

C.S.

Secret.

WAR/W2H/3#1

19 39.

No. S/34/39.

SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT.

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19 39

6th SEPTEMBER

Previous Paper.

RELEASE OF OFFICIALS FOR WAR SERVICE¹/₂
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR
RETURN OF OFFICIALS ON LEAVE.

See S/24/39.

MINUTES.

1. Circular unnumbered of 6/9/39 from S. of S.
2. Circular telegram No.42 of 7/9/39 from S. of S.

Submitted.

mch

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7.9.39.

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Telegram No. 69 of 18/9/39 from S. of S.

Submitted.

mch

cd.

19/9/39.

Subsequent Paper.

HCI

Have you by any chance the copy
from which (1) herein was taken?

The reply asked for might be to 6 'A'
Therein but the telegram is dated 6th
and not 5th Sept.

The let. (3) is in G.T.C.
and you might send a reply to it
saying

No Colonial Officials of this
Administration applying for release
for war service @ ~~Colonial~~ Conditions
referred to in your recent telegram of
6 Sept. would be acceptable to this
Government

ttttt 19/5/35

Telegram No. 88 to S. of S. of 21. 9. 39.

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Yr.

original copy put up.

MCH

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21. 9. 39.

Thanks

Telegram No 77

ttttt 21/9

29th Septh from S. of S.

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C.S.O. No. 5/34/39

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1

6. Wire telegram 83 from S. of S. 3. x. 39

YK

Papers called for by YK
Submitted.

2. Mr. Mercer heard from
his brother who said he
would leave as soon as
the C.O. told him he
could do so. Red 5 appears
to cover the matter. This
was sent after the
present inward mail had
left England.

WCH

28. 11. 39.

Please tel. to CA asking
whether papers have now been
enclosed for him. Mercer, Chatter

WCH 3 4/11/39

For telegram to come

WCH

4. 11. 39.

⑦ Telegram to Brown Agents 6. 11. 39.

Yh.

Submitted. M^{rs} Mevas
and Challen should arrive
by vessel "Lafonia."

McH
9. 81. 59.

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20/12

S. of S. Circular Despatch of 6/10/39.

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Yh.

Submitted. for information.

McH CS
4. 1. 40.

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S. of S. Circular Telegram Saving of 4/12/39. (10)

Yh.

Submitted.

McH
CS

24. 2. 40

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P. a.

McH

Circular No. 159 from S. of S. of 17/6/41.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 6th September, 19 39. Time: 0234.

Received: 6th September, 19 39. Time:

Circular unnumbered Secret. Circular release of Colonial Officials for War service my despatch 31st August Circular Confidential now in transit deals with the conditions to be applied to all pensionable and non local recruits Officers who are released for War Service. The following is a summary of conditions :-

- (a) Civil appointments will be kept open until their return from War Service.
- (b) Period of War Service will count for Colonial Pension Increment and Seniority.
- (c) War Service pay will be made up if necessary to full Colonial Salaries which such Officers would receive on leave by from Dependency concerned.
- (d) Full Colonial Pension and Widow and Orphans Pension right will be secured, as announced injury addition to pension would be made.
- (e) These conditions will not apply to any Officer unless he has been released by permission of the Officer Administering the Government concerned. These conditions may be applied in grant-aided Territories, and I shall be glad to learn by telegraph whether Government non-grant-aided Territories will apply them to their Officers in similar circumstances.

Officers of Colonial Audit Department may only be released with my permission, but would receive similar conditions to other Officers. You are being invited in Circular Despatch to consider whether, and if so to what extent proposed can be applied to local recruits, Pensionable Officers and to Officers serving and to Provident Fund terms.

In the general question release of Officers for Military Service you should bear in mind governing considerations set out in last paragraph of my telegram No. 9 Circular Secret August 26th.

In any case the recruiting position in this country is not such as to indicate the need for haste in releasing persons who are usefully employed.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

S/24/39
W. G. H.
Yes
H.H.H.

Words 217 - 0718 7th Sept 1929.

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From. Secretary of State.

To. His Excellency the Governor.

Date

Important Circular 42. Secret. In present special conditions I have decided that it is advisable to suspend temporarily all arrangements already made for return to duty of Colonial Service Officers on leave. Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested to cancel all such arrangements with which they are concerned and officers who make their own arrangements are similarly being instructed to postpone their passages for the time being.

2. I regret delay and disorganisation of local arrangements which this decision may cause. Revised arrangements will be put into force as soon as possible and I hope delay will not exceed a few weeks.

3. The decision will apply to officers whose return has ~~has~~ been asked for under category (b) of my Secret Circular telegram of August 24th but if there is any individual whose presence you regard as vitally necessary I will do my best to get him away using air transport where practicable.

4. Crown Agents are proceeding similarly with regard to wives passages for which they are responsible. I suggest that officers whose wives are about to join them should be recommended to advise their wives to postpone sailing until they have ascertained from Crown Agents that officers are returning to normal from leave.

5. As regards homeward passages I consider there should be a general temporary embargo on grant of leave to this Country and cancellation of all Government passages already booked including Coast Officers proceeding here on transfer and where applicable those with wives and families.

6. Officers whose return to duty is postponed beyond expiration of leave will in general be granted any necessary extension of leave with full pay and I shall assume unless I hear forthwith to the contrary that all Colonial Governments will be prepared to agree that such necessary extensions should be with full pay even in case of officers who would in the ordinary course receive half or no pay in respect of any extension. Any cases of hardship arising from or out of cancellation of passages of officers who make their own arrangements will have to be considered on their merits but the Crown Agents will use their good offices to reduce such cases to a minimum.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1720.

Received : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 69. My telegram Secret unnumbered of September 5th.

Release Colonial Officials for service. Should be grateful for
early reply.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 21st September, 19 39. *Time* : ...

Received : 19 ... *Time* : ...

No..88. No Colonial Officials of this Administration
applying for release for war service. Conditions referred
to in your Secret telegram of 6th September are acceptable
to this Government.

GOVERNOR.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
220	LONDON ETAT	73.	2155.	29th Sept.1939.

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

IMPORTANT.

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NO.77. CIRCULAR. SECRET. SEE YOUR DESPATCH NO.42.
CIRCULAR SECRET PASSAGES. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED AND
HOMEWARD PASSAGES MAY THEREFORE BE ARRANGED. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE
AS AND WHEN ACCOMODATION BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR RETURN OF ALL OFFICERS
WHO YOU HAVE RECALLED FOLLOWED BY OFFICERS WHOSE LEAVE HAS EXPIRED IN
THE ORDINARY WAY, EXCEPTING IN THE CASES OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE
INDICATED WIVES SHOULD NOT AT PRESENT PROCEED TO THEIR TERRITORY I PROPOSE
IN ORDER TO MITIGATE HARDSHIP TO ARRANGE A PROGRAMME OF MOVEMENTS OF A
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE FOR WIVES WHOSE HUSBANDS ARE ON
DUTY IN COLONIES (IN SOME CASES HAVING BEEN RECALLED FROM LEAVE) OR ARE
NOW RETURNING.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Time

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TELEGRAM.

London 1225 3-10-4

No.23
65 words
Code

From Secretary of State

To H.E.the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 19 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Circular unnumbered My Circular Telegram Unnumbered 21st September was directed principally to questions of release of officers for service outside of Colonies in which they are employed. Questions of release for services with Local Forces is one which must necessarily be considered in the light of local circumstances and normally I shall be content to leave it to the discretion of the Governor in consultation with appropriate military Authorities. I trust however that in exercising that discretion the Governor will bear carefully in mind the view which I have expressed as to the importance of maintaining the efficiency of the Colonial Service.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Despatched: 6th November, 19 39. Time :


Received : 19 ... Time :

Please telegraph whether passages have now been arranged
for Messrs Mercer and Challen.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Copy for S/34/39

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TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 8th November, 19 39. *Time:* 0916.

Received: 8th November, 19 39. *Time:* 1400.

Your telegram 6th Challen Mercer Highland Monarch

CROWN AGENTS.

CIRCULAR

S/34/39.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,

6th October, 1939.



Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have had under consideration the position of candidates for appointment to the Colonial Service whose selection has been confirmed but whose passage out it has been necessary to defer owing to the outbreak of war.

2. No difficulty normally arises in regard to those candidates for whom no actual date of sailing had been fixed, though special cases may need to be considered on their merits. In other cases, however, where a definite date of sailing has been communicated to a candidate it will generally happen that he will have given up his former occupation, and thus be deprived of his source of income in circumstances which will not allow of his undertaking other paid employment for the uncertain period which may elapse before his passage can again be arranged.

3. I have therefore decided that in all such cases the candidate should be granted an allowance equal to the half pay of his colonial appointment from the original date on which he was to have embarked until the

The Officer Administering
the Government of

date on which he actually sails or, where his sailing is further deferred on account of other circumstances such as ill-health &c., the date on which his revised passage was arranged, and have authorised the Crown Agents for the Colonies to proceed similarly in the case of candidates selected by them for engagement on agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Malcolm MacDonald

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies
To the Officer Administering the Government of
CIRCULAR Telegram Saving.

4th December, 1939.

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My circular telegram of 29th September No.77
secret (which need no longer be regarded as secret).
So long as there is no restriction on passages of
officers, my general view is that wherever war conditions
permit officers due for vacation leave should be allowed
to take it.

I recognize that there may be grounds for
modification of normal leave arrangements to meet war-
time conditions, and action in this direction has
already been suggested by some Governments. It may be
found necessary at times to retain an officer beyond
the date at which he would normally have proceeded on
leave or to curtail period of absence from duty. But
I consider that it is most desirable, from the point of
view of general efficiency, that tours of resident
service should not be unduly prolonged and that officers
should be given a reasonable amount of leave though it
may well be convenient in some cases that the leave
should be spent in one of the Dominions rather than in
the United Kingdom.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 17th June,

19 41. Time : 1400.

Received : 18th June,

19 41. Time : 1030.

Circular No. 159. It is particularly important at the present time that H.M. Ambassador in Washington should be informed of proposed visits to the United States by Senior Officials in the Service of H.M. Government.

You should inform H.M. Ambassador in Washington direct of all proposed visits by Senior Officers, including such as may be travelling on private business or merely passing through the United States on their way to or from other countries.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.