

In order to arrive at an estimate it was necessary for him to know exactly what would be the intention of Council and before he attended Council it was not clear to him whether it would be suggested that the rate should be raised throughout to Rs. 10/- or whether it would be lowered to Rs. 7/50. He therefore had no figures as to the various alternatives. He said the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner would shortly make a suggestion and put forward some figures which he had worked out on a base of equal Hut and Poll Tax.

His original estimate differed from that as submitted by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner. He found himself in a very difficult position. He had received other figures from the Provincial Commissioners and had discussed these matters with the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner who had told him that it should be quite possible for the Provincial Commissioners to realise the figure he (the Chief Native Commissioner) had put forward but he felt that he could not guarantee that the figures would be enforced. He remarked that the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner was not staying long in the Protectorate and therefore he felt that in the absence of the person who worked out the figures it would be difficult to be assured that the revenue could be relied upon. He therefore supported the original proposal that the tax should be Rs. 10/- in each case. If the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner said that this amount was inadvisable for Administration purposes he had of course to accept it because he quite realised that if his advice was not taken there was great danger of some serious disturbance which might involve the Government in further expenditure.

The difference in the figures meant a difference in revenue of about £15,000.

He knew there were many Provincial Commissioners who believed the amount could not be fully collected and he felt that they had to accept more their estimate than the higher figure estimated by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner.

With regard to the proposal that the Native Hut and Poll Tax should be made equal, he had heard no reason, and could think of no reason, why that should not be so. He said perhaps the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner would perhaps put forward a reason if he still suggested there should be a difference but at the same time if he suggested that the Hut Tax could not be raised to the amount of the Poll Tax and had good reasons for saying so he could only support the proposal that both the taxes be brought up to the higher figure.

The reason that might be put forward for differentiating was that the Poll Tax became a tax on the bachelor. He did not think the same argument applied quite in the case of the Native as in the case of the European. The possession of wives in the case of natives indicated additional wealth. The possession of a wife and family to a European generally indicated an additional burden on his expenses.

He referred to the remark made by the Hon. Member from Mombasa who complained that no definite plan had been put forward. He pointed out that a Bill had been put up with definite rates proposed therein. He did not see why a suggestion put out that the rate might be raised to Rs. 7/50 should compel the Government to adhere to that rate.

THE HON. R. B. COLE spoke in support of the motion but said he could not believe there was any Native Reserve which were unable to pay Rs. 10/-. He thought that if they were given time it was inconceivable that they could not find Rs. 10/-.

He said that practically all the money, as far as his experience went, was collected from those people who were out at work. Everybody knew that when Hut and Poll Tax was due their servants asked for as much as Rs. 50/- in order to pay for several huts in their Reserves and he did not himself believe that there was a tribe of any sort which could not pay Rs. 10/-. The Masai could easily pay Rs. 10/-. The Kikuyu could pay Rs. 10/-. The Samburu could also pay; it was only a matter of arranging a sale of stock for them.

If it was necessary to alleviate the matter a little bit if Rs. 10/- was too high, a rate of Rs. 9/- would still be in excess of the existing estimate. By Rs. 9/- he meant an equal rate of Rs. 9/- for Hut and Poll Tax.

Another tribe mentioned as not being able to pay the tax was the Suk. He felt perfectly sure they could pay; it was only a matter of arranging a sale for their Stock by the Government. He heartily supported the motion and he thought that the tax rather than being level at Rs. 7/50 should be levelled up to Rs. 9/.

THE HON. V. V. PHADKE agreed entirely with the remark made by the Hon. Mr. Cole when he said it was the general practice that the employer paid the tax for the native who worked for him. The whole question to his mind was the question of the ability of the natives to pay and in view of the statements already made there was no doubt that a part of the additional tax was going to fall on the employer and not on the native. If the native was able to pay the tax by doing only a certain amount of work on a farm it could be presumed that if he preferred to sit in his own hut he ought to be able to pay the tax out of his own labours.

The resolution was only a recommendation to Government and it still left power in the hands of the Governor to fix the tax.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER said it was very difficult for the Official Members to form an opinion until they heard the views of the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER said his position with regard to the introduction of this Bill and bringing it to its second reading when it was subjected to certain amendments was as follows.

In the debate on the second reading he distinctly stated in reply to remarks that he considered Rs. 10/- per hut too high for the great majority of the natives in the Reserves. He stated his agreement with the idea of a level tax and favoured a tax of Rs. 8/- in this connection.

The amendment of the Bill provided for fixing the maximum rate at Rs. 10/- per Hut or Poll with a provision similar to that contained in the 1915 Amendment Ordinance under which the Governor might by Proclamation apply the particular rate of tax payable in any District. He notified his acceptance of this amendment by seconding the same. This did not mean that he agreed that the maximum tax would be applied to each District this year, in fact he said that in his opinion they could not apply the maximum and that already he had received protests from certain District Commissioners on the score of an increase up to Rs. 7/50. To the best of his recollection this practically ended the discussion on the second reading. The Bill came up for third reading on the 8th May.

On the 12th instant the Right Hon. Member for the Rift Valley again brought up the question of the application of the rate to be fixed by Proclamation. He understood him to ask in the event of the maximum rate of tax being fixed what areas or districts would not be brought up to such maximum. The Right Hon. Member also stated or hinted that it seemed doubtful in his mind as to whether, in the event of the maximum not being fixed, it would be recommended. He replied that certain districts such as Suk, certain Coast Districts and Pokomo and also other areas that are situated at some distance from active development should not, in his opinion, be brought within the scope of any idea of an increase up to the maximum, also that there might be other districts. That far from there being any desire on the part of the District Commissioners to be content with small collections, it had been his experience that the desire was to increase their collections, and that had personally been his attitude all along because he felt that efficient collection made for better administration and control. In making his reply he had no intention of accepting what Hon. Members appeared to have assumed, viz:—That the increase in the other districts should be to the maximum. Possibly he should have expressly stated this. He was afraid, however, that he left this intention to be understood. He relied entirely on the assumption that it would be left to the Government to fix by Proclamation what might be considered a just and fair tax in each District.

On His Excellency bringing to his notice the unsatisfactory position arrived at he decided that the best course to adopt would be to name a definite sum per Poll and Hut on the lines advocated in the original Bill. As he was simply the medium for obtaining information on such matters as were herein referred to he considered it his duty to give deep consideration to any remarks or protests from District Commissioners.

He felt that it would be an impossible position for him to advise the Government to approve a heavy increase in face of protests already made by the officers named. Were he to do so he felt that he would not be doing his duty either to the Government of this country or to the native people or to the officers who will have to collect the tax. He expected to be leaving the country in about two months time, when the matter would be left for his successor in office to deal with; if he was left with a burden found too heavy to bear as a result of any rash acceptance on his part of a demand to overtax the natives he should be most justly to blame for what might eventuate by such action.

He could not, however, think that there was any intention on the part of Hon. Members on the other side of the House to demand that the tax should be increased to an amount which might be uncollectable except by punitive measures and therefore he took it that there would be no intention to really press the imposition to the maximum of Rs. 10/.

With reference to the remarks made that Hon. Members on the other side voted for the second reading on the understanding that the intention was to impose the maximum, he could only refer to what had been generally advanced at the debate, viz:—that Rs. 10/- was considered too high. He then said that he would support the idea of a level tax at Rs. 8/-. He could not remember that during the debate anything more had been said than that it would be recommended; that was the position he believed when the second reading was put.

He felt that it was one thing to fix the rate in Council but it was quite a different thing to collect the money. He contended that they must have some regard for the position of District Commissioners in the matter. If the Council fixed a higher rate than that which was considered by District Commissioners to be a fair and collectable tax then he suggested that Hon. Members should take a hand in collection so that they might be made acquainted with some of the difficulties which might arise in carrying out the work.

With regard to the question of level tax for Hut and Poll he agreed in principle and therefore suggested that the level rate be Rs. 8/- which he earnestly believed to be the absolute maximum that should be demanded as Hut Tax. If that was acceptable it would mean that the revenue would work out as follows:—

Estimate of Males, No. 216,773 × 8/-	...	Rs. 1,734,184
Estimate of Huts, No. 650,803 × 8/-	...	Rs. 5,206,424
		<u>Total Rs. 6,940,608</u>

These figures included the Suk, the Daruma and Pukomo tribes at the above rate. If they included the Suk at Rs. 5/- it would mean a deduction on account of:—

		Rs.
Poll Taxes of	...	12,500
Hut Taxes of	...	18,940
Daruma Males	...	3,500
Daruma Huts	...	13,125
Tana River Males	...	2,700
Tana River Huts	...	9,375
		<u>Total Rs. 60,140</u>

The amount taken from Rs. 7,940,608 left a sum of Rs. 6,980,468.

The Estimate made out by the Hon. the Treasurer amounted to:—

£450,500 which @ Rs. 15/-	...	Rs. 6,802,500
@ Rs. 10/-	...	Rs. 4,595,000

So at the Rs. 15/- rate the loss is Rs. 12,000 but the Hon. the Treasurer and himself differed on a question of population figures. He had taken the conservative estimate put up by the District Commissioners which in certain cases showed a decrease against previous estimates, allowing for the difference as between the Hon. the Treasurer and himself his figures worked out at a difference of Rs. 146,038 based, however, on previous counts and cash collections. He believed his figures to be nearer the correct estimate. Accepting, however, the Hon. Treasurer's figures for the sake of the estimate they had a difference of Rs. 158,058 which would be required to be deducted from the total anticipated revenue if they provided for a level rate of Rs. 8/-. That would mean an anticipated net collection of Rs. 6,734,458.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON rising on a point of explanation said the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had referred to a remark he had made in which he was supposed to have said "It was a deliberate attempt to keep the native from working"; What he had said was "It looked like a deliberate attempt, etc."

THE HON. A. C. HOEY referred to a statement made by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner. He said it had been stated in Council by an Official Member that the natives had been warned that Hut Tax would be raised to Rs. 7/50 and he could only think they had the authority of the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner for doing so.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE said the Hon. the Land Officer had said the Official Members were unable to form an opinion until they heard the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner's opinion, but he could not believe that the speech made by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had very much cleared the air as they were concerned unless they were capable of interpreting his remarks differently from him.

It was perfectly clear that all that was passed on the second reading was that the maximum should be Rs. 10/. The reason why the question had been raised again was he thought really and truly that the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had changed his opinion two or three times during the second reading and during the present debate. The proof in the opinion of the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner with regard to the fact as to

whether the natives were able to pay Rs. 10/- or not must depend on how he put his case and if he showed that he seemed as willing to alter his opinion three times in three days he thought it was a little difficult to say that that opinion was based on fact. For instance the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner stated he had the most definite reasons for fixing the Poll Tax at a higher rate than the Hut Tax and yet they heard him say that day that he agreed with the estimate of level taxes as put forward by the Hon. Mr. Rodwell. That did not give him very great faith in the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner that his opinions were particularly well founded in the matter.

The amount of the tax estimated in the Budget had been very carefully gone into yet at the last moment it was suggested Rs. 8/- should be substituted and he did think it was extremely difficult for Members to make up their minds on the question and he thought that outside evidence should be taken.

A point raised was the incapability of the native to pay the tax. When the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner gave evidence before the Economic Commission and the Soldier Settlers Commission he had said that the great difficulty of all these things was that the labour supply was not sufficient for the work to be done. It seemed to him that that was a direct contradiction of the evidence he had given on that point. His own impression was that the natives could pay the tax quite easily. The number of goats which certain Reserves had had been very largely increased in the last two or three years.

When he had asked the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner which tribes he thought were unable to pay the tax one of the tribes put forward by him was the Wanyika, and yet they had heard him say that day that the Wanyika could easily pay the tax of Rs. 10/- and he did think that evidence of that sort as far as it stood at present was not sufficient for Government to make up its mind.

He had very little more to say but he would point out to the Government that the evidence put forward by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had been extremely contradictory and in his own mind was not sufficient to base the amendment of the tax on.

With regard to the amount to be collected. If the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner himself did not think that the amount of the money in the Reserves was sufficient to pay more tax, then the Hut and Poll Tax should be balanced and the same amount collected as had been put in the Estimates.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE said he was very diffident to speak on this subject and he would be sorry that if any remarks he had to offer would be misconstrued by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner or the Hon. Mr. Lane, but speaking for himself he did feel that in recording his vote in favour of the imposition of this tax at Rs. 10/- he had done so under some misapprehension. He understood when the subject had been debated at the second reading that it was the intention of the Government that Rs. 10/- would be the rule and not the exception.

He understood from the explanation given by the Hon. the Acting Attorney General in support of the amending Ordinance being drafted as it had been drafted and submitted to the Council that the same line of action would be taken by the Government in the amending Ordinance as had been taken by it under the Native Hut and Poll Tax Ordinance of 1915. He understood on information given him that under the Ordinance of 1915 Rs. 5/- had been the rule and not the exception.

It would seem according to the proposal made by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner the day before and again that morning that the tax should be Rs. 7/50. The point was what had been the intention of the Legislature in passing this Ordinance a few days before? He thought in all legislative matters the intention of the Legislature should be clearly laid down. When he had voted on the matter he certainly understood it was the intention of the Council to fix the tax for Hut and Poll Tax for Rs. 10/- as the rule and not the exception.

On the merits of the case he would express the view, expressing it with the knowledge that he had no particular information regarding local conditions in this country, but he had been associated in many ways with native life, and the procedure adopted by the administration in another country, and he would express the view that as far as possible differential taxation among native tribes should be avoided. He imagined that in this country as elsewhere they would have grave dissatisfaction if they differentiated between the tribes unless they had very good reasons indeed for doing so. He had failed to obtain from the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner good reasons why the Hut Tax should be less than the Poll Tax and he reminded Hon. Members that when the matter had been discussed in Council the Hon. Mr. Lane himself proposed that the tax should be Rs. 8/- in respect of Hut Tax and Rs. 10/- in respect of Poll Tax.

Why had they been informed by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner that it would be impracticable to collect the tax? He would say from what he had seen from the condition obtaining in the Native Reserves on account of the fertility of the soil, the native should experience no difficulty in growing sufficient crops to raise the amount of the tax.

From the figures given by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner it appeared that in round numbers the proportion of Huts and Polls was in the neighbourhood of 3:1. He was inclined to advise under the circumstances that if an average of Rs. 8/- were collected the case would be met and revenue would not suffer and in order to make the intention of the Council clear in the matter he would remove the misunderstanding which seemed to exist when the Bill had been passed by proposing the following motion:—

"That this Council considers that the Native Hut and Poll Tax Amendment Ordinance, 1920, shall operate in such a manner that the Hut and Poll Tax will be equal in respect of each tribe though in no case shall they be less than Rs. 7/50 and that they shall be level so that the average tax shall not be less than Rs. 8/."

HIS EXCELLENCY ruled the Hon. Member out of order.

THE HON. C. R. W. LANE said the Hon. the Director of Agriculture had stated he advocated a Hut Tax of Rs. 8/- and a Poll Tax of Rs. 10/-. He had the notes which he had prepared some days ago on the subject and he had pointed out that in his opinion it was undesirable to collect the tax of Rs. 7/50. He had said that to collect sums of 50 cents from some thousands of natives was in his opinion impossible with the present staff and he had suggested that the 50 cents be deleted. Personally he was not in favour of a different rate of tax for the Hut and Poll Tax.

It had been pointed out afterwards that if the taxes were reduced to Rs. 7/50 there would be considerable loss of revenue and so he had suggested that the tax should be raised to Rs. 8/-. The Hon. the Treasurer had seconded that suggestion and after considerable debate the Right Hon. Member for the Rift Valley had proposed a tax of Rs. 10/-. At the time he was fully under the impression that that was the maximum tax and that that tax would be controlled by His Excellency the Governor and that a remission could be given to any district. It was on that that he had voted.

He said it would be wrong to force the natives to sell their stocks to pay the tax of Rs. 10/-. It would amount to oppressing the native. He thought the natives in the Reserves should be given time to collect the money. The native had not been given due notice.

He was fully aware the Nyanza Province was able to pay the full tax of Rs. 10/- but he submitted that tax should not be collected till next year.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION in reply to the Right Hon. Member for the Rift Valley stated that he himself had distinctly understood at the second reading that the Right Hon. Member was opposed to the increase of Rs. 10/- and he thought he had given way to that most unwillingly.

The second point was that they must give consideration to the District Commissioners who were out in the field and in close touch with the natives. He said anyone who had been a District Commissioner in the Native Reserves knew well their views and in places they were told that the rate of taxation was never fixed. This had been especially told to him in connection with the proposals he had laid before Government a year ago asking Government to increase the native taxation by Rs. 2/- per hut to enable the native to be educated. The reply by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner was that the tax had already been increased from Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- on the distinct understanding that medical facilities should be provided and he could give no support to the proposal unless they were in a position to really help the native.

HIS EXCELLENCY ruled the Member out of order for not keeping to the point under discussion.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD said he had listened to what the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had said and he did not wish it to be understood from what he was going to say that he advocated a Rs. 10/- tax. He had not heard any good reasons why the tax should not be at Rs. 10/-. There would be considerable protest from the natives. He would remind Hon. Members that when other proposals had been put forward for taxing other sections of the community there had been considerable protest. It seemed to him very regrettable that on the first Session of Council in a new constitution they found that a Bill had been put before Council and that apparently its passing had been anticipated by a certain gentleman and that steps had been taken in advance of the wishes or information of the Council.

The telegram read by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had mentioned no amount. They had heard that different amounts had been mentioned in various parts of the country. With a view to maintaining that relationship which should exist between both sides of the house he suggested that in future Government Members should not make up their minds in advance what the results of legislature were going to be. There had been a proposal made by the Hon. Mr. Lane which he trusted would not find any support and that was that they should make the tax Rs. 8/- this year and Rs. 10/- next year.

It was apparent from the figures which they had been given that the imposition of Rs. 8/- would produce the same amount of tax.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE suggested that the words "or exceed" should be left out from the resolution.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY said he would like to say a few words in explanation. The Government anticipated the decision of the Council by issuing a warning to the Provincial Commissioners and District Commissioners of a possible rise. It was not unreasonable for the Government to suppose that some measure would be passed and the warning had been given in view of the early collection that was made in some districts.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS said he had listened to the remarks of Hon. Members but he had not heard anything which he considered a strong argument to refute his arguments which he made on introducing the motion. He pointed out that the motion was entirely a general motion and it did not concern any particular case nor did it concern them in any way with the actual amount of taxation.

A proposal had been put forward to fix the Poll Tax at Rs. 10/- and the Hut Tax at Rs. 7/50 and he considered the position was a mistake and he was very anxious for the Council to lay down what he considered the proper principle definitely once and for all.

He stated that he did not in any way say they should tax the native so much. What he did say was *tax the native in the proper way*. In his opening speech he particularly referred to the subjects of Polygamy and Idleness. They all realised that Polygamy in the Reserves could not be done away with suddenly and he did think that their policy should be a policy tending to diminish it and not to encourage it.

He repeated his two principle arguments. In his opinion the male idleness might possibly be the profitable system of Polygamy be so taxed as to produce some male industriousness and not encourage idleness and no native ought to be able to be kept in idleness by his wives.

HIS EXCELLENCY said he had allowed a great latitude during the debate. The difficulty had been disposed of by the figures produced by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner and accepted by the Hon. the Treasurer with the result that if the resolution was adopted, Government would have little or no difficulty in giving effect to it without seriously affecting the Estimates.

The resolution was then put to the vote and carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote XVIa. Education.

THE HON. R. B. COLE raised the question of native artizans and asked that some information on the subject be tabled.

THE HON. THE TREASURER reported progress to Council.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

The Council adjourned till, 10 a.m., 15th May, 1920.

TWELFTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 15th May, 1920.

The Council assebled on the 15th May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.B.E.
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER in response to the request made by the Hon. Member for Mombasa, the report on the Public Works Department Training Depot for Native Artizans was laid on the Table.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that he might present to the Council a petition from Mr. Robert Chamberlain.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH moved that the petition be read out to Council.

THE HON. THE TREASURER seconded.

The question was put and carried.

(Petition was read by Clerk to the Council).

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH said he was rather at a disadvantage in asking Council to do anything in this matter as he really knew nothing about it. The Right Hon. Member for the Rift Valley should have presented the petition but as he himself was directly concerned with the petition the petitioner had asked him to present it.

He said he did not know the rights and wrongs of the case. All he asked was that Council would appoint a Committee to go into the case and come to a decision. He therefore moved that a Select Committee be appointed to go into the case.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE said he felt that in a case of this sort which had been brought to the notice of the Council that it would be a great injustice if some steps were not taken to get to the bottom of it and to answer the petition. He seconded the proposal put forward by the Hon. Mr. Moynagh.

HIS EXCELLENCY put the question that the matter be referred to a Select Committee to go into the case and report, which was carried.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH proposed the Select Committee be composed of the following—

THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY.

A LAW OFFICER.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL said he believed the matter had already received consideration in their Department indirectly and he thought the Hon. Mr. Blackall had attended to it and suggested that the Hon. Mr. Blackall should be included on the Select Committee.

THE HON. W. H. B. BLACKALL stated that the Hon. the Acting Attorney General was mistaken as he had not considered the case.

THE HON. K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE said he had a knowledge of the case and suggested he should sit on the Committee.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD withdrew his name as he was an interested party and suggested the Hon. Mr. Moynagh took his place.

HIS EXCELLENCY put the question that the matter be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following:—

THE HON. GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.

The question was put and carried.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE HON. K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE, Chariman of the Special Committee appointed to report and make recommendations on the Native Registration Amendment Ordinance, 1920, presented the report to Council, and asked permission to read the report.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

(The report was then read by the Chairman).

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote XIX. Miscellaneous Services.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON drew attention to the limited items of news contained in Reuter's wires.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE gave notice that after the recess he would move in Council that item 21 be increased to permit of another Member being elected for the Naivasha District.

THE HON. THE TREASURER reported progress to Council.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

The Council adjourned till 10 a.m., Monday, 31st May, 1920.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 31st May, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 31st May, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

- THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
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 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
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 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

- THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.B.E., C.M.G.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

HIS EXCELLENCY said he had received the new Order in Council which had been passed on April 26th. This would be published in the Gazette in due course. The new Order in Council provided for the establishment of the East African Florin as the standard coin and for subsidiary silver coins consisting of a shilling or 50 cents, and a 25 cent piece; and also for the existing nickel coins of 10 cents, 5 cents, and 1 cent. It provided for the conversion of all sums due, expressed in sterling, at the rate of 10 florins to the pound and all amounts of existing contracts, etc., would be paid at the rate of 1 florin to 1 rupee.

No reply had been received to a telegram he had despatched to the Colonial Office recommending that the coinage of florin pieces should be discontinued and an increased number of shillings coined instead, in the hope of checking the rise in wages, which would be governed by the value of the highest silver coin. He had been informed that it was necessary to coin florins for the following reasons. Firstly, because they were the standard coin under the new Order in Council and the only unlimited legal tender coin; secondly, it would take twice as long to prepare the necessary number of shillings. This fact had been regarded as important as the rate of supply would be slow in any case. The Secretary of State had added that as soon as an adequate supply of florins were available, the production of shillings would be expedited as much as possible.

When the new Order in Council came into operation all the previous currency Orders in Council would be cancelled, subject to the following:—

“(a) All coins (other than sovereigns) and all currency and other notes which at the said date are legal tender under the provisions of the said orders shall remain legal tender for the amount expressed therein at the rate of one rupee for one florin and one pound for ten florins unless and until declared not to be legal tender by Proclamations made by the Governors; and

(b) The Currency Board established by the Orders of 1905 shall, subject to the provisions of this Order, continue to exercise its powers and perform its duties as if this Order had not been made."

He said Hon. Members were aware that certain East African one rupee notes had been issued. Only 7 lakhs had been received, but in future the new notes would be florins instead of rupees. He gathered the decision to adopt the expression "Florins" in place of "Rupee" had not been arrived at when the issue of East African Rupee Notes had been made, which had been very necessary because of the local currency shortage.

Before Council had adjourned on the 15th instant, he had addressed an enquiry to the Colonial Office asking that he might be allowed to make some statement with regard to the Railway extension. He had received no reply to that enquiry. He had been informed that Major Gaily and Major MacDonald had arrived in the country and that they should be allowed to have access to Government plans, estimates, etc., and this had been done.

He had also received an intimation that Sir Edward Northey was bringing out with him all the decisions arrived at regarding the Status, etc., of the British Indian community. One of these matters was the question of Indians holding land in Townships. He had decided that it would be best to postpone the sale of town plots which had been advertised for the 10th June till Sir Edward returned.

He had also received by the last mail proposals for a Women's and Orphans's Pensions Scheme for the Protectorate. This had been forwarded for comment to the Civil Service Association and before any steps could be taken certain legislation would be necessary which would give Hon. Members an opportunity of criticising the proposals of the scheme. He had also been informed that the Secretary of State could not allow any increase in the Railway rates until Sir Edward Northey had returned to the country. This decision was rather serious at the present moment because they were relying on the increased rates for the Budget.

He hoped that they would have information of the result of the Ukamba election and that the successful candidate would be able to take his seat during the present Session.

He saw very little possibility of finishing the work before Council in a fortnight and he thought that Hon. Members would agree with him that they had better sit for a fortnight and then adjourn and reassemble on a date when Sir Edward Northey would be able to be present when His Excellency could then tell them what had been the result of his visit to England.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to report and make recommendations on the Public Travel and Access Roads Ordinance, 1919, presented the report to Council, and asked permission to read the report.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

(The report was then read by the Chairman).

THE NATIVE REGISTRATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Registration of Natives."

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council adjourned till 10 a.m., 1st June, 1920.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 1st June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 1st June at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COOPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
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 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).

THE NATIVE REGISTRATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Registration of Natives."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Alterations and amendments were made to Clauses 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

Council adjourned till 10 a.m., Wednesday, 2nd June, 1920.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 2nd June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 2nd June, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
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 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
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 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH.

THE PRESIDENT administered the Oath of Allegiance to Sir Northrup MacMillan as elected Member for Ukamba.

THE NATIVE REGISTRATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Registration of Natives."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Amendments were made to Clauses 12, 15, and 16.

Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that the Bill as amended be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER gave notice that he would move the third reading of the Bill at a later stage of the Session.

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote XX.—Telegraphs. Item 60.

In reply to the Hon. Brig.-Gen. S. H. Charrington, the Postmaster General promised to look into the matter of the Mombasa-Malindi-Kilifi line working arrangements.

Council adjourned in Committee till, 10 a.m., Friday, 4th June, 1920.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 4th June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 4th June, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

HIS EXCELLENCY said it might interest Hon. Members to know that His Majesty the King had been pleased to award the Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George on the Hon. Sheikh Ali bin Salim and that Major H. M. Leggat had been made a Knight Bachelor.

He further added that on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday he had forwarded the following telegram:—

"On the auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's Birthday, East Africa respectfully offers her warmest and most loyal congratulations and prayers for the continuance of peace and prosperity throughout Your Majesty's Dominions."

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

The Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

Vote XXa. Posts and Telegraphs.—Special Expenditure.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that additional money be voted to open telegraphic communication between Nakuru and the Molo River Valley.

This was put and duly carried by 19 votes to 10.

THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL moved that the sum of £800 be inserted under Schedule XXa for the construction of a telegraphic line from Nakuru to the Molo River Valley.

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that every facility should be given for private telephones to link up with the public services at their own expense where possible in country districts.

This was carried unanimously.

Council adjourned in Committee till Saturday, 10 a.m., 5th June, 1920.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 5th June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 5th June, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
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 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

The Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

Vote XXI. Railway Department.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved. "That in the opinion of this Honourable Council the future of the Voi-Taveta Railway should be immediately decided."

This was put and carried by 27 votes to 2.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS moved that a sum of £2,200 be provided under Heading XXIa of the Estimates of Expenditure 1920-21 for the provision of a goods station at Mile 13, Thika Tramway.

This was put and carried by 17 votes to 10.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Monday, 7th June, 1920.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 7th June, 1920.

Council assembled on the 7th June, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

The Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Tuesday, 8th June, 1920.

NINETEENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 8th June, 1920.

Council assembled on the 8th June, at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
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 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. V. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
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 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL introduced a Special Emergency Certificate relating to a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Treaty of Peace," which was read and signed by His Excellency.

He then moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the Bill might be introduced and passed.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE TREATY OF PEACE ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL in pursuance of notice given, introduced and moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Treaty of Peace."

He said the objects and reasons for the Ordinance were as follows:—The Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, amongst other things established in the United Kingdom a Central Clearing Office under the control and management of a Controller. Under the Order power was also given to establish in any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom or in the Protectorate, a local clearing office.

The Central Clearing Office, that was to say the office at home, had the power to enforce the payment of any enemy debt against the person by whom the debt was due, and for that purpose had all the rights of a creditor. Under the Bill the Custodian of Enemy Property was given all the powers of the Custodian named in the Order. The principal functions of the Local Clearing Office would be to investigate claims by and collect debts due to German nationals and to prepare accounts for submission to the Central Office. Also to furnish the Central Office with detailed particulars of all German property, rights and interests within its jurisdiction and later to realise and account to it for the proceeds and liquidation.

The Order provided means to settling claims in respect of industrial or artistic property between nationals of the Allied and Associated Powers on the one hand and German nationals on the other hand before a duly qualified tribunal in the country in which such rights had been acquired. Under the Bill the High Court was constituted the qualified tribunal.

Under the Order claims had to be notified within six months of establishing the Central Office, *i.e.*, January 12th, and it was therefore urgently necessary that the Bill should be passed immediately. The final instructions had only reached the Protectorate shortly before Council had assembled.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE HON. ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he would move the second reading of the Bill at a later stage of the Session.

THE TREATY OF PEACE ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Treaty of Peace," be read a second time.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that Council resolve itself in a Committee to consider the provisions of the Bill.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

No amendments were made.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the Bill as unamended be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he would move the third reading of the Bill at a later stage of the Session.

THE TREATY OF PEACE ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Treaty of Peace," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to supply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote XXII. Veterinary Department.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE moved. "That in view of the serious loss to the livestock industry through Pleuro-pneumonia and Rinderpest, His Excellency the Governor be respectively requested to endeavour to arrange for Veterinary Officers in the territories of Uganda, Tanganyika, and British East Africa to meet in conference or committee to consider fully the methods which should be adopted for the eradication of those diseases, and to make recommendations, also that a conference of stockowners be convened to consider the proposals made and to make representations to Government."

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY moved. "That in view of the continued absence of the Chief Veterinary Officer from his post, this Honourable Council requests that the Colonial Office be asked to retire him on pension and take steps to fill the vacancy thus arising."

This was put and carried by 22 votes to 6.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that the Masai Reserve should be re-opened to trade in livestock.

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE HON. R. B. COLE moved that the Samburu Reserve be open for trade in livestock.

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that the number of Pass Issuers be largely increased.

This was put and carried unanimously.

Items 82 and 101.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that a Special Committee be appointed to go into this vote.

This was put and carried unanimously.

A Special Committee was accordingly appointed consisting of—

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.

THE HON. R. B. COLE.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.

THE HON. A. C. KIRK.

THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Wednesday, 9th June, 1920.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 9th June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 9th June at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

- THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
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 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

- THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

The Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

Vote XXII.—H. Veterinary Division. Items 138-9.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that these two items be deleted.

This was put and carried by 17 votes to 11.

Vote XXIIIa.—Agricultural Department—Special Expenditure. Item 1.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that this item be increased by £2,400.

This was put and carried by 16 votes to 15.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Thursday, 10th June, 1920.

• TWENTY FIRST DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 10th June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 10th June at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
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 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH gave notice that he would move that a Special Committee of the Legislative Council be appointed to enquire into the question of the apparent prevalence of assaults by natives on white children.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote XXVI.—Trigonometrical and Topographical Survey Department.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY moved that Items Nos. 4 and 5 be deleted.

This was put and carried by 21 votes to 8.

Council adjourned in Committee till 10 a.m., Friday, 11th June, 1920.

TWENTY SECOND DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 11th June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 11th June at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSB).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. C. R. W. LANE.
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

HIS EXCELLENCY said the object of reporting progress at that stage was to give the Hon. Member for Nairobi North the opportunity of putting the motion he had given notice of to Council. It was open to Hon. Members to say what they liked on the subject but his personal opinion was that it would be better left to the Special Committee for discussion.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH expressed his appreciation of the permission given in allowing the motion to come forward at a time when the Council was so busy.

He said he had been rather forced by the present conditions of affairs in bringing forward the motion, more so during the last few days. In accordance with His Excellency's wishes he would not say more than was absolutely necessary that some immediate steps should be taken against the horrible deeds which had been perpetrated during the last few weeks. He therefore moved the following motion:—

"That a Select Committee of this Honourable Council be formed to inquire into the question of the apparent prevalence of assaults by natives on white children."

His reasons for bringing the motion forward were as follows. There were many cases which had happened, and which were happening, the parents of which would not bring to the notice of the public, partly through misguided feelings and partly because they did not want to throw the onus or shame on the shoulders of their little ones. He thought these reasons would be found sufficient for bringing the motion forward and he would ask Hon. Members to give it their hearty support.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE supported the motion.

In his opinion it was most important and desirable that the facts and circumstances should be fully ascertained for the information of Council.

The question was put and carried.

HIS EXCELLENCY suggested it would be desirable to appoint a Committee of local residents in order that the work might be carried on during the forthcoming recess. He suggested the following be appointed to the Committee:—

THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL AS CHAIRMAN.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH suggested that the Hon. the Commissioner of Police be added to the Committee.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE agreed.

THE HON. R. B. COLE suggested that the Hon. the Principal Medical Officer be also added to the Committee.

The question was then put and carried that the Committee consist of the following:—

THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL AS CHAIRMAN.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Head XXII.—Agricultural Department. Items 82 and 101.

The Committee appointed to inquire into these items duly presented their Report and the items were passed.

Vote XXVII.—Land Department.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that this Honourable Council is of opinion that the question of Petrol shortage at the Coast should be settled forthwith.

This was put and carried with one dissentient.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON moved that a Deputy Recorder of Titles be appointed at a salary of £400 per annum.

This was put and carried by 21 votes to 7.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Head XXVIII, Land Department be increased by £1,015 to provide for the Mineral Survey Department in accordance with the following details:—

	£
Geologist	550
Land Office Assistant	250
2 House allowances	120
Transport	40
Instruments	30
Books	25
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	£1,015

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

The Council adjourned till 10 a.m., Saturday, 12th June, 1920.

TWENTY THIRD DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 12th June, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 12th June at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY (W. J. MONSON).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
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 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
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 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

LAND TAX.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to report and make recommendations on the Land Tax Ordinance, 1920, presented the report to Council and asked permission to read the report.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

(The Report was then read by the Chairman).

INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL on behalf of Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to report and make recommendations on the Cattle Cleansing Ordinance, 1919, presented the Report to Council and asked permission to read the Report.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

(The Report was then read).

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Vote XXVIII.—Public Works Department. Item 6.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that this item be increased by £100.

This was put and carried by 18 votes to 9.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD moved. "That in the opinion of this Honourable Council, more particularly in view of the change in its constitution, expenditure of public funds derived in this country, should not be authorized without the sanction of this Honourable Council, which should when possible be previously obtained. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a covering despatch explaining the reasons for its introduction."

This was put and carried by 23 votes to 3.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH moved that Official Members of the Legislative Council be given an allowance of Rs. 15/- per diem when absent from their posts on Legislative Council duty.

This was carried by a unanimous vote of the Hon. the Elected Members—the Official Members refrained from voting.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

HIS EXCELLENCY then said Council would adjourn till July 5th by which date His Excellency Major-General Sir Edward Northey would be back. He also wished to thank all Hon. Members for their punctual attendance and the orderly manner in which they had conducted the work throughout the Session.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD replying on behalf of the Unofficial Members thanked His Excellency for his remarks, and for his forbearance on many occasions, and for his conduct in the chair under very difficult circumstances.

Council then adjourned till July 5th, 1920.

TWENTY FOURTH DAY

Held at Nairobi on the 5th July, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 5th July at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, (I. L. G. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
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 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
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 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
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 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHERUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

Absent:—

THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

THE PRESIDENT administered the Oath of Allegiance to Sir Charles Calvert Bowring as Chief Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It is with very great pleasure that I return to my place as President of this Honourable Council, and I wish particularly to welcome the newly elected Hon. Members. Having only arrived on Saturday evening I have had little time to prepare an address, but I have a few words to say. Had the length of my stay in England merely depended upon recovery from my accident, I should have been back long ago. The treatment which I received from Dr. Gilks was so successful that I was able to devote my attention to the business of the Protectorate immediately after my arrival in England.

The questions requiring decisions were, however, so many, various, and important that it was necessary to await the arrival of Lord Milner, who was in Egypt when I reached home; it was impossible for me to leave before the beginning of June.

I am pleased to be able to announce that the status of the Protectorate is shortly to be altered. An Order-in-Council was signed on June 11th annexing the Protectorate under the name *Kenya Colony*. The Annexation Order does not come into effect until it is published in the Gazette but I have been authorised to make this announcement in advance. The Dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar at the Coast still retain the status of a Protectorate, which will be styled the *Kenya Protectorate*.

The main result of the annexation is that we shall now be able to float a loan for the development of the country. I hope that we shall be able to raise about five million pounds. The loan has been approved in principle by the Secretary of State but the detailed allocation of the loan has yet to be worked out locally. I anticipate roughly that we shall require two million pounds for the Plateau Railway, half a million for the Thika extension; one million for Kilindini Harbour; £200,000 for roads; £800,000 for buildings such as Hospitals, Schools, and Government offices and houses, and half a million to cover the interest on the loan during the period of construction. The payment of interest on so large a sum will be a matter for very careful consideration and must, I fear, entail increased taxation. New Treaties affecting our Customs Tariff have not yet been arranged.

Railway Policy.

One of the most vital factors affecting Revenue and Expenditure is the organisation and administration of the Railway system in East Africa. On this subject I shall make an important statement on Saturday next.

Administration of White Settled Areas and Native Reserves.

The Secretary of State has approved of the division of the Colony for administrative purposes into White Settled Areas under Resident Magistrates and Native Reserves under Native Commissioners. These officials will be divided into three grades, promotion to higher grades being by selection.

It has long been realised that most of our Government officials have been underpaid; a schedule of proposed increases of salaries will be placed on the table and it is hoped that these rates which you will be asked to approve as from April 1st last will ensure a satisfied and efficient service. I am in favour of the fixation of a certain age or period of service for the compulsory retirement of Government servants except in special cases where their services are still required in higher appointments. This proposal has not yet received the sanction of the Secretary of State by whom it has to be considered with reference to other Colonies and Protectorates.

The details of the working of a suitable Widows and Orphans Fund are in the hands of the Actuaries.

By a reduction of the Police force and re-organisation of the Civil and Military administration in Jubaland, the Northern Frontier District and Turkana, I hope to bring about a saving of some £50,000 on the annual estimates, but this scheme cannot be put into execution until certain re-adjustments of frontiers are settled.

Exchange and Currency.

The fluctuations in the prices of gold and silver will cease to affect us so soon as we have our own currency based on the pound sterling. Florins and shillings will, I believe, be here in large quantities before the end of the year. I regret that I was unable to obtain the solution I wished for, viz., the introduction of an East African token coin with a ratio of 15 to the £1. The final decision was made on the advice of financial experts; we must accept it as final and be grateful for the trouble taken by the authorities at Home to give us a stabilised currency.

Native Registration and Labour Policy.

Progress is being made with Native Registration and I believe a good result is already discernible. The declaration of native policy which I made last year and the wording of the circular to Administrative officers on the subject of native labour were misunderstood in some quarters. A further circular will be issued clearing up any doubts as to work that may be done by women and children and possible abuse of authority by native chiefs.

Indian Policy.

Decisions as to the treatment of British Indians in this country have yet to be made. I much regret that I am not yet in a position to make a statement on this important question especially as to franchise and segregation.

QUESTIONS.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON asked the following question.

"Will Government arrange to have the Freretown-Kilifi Road widened and a diversion made round the head of Takaungu Creek in order to make motor car traffic possible between Mombasa and Kilifi?"

THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied as follows.

"The Executive Engineer for the Province reports that the road between Freretown and Takaungu is in good condition. It will take a motor car at the present moment, but will nevertheless be repaired and widened somewhat during the present year out of existing funds.

With regard to the suggested diversion round Takaungu Creek; this presents no engineering difficulties but the proposed road would pass through private lands, mostly cultivated, and would cost about £300 a mile. Its total length would be about five miles. Special funds would have to be voted for the construction of this road.

Government in existing circumstances does not feel justified in asking this Honourable Council to vote this sum in this year's Estimates, but the desired diversion will be borne in mind."

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON said he would like to point out he understood that the road that was being made at present from Freretown was some 60 feet wide. It seemed to him that the amount might be better spent making three times the length of road with a width of 20 feet. As was well known the pedestrian and cycle traffic only occupied a small part of the road. It was a waste of money making a road 60 feet wide where a road with a width of 20 feet would suffice.

HIS EXCELLENCY pointed out that criticism like that which the Hon. Member had made was not really in order in asking any question arising out of an answer. What the Hon. Member wanted was to point out that it would be cheaper and better to make a road 20 feet wide and much longer, instead of a short one with a width of 60 feet.

THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said he had not heard the details from the Executive Engineer as to what he intended to do but he thought that the clearing of grass would be included in the width of 60 feet. The actual portion of the road to carry traffic would probably not be more than 16 feet wide.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON asked the following question.

1. What has been the Revenue, under all heads, including Posts and Telegraphs, sales of Ivory, etc., accruing to Government from the Tanaland Province during the past five years?
2. What surplus, if any, has there been of revenue over expenditure from the Tanaland Province during the past five years?
3. What has been the expenditure on means of communication such as:—
 - (a) Roads, Bridges, and Ferries,
 - (b) Post and Telegraphs,

in the Tanaland Province during the past five years?"

THE HON. THE TREASURER replied as follows.

1. As far as can be ascertained the total revenue collected in Tanaland amounts to Rs. 1,266,433 for the five years ending 31st March, 1919.
2. There has been no surplus of total Revenue over the total Expenditure for these five years. Excluding overhead charges there has been an excess of expenditure over revenue of Rs. 58,382.
3. The local expenditure on Roads, Bridges and Ferries has amounted to Rs. 14,565, and on Postal and Telegraphs to Rs. 41,553 during the period mentioned."

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS asked the following question.

"In view of the occasional local shortage of Plague Serum I should like to ask:—

1. From what source and at what cost this serum is at present obtained?
2. Is there any good reason why this serum should not be made locally?
3. What would the cost be of making this serum locally?"

THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER replied as follows.

1. Plague serum for the Protectorate is obtained from the Haffkines Laboratory, Bombay. The cost is 16½ cents per dose. During the last twelve months 77,500 doses were needed at a cost of Rs. 12,845/62.
2. Before Plague serum can be produced in this country a suitable building must be built.
3. Apart from the cost and depreciation of building it is estimated that Plague Vaccine can be produced at 3 cents per dose."

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS asked, arising out of the answer to the second part of the question, if he could take the answer as meaning that the present accommodation of the Laboratory was inadequate.

THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER in reply said the Laboratory was quite inadequate and moreover it was quite a wrong site. It was too close to the road and there was a considerable amount of dust caused by the traffic thereon.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS asked the following question.

"Whether it is the case that Township plots held under temporary occupation licences are liable to public auction, and whether the Government does not consider that this policy operates harshly in the case of traders whose enterprise has already been of value to the community and is one which is likely to discourage future enterprise?"

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER replied as follows.

"The reply to both parts of the Hon. Member's question is in the affirmative.

I have recently obtained sanction to make direct conversions to township leases in cases where it can be shown that money has been spent and genuine enterprise proceeded with. This should be sufficient as a temporary measure pending general investigation into local land tenure by a Commission of Inquiry."

THE HON. C. M. DALAL asked the following question.

"Will Government be pleased to furnish information as to the following:—

1. How many thefts and burglaries were reported at the Police Station in Mombasa in the years 1918 and 1919?

2. In how many cases were the culprits discovered and prosecuted?

3. In how many cases were convictions obtained?"

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE replied as follows.

"1. The number of thefts and burglaries reported at the Police Station in Mombasa in the years 1918 and 1919 were 436 and 488 respectively.

2. The numbers of suspected persons arrested and prosecuted for these crimes in respect of these two years were 250 and 326.

3. Convictions obtained in this respect were 186 and 258."

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS asked the following question.

"1. How much of the Stand Premia for Farms 1762 and 1763 Kaimosi which was promised by His Excellency the Governor in 1912 or 1913 for the construction of roads to these farms, has been expended on such construction?

2. If not all, where is the balance?

3. Is the balance still available for this work?"

THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied as follows.

"1. None of the Stand Premia derived from the sale of Farms 1762 and 1763 have been expended on the construction of roads to those farms.

2. The money has been utilised on urgent road works to provide access to Soldier Settlement farms.

3. No balance is available, therefore, but arrangements are being made for other funds to be utilised for the construction of a bridge over the Yala River which will complete the road between these farms and Kisumu. The bridge will be constructed as soon as possible."

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS asked whether he could have an assurance that the other funds referred to were not less than the Stand Premia which had already been realised.

THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said he had a communication from the Executive Engineer in which he said he had now opened communication between Kisumu and the two farms. He could not state exactly what the amount of the Stand Premia was.

THE NATIVE REGISTRATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER said in connection with the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Registration of Natives," there were certain verbal amendments necessary in the Bill as reprinted. The following were the necessary amendments:—

Section 6. Figure (1) should be deleted.

On line 52, page 2 and line 53 the words "Native Affairs Department, Nairobi," should be deleted and should read "District Commissioner or Resident Magistrate of the District."

The word "Tenth" should read "Fifteenth."

The question was then put that the Bill as printed, with the amendments made by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner, should stand, and was carried.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Registration of Natives," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE proposed that the Bill should be recommitted to the Council in order further to go into the question of the statistical side of the Bill. Farmers and others had to keep and send in records of natives and others taken on by them, etc. Since he had brought the matter up in Council before, a good deal of evidence had been made available and it had been found that in many cases it was impossible for the Statistical Department to trace a particular native. It had been found in practice already that it was necessary to appeal to the Thumb Print Officer to get at these natives who were apparently wrongly charged under evidence put forward by the Statistical Department and he thought that Council should be very careful of subjecting the country to this expense before being fully certain it was necessary in order to indentify natives. He therefore proposed that the Bill be recommitted for further amendments to be added to it on this subject.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH opposed the Right Hon. Lord Delamere's proposal. They had discussed the matter at great length and they had come to the conclusion that the Bill was good and would be good for the country at large. He challenged the Right Hon. Member to bring forward anything to support the statement he had made.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY submitted that the Right Hon. Member should either move the rejection of the Bill or propose that the Bill be read a third time at a later date.

HIS EXCELLENCY supported the Hon. the Chief Secretary. He pointed out that the only resolution he had before him was that the Bill be read a third time.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD seconded the Right Hon. Member. He merely wished that a Committee should reconsider certain parts of the Bill before it was passed. He thought there was a very great danger if they made the Bill law and then found out errors and mistakes.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE then moved that the Bill be put back for a fortnight to allow the Statistical side of the Bill to be reconsidered.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD seconded the Right Hon. Member's motion.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER referred to the remarks made by the Right Hon. Member who had referred to a newspaper article in support of the argument he had put forward for the putting back of the Bill. The whole position was that out of 92,000 registrations up to that date the article referred to was the first case that had been brought forward. The point was that it was nothing whatever to do with what the Right Hon. Member termed the Statistical question. The question had not been proved whether the boy changed his certificate with another boy after registration. The only way to obviate it was by allowing the natives to take the responsibility for their actions. He said he would like Council to understand that it was rather a misnomer entitling this particular section "statistical." It was "statistical" in a sense but in so far as natives were concerned he wished it to be definitely understood that until they had that system as a part of the Department of Registration they could not carry through the registration of natives in this country satisfactorily. They had had a very thorough debate on the second reading as to what was understood by "Registration." Registration did not begin or end with the taking down of particulars of natives and their finger prints.

If the Right Hon. Member condemned the system he condemned the whole system of registration. If his condemnation was to be carried by Council then he submitted the whole system should be done away with.

He asked Hon. Members to support the Bill as amended and carry it through and until this was done he must definitely state that there would not be registration proper in the Protectorate.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS said the Right Hon. Member for the Rift Valley appeared to base his case entirely upon a newspaper report of an isolated occurrence and not upon a series of flaws and breakdowns of the Registration Ordinance. He believed he was correct in saying that in the particular case to which the Right Hon. Member had referred, the two boys in question, the actual culprit and the boy who was first accused and afterwards acquitted were registered at two different places and on two different dates. It was therefore impossible that the Registering Officer could have given the Registration Certificate belonging to the one boy to the other. He thought that disposed of the case the Right Hon. Member had brought forward.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELEMARE said that when he moved that the Bill should be put back for further investigation he was not in possession of the facts.

The point that struck him was that Mr. Taylor said he had cases every day. That seemed hardly in accordance with what had been said by the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner and the Hon. Member from Kyambu. It seemed to him that if the Thumb Print expert had to clear up these mistakes of the Statistical Department every day it was a case for further investigation and he asked Hon. Members not to be led away by the remarks of the Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner that it was impossible to carry on registration without a Statistical Department. It was partly a new idea to this country and it meant spending a lot of money to do it.

HIS EXCELLENCY reminded Hon. Members in the first place that motion was that the Bill should be read a third time and passed. He had heard the proposal of the Right Hon. Member and what other Members had said and he would put the Right Hon. Member's proposal before Council and if it was carried the Bill would be put back for a fortnight and if that was not carried he would put the proposal that the Bill be read a third time and passed.

The question was then put that the Bill be put back for a fortnight and was *lost*.

The question was then put that the Bill be read a third time and passed and was *carried*.

APPROPRIATION BILL 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider further the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Head XXX.—Public Works Department—Extraordinary. Item 1.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved that this item be increased to Rs. 85,000 so as to allow for the Nakuru Boarding School.

This was put and carried by 29 votes to 1.

THE HON. C. M. DALAL moved that the item be further increased by Rs. 2,000 to provide for the Indian School at Mombasa.

After discussion it was decided that the Hon. the Director of Education be requested to endeavour to hire suitable premises for "B" School, Mombasa.

Head XXX.—Public Works Department—Extraordinary. Item 2.

THE HON. R. B. COLE moved that as much as was required of this item should be spent on a road from West Kenya to Rumuruti.

This was put and carried by 17 votes to 11.

The following items which had been deferred were taken and passed:—

Head VI. Items 54—88, 130—137, 260—275, 372, 388 and 389.

Head XIV. Items 67, 79.

Head XVI. Items 33—40, 46—53.

Council adjourned till 10 a.m., Tuesday, 6th July, 1920.

TWENTY FIFTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 6th July, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 6th July at 10 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
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 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
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 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.
 THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.
 The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to report on Mr. Robert Chamberlain's petition, presented the report to Council, and asked permission to read the report.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.
 The question was put and carried.

(The Report was then read by the Chairman and adopted by the Council).

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL moved the suspension of the Standing Orders in order to ask whether the name "Kenya Colony" had been definitely decided upon.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.
 The question was put and carried.

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL then asked if the name "Kenya Colony" had been definitely decided upon as the name of this Protectorate. He had been asked by several people to enquire into the matter. It had also been suggested that the name "Kenya Land" would be better.

HIS EXCELLENCY said that the name had been the subject of much consideration between the Colonial Secretary and himself, and it had been gazetted as Kenya Colony. Personally he had no objection to a change.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY suggested that the decision was only a temporary one, for the purpose of arranging the loan. The territory would be known as Kenya.

THE HON. POSTMASTER GENERAL said that he looked at the matter from his own peculiar point of view, that was in regard to Postage Stamps. If the name of the territory were changed again, it might mean two changes in the postage stamps.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE was in favour of the country being known officially as the Colony of Kenyaland.

HIS EXCELLENCY pointed out that Uganda was really the Uganda Protectorate, but it was and always would be known as Uganda.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD quoted the case of Jamaica, which was officially the Colony of Jamaica, and was sometimes called the Island of Jamaica, but for all practical purposes, it was known simply as Jamaica.

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL moved the following motion.

"That in the opinion of this Honourable Council the country be named the "Colony of Kenya".

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN seconded the motion.

The motion was then put to the vote and carried.

INCOME TAX BILL, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to Impose a Tax on Income."

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Amendments were made to Clauses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

Council adjourned till 9 a.m., Thursday, 8th July, 1920.

TWENTY SIXTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 8th July, 1920.

The Council assembled on the 8th July at 9 a.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.

MOTIONS.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON proposed the following motion.

"That this Honourable Council protests most strongly against the florin being made the standard coin of this Protectorate, and requests the Colonial Office to introduce a sterling currency with the pound as the standard coin, all quotations being in pounds, shillings, and mills; and that until such time as gold is available for issue, one pound notes be legal tender."

In support he said he felt, with the exception of a small section of the community, he had the feeling of the whole country behind him. This proposal was first of all proposed at a meeting of the Nairobi Associations some considerable time ago. It was again brought up at the Conventions of Associations and the resolution passed there went a bit further than his resolution, and objected to the introduction of the Florin until sufficient shillings were available for the shilling to be introduced first. This was to get people accustomed to the standard coin of the shilling, who for many years had had a coin ranging between 1/4d and 2/-.

If it only meant waiting for a short period until a sufficiency of shillings came into the country then he personally was very much in favour of not introducing the Florin until the shilling could be first introduced in sufficient numbers at the same time.

He submitted that the arguments in favour of the introduction of the shilling were overwhelming. The shilling was good enough for England; it was good enough for East Africa. Should the motion be carried they would be on the same footing as the currency at Home with the exception that they would have a Mill instead of the Farthing and Halfpenny and he was quite sure that the introduction of a decimal system would be admitted by everyone to be sound.

The reasons that he gave in favour of the introduction of the shilling as the token coin were as follows. He was quite sure that everyone would agree that anything that tended to keep prices from rising was to be encouraged. He contended that a token coin value 2/s, call it a florin or a rupee, tended to keep prices up. They all knew that even in pre-war days living in America was always very expensive because the Dollar was the standard coin. He then took the question of native wages. They had already risen on the rupee appreciation far above the pre-war standard. He thought they at least could prevent the wages rising by leaps and bounds of the rupee or 2/s at a time. At the present time "Jerogie" thought in rupees, was paid in rupees, wages calculated in rupees, and when he was given a rise in wages it was in rupees. If they could get the native to think in shillings they could keep prices from rising later on.

He then took the cost of living in this country. It was abnormally high compared to pre-war standards. In this country people paid a rupee for many articles that they should only pay, say, 1/6d for. People paid without thinking. This especially applied to new comers into the country. Personally he had been unable to find sound arguments against the shilling being the token coin. He had asked one of the constituents of the Hon. Member for Nairobi North if he could give him a sound argument against the shilling. The constituent said that people coming out from home would expect to get everything in this country for the same price as at Home. To interpret this remark a little differently, it would be that people coming out from home would realise what they were paying for things.

There was one point when the matter came up before which he thought caused important discussion in Council and that was the statement made by the Hon. Treasurer that the one pound note was only being issued as a temporary measure and would later be withdrawn. He must say the statement filled him with surprise and amazement. The next day he had asked a certain Manager of a Bank and that Manager said he had no idea that that was the case. He presumed that it was proposed to issue 5 florin and 10 florin notes, so as to keep their currency on a par with India. He sincerely hoped that was not the case.

He trusted that Hon. Members of Council would have seen the importance of his resolution and would give him their support.

HIS EXCELLENCY said that perhaps Hon. Members would like him to make a statement with regard to any question of voting in any particular way by the Hon. Members who represented the Government. There was no need for anything of the sort. The motion could be voted upon freely.

He thought the Gallant Member was to some extent under a misapprehension. The proposal for the 2/- rupee was made by Colonel Amery the Under Secretary of State at the last moment, who agreed with him to alter it from a rupee worth 2/s to a 2/s piece. His intention was to bring this country on to a sterling basis. It was a matter for debate and consideration whether they were going to talk of pounds, florins, or decimal parts of a pound, or whether they were going to talk about pounds, shillings and cents. That was the point put forward in his arguments by the Gallant Member.

Several aspects of this question were discussed and there was one point which had been watched over very carefully and that was that if they were talking about shillings the native wages having risen through the cost of silver and value of the rupee, at the same time they would find that wages have not risen in any greater proportion than had wages in other parts of the world.

They would have to watch very carefully if they were using this smaller coin all over the country that they did not at once put up the prices of imported goods.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS seconded the motion of the Hon. and Gallant Member, particularly as regards what he felt to be a necessity for quotations being made in shillings and not in florins. There was no doubt that the florin bore a marked resemblance to the rupee and there was in the country a great and certainly not decreasing tendency to think in florins exactly as the people before thought in rupees, and if the florin remained the standard coin as the rupee had been, there would be a tendency for the people always to think in terms of the old rupee. It was a tragic fact that the stabilising of this currency had not brought about a cutting down of local prices to the same extent as was hoped and expected and it seemed to him therefore necessary that they should take the first step to put into working order the law which would bring these prices down, namely, that the public should be made to realise how high the prices were. He believed the best way to do this would be for the shilling to be made the standard coin in quotations as opposed to the florin. It would mean minting more shillings. The principal points had been very well brought out and he felt it was unnecessary for him to add to the overwhelming arguments which had been brought forward by the Hon. and Gallant Member.

HIS EXCELLENCY asked the Hon. Member to explain what he meant by "token" coin and "standard" coin.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS said he wanted the pounds, shillings, and mills to be the three coins quoted in transactions. The pound, shilling and mill was better than the pound, rupee and cents. The standard coin was to be the shilling, the coin to be quoted in all transactions.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY said he was unaware that this matter was coming up for discussion that morning. He thought there had been some confusion of terms in the use of the expression the "standard" coin and the "token" coin. What the Gallant Member meant was that the standard coin should be the pound and in the meantime the Pound Note should take its place. With this he was in accord. Then one of the next token coins should

be the shilling and not the florin. That was for purposes of quotation they started with the standard coin the pound, and then go on to the mill. There he was afraid he must part company with the Hon. and Gallant Member because by this system they would do away with all the great benefits of the decimal system. The Gallant Member based his principal argument on the fact that if the term florin was used instead of shilling as the second denominator in expressions of financial transactions there would be a tendency for all prices to rise and he quoted the United States of America as an example. He could not agree with the Hon. Member in this. It might be at first with individuals who were a bit careless in using the florin but he could not agree that that was a sound argument for dispensing with it. In England ordinarily small sums was expressed in pounds, shillings and pence but because the shilling was the next small coin it did not follow that an individual would pay a shilling where a sixpence would do equally well.

It appeared to him that one of the arguments brought forward might equally be used against the Hon. Member. He suggested that the native wages would have a tendency to increase rapidly because the country used the florin and not the shilling. He contended the contrary for exactly the same reason. He believed the term florin would be a benefit in all transactions and not a drawback.

He was rather disappointed that the Hon. and Gallant Member had not made use of the term "Camouflaged rupee." There was no connection whatever between the florin and the rupee. They had fixed the florin and the way they had fixed it was by making Bank of England Notes legal tender at a fixed rate of 10 to 1. India on the other hand adopted the fixing of her rupee at 2/s gold. India had not been able to maintain it.

He contended that they had chosen the wisest course in the ultimate result realised by the recent changes in the currency and exchange systems. After very many years they had come to the decimal system. He opposed the motion.

THE HON. THE TREASURER before entering into the arguments of the resolution stated with regard to the point raised by the Hon. and Gallant Member on the subject of one pound notes that he was afraid he had made a definite statement without due cause. At the time he had stated that the one pound note was not to be legal tender he had only got hold of a copy of the new Order-in-Council a few moments before the Council had sat and from reading it had formed the idea that the one pound note was to be withdrawn from its position as legal tender in the Protectorate. On looking at the Order-in-Council again he did not think he was justified in making that statement. He had also spoken of a Bank Manager who had supported him.

He had for many years been hunting through books on currency for a satisfactory definition of "standard coin" and "token coin."

Three arguments put forward by the Hon. and Gallant Member in support of his resolution were that it was a means of reducing prices rapidly; it had the advantage of a decimal system; there were no arguments against it. He contended that it was not a decimal system and it was not a means of most rapidly reducing prices. Anyone would see at once that a system with the £ at the head, a twentieth part of a £ as the second item and a thousandth part of a £ as the third item was not a decimal system because there was a break in the middle. For many years they had felt the advantages of a decimal system, and they appreciated it and he contended it would be a very great mistake to give it up.

As regards the means of reducing prices it was his opinion that the quickest way to reduce them was to get away from the rupee. The sooner they got away from the rupee the sooner they would reduce prices. There was an Order-in-Council prepared ready to put into force making the florin the standard coin. The minting of this coinage was already in progress and he hoped that it would be in the country very shortly. He understood also that the Hon. the Postmaster General had sent home indents for new stamps to be issued when the new currency was introduced.

He therefore submitted that if the suggestion of the Hon. Member was adopted and they made a further change in the currency they would be further delayed in getting away from the rupee. He thought that people were already beginning to appreciate that the rupee was 2/s; in fact, on every side, one heard people saying about what they considered was a high price "do you realise that is so many pounds and so many shillings," and that was a form of argument on every side of the country and he thought people would adapt themselves to the new florin very quickly and it was much better to let things take their own course than to go to the expense of reminting the coinage, altering the dyes of the stamps, and the delay in waiting for the new Order-in-Council for doing it.

He had been informed that the cost of getting one's hair cut in town had already been reduced to 50 cents. The Government had already made representations to the Colonial Office with regard to the minting of 50 cents or shilling pieces in large numbers rather than large quantities of florins and this could be done effectively without upsetting arrangements. He submitted that what the Hon. and Gallant Member desired was to check the rise in native wages and not upset the whole arrangements and delay the introduction of the change which was contemplated.

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL asked, in view of the fact that the Hon. the Chief Secretary had said that the pound sterling was the standard coin at home, whether the sovereign was the standard coin at home?

THE HON. THE TREASURER replied that the sovereign was the standard coin at home.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER said that the native would look upon the change entirely in terms of rupees and he thought he would continue to do so whether it was a florin or a rupee. They asked him for payment of Poll Tax in rupees which was the florin.

With regard to the increases of wages. It could be accepted that the wages of natives had not risen anything like the price of market goods in the country.

They speak very lightly of the question of paying natives in certain goods of kind. The native as a worker knew exactly what he wanted as regards the money in return for work he performed and he thought it would be extremely dangerous if they put very suddenly on the native another coin in place of the coin he had been used to in the past, and he could not think himself whether the question of having shillings would alter any position as regards the wages a native would demand. A native knew what half a rupee was and he would make that a shilling.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD said he would have to vote against the motion. He was bound to offer some explanation because he belonged to that community which was supposed to be robbing the rest from one year end to the other.

Competition controlled prices and when the people at home since the war were crying out for increased wages and decreased production, how was it possible to get commodities. Living so far away from the world's market, to conduct a business of a certain volume, a much larger amount of capital must be invested to carry on. One of the earliest remarks made by the Hon. Member was the cost of living in America was high because the Dollar was the standard coin. He suggested it was because America had been a high tariff country for a great many years and under that high tariff one could not import an article under a certain price. If the motion went through it would not make any difference. It might affect the prices of local commodities and he sincerely hoped it would. He would certainly be happy if he were a pig farmer with bacon at 3/10d per lb.

They had heard that one objection to the continuance of the 2/s piece in place of the rupee was that you could not raise a native's wages less than one unit at a time. A farmer he knew of said he raised his boys wages up 25 cents at a time.

THE HON. C. M. DALAL also voted against the motion. He said he had divided the motion into two parts. One part related to the introduction of the florin and the other to the sterling currency of the £ as the sterling coin.

As regard the first portion of the motion the Order-in-Council had made the florin equivalent to the rupee but the florin was no such thing. He contended that the rupee weighed 180 grains out of which there were 165 grains of silver in it. The florin weighed the same but there were only 90 grains of silver in it so that the introduction of the florin as the coin of the country and the making of it equivalent to the rupee was really a hard thing for the country and he joined with the Gallant Member in his protest against the florin as the coin of the country but he was not so sure of the other part of the motion. He was not so sure about the introduction of pounds, shillings and mills. He represented the Indian community and the feeling of that community was that the currency should continue as it had done hitherto.

HIS EXCELLENCY said it had struck him all through the debate that there was really only one point and that was to come to a decision as to whether in the future they were going to speak of pounds, and florins or pounds and shillings. They were definitely on a sterling basis and they had a fixed 2/s piece and 1/s piece with a permanent and definite ratio of 1/10th and 1/20th of the £1.

THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL said he thought Professional people would stand to lose by the adoption of the motion. At the present time if a man was getting his salary paid, say, Rs. 600/- a month, by the new system he would be paid 600 florins. A Civil Servant getting Rs. 600/- a month would get 600 florins but the way that would be done would be that Rs. 400/- would be his pay and he would get Rs. 200/- compensation allowance. If the Hon. and Gallant Member's resolution was brought in the man would only get Rs. 400/.

From the point of view of the native who receives a rupee in his wages—he is satisfied because it is a big coin. If the shilling is brought in the native will see at once it is a smaller coin and will be dissatisfied.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE supported the Hon. and Gallant Member as the change from the rupee to the florin did not appear to him as going to make any difference to anything. In this country if they had the florin instead of the rupee, when the conversion took place the native was given a florin instead of a rupee, the native would look upon the florin as the only coin of the country, with the result that if anyone had a native whose wages were Rs. 5/- a month he would have in practice to put him up another florin if he wanted to give him a rise. In the same way everything else in the country would be affected. If one took a rickshaw, instead of paying a shilling as the least amount one would be expected to pay 2/s. If one went into a shop to buy anything it would be priced at the original coin of the day and he did hope that the shilling would take the place of the coin used every day by everyone.

If the conversion took place in florins then he considered that the florin would take the place of the shilling, the subordinate place.